

“ There are many ways of looking at Jesus: good man, historical character, interesting teacher, one who sees, one who hears, one who loves. At any point, we could easily walk away feeling like we have seen everything we need to see. When in fact, we may have seen very little. The risk of looking again may well change everything.
– Jill Carattini

“ Jesus said to everyone, “All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will save them.”
– Luke 9:23-24

“ Christian spirituality, the contemplative life, is not about us. It is about God. The great weakness of American spirituality is that it is all about us: fulfilling our potential, getting the blessings of God, expanding our influence, finding our gifts, getting a handle on principles by which we can get an edge over the competition. The more there is of us, the less there is of God.
– Eugene Peterson

“ He (Jesus) must increase and I must decrease.
– John 3:30

FIXING OUR EYES ON Jesus

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FIXING OUR EYES ON *Jesus*

March 1, 2020 – THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.” — Jesus, Matthew 11:28-30, (The Message)

Gathering Songs Jesus, Paid It All arr. Hayes
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Words of Welcome Andy Hamer

Prelude Beach Spring Kathy Leach
(arr. Sowash)

Call to Worship Hebrews 12:2-3 Kevin Gibson

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
The author and perfecter of our faith,
Who for the joy set before him endured the cross,
Scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God
Let us consider him who endured such opposition from sinful people,
So that we will not grow weary and lose heart.

Songs of Praise God So Loved
How Great Thou Art

Prayer of Praise & Adoration Julie Burgess

Song King of Kings

Worship Reflection Sin 101 William Scheopner

Scripture 1 John 1:8-9

If we go around bragging, “We have no sin,” then we are fooling ourselves and are strangers to the truth. But if we own up to our sins, God shows that He is faithful and just by forgiving us of our sins and purifying us from the pollution of all the bad things we have done.

Anthem Purify My Heart Worship Choir

Hymn I Need Thee Every Hour

Worship Reflection Grace 101 Judy Nelson

Scripture John 3:16-17
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won’t perish but will have eternal life. God didn’t send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Hymn Amazing Grace

Preparation for Communion Gather Your People

Celebration of Communion

Song for Communion I Stand Amazed in the Presence

Pastoral Prayer Andy Hamer

Statement of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

Offering Behold Him

Pastoral Blessing Andy Hamer

Closing Song No Greater Love

Postlude We Shall Behold Him arr. Hayes

ARE YOU NEW? NEWER? _____

WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU WORSHIPPING WITH US!

Are you a visitor or wishing to learn more about West Hills? Please fill out the friendship pad in your pew so that we may become better acquainted. Visitors are invited to the **Welcome Center** in Geneva Lounge to pick up a West Hills visitor's bag. We hope that you will join us in worship again soon!

NAME TAG SUNDAY! It's the first Sunday of every month. Please pick up a name tag at one of the entrances and use this opportunity to learn the name of an acquaintance or to meet someone new!

COMMUNION: If you would like to be served communion in your pew, please raise your hand. Gluten-free bread is available at both services.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE _____

HOSPITAL/REHAB: Phil Oftelie - Hillcrest Rehab Papillion

HOSPICE: Bonnie Bender - Josie Harper Hospice House room #23

DEATH: Prayers for the Wells family on the loss of long time West Hills member, Cleo Wells, on Wednesday, February 26. Also, prayers for the Eckhoff family on the loss of Bev's mother Sunday, February 23.

ENCOURAGEMENT CARDS and the drop box are located at the Caregiving table by the north doors. Send a word of encouragement to someone this week!

PRAYER REQUEST? Please use the **YELLOW** prayer cards in the pew racks. Place your request in the offering plate.

A STEPHEN MINISTER is available in the quiet room after the service for private prayer. Need to contact a Stephen Minister during the week? Pick up a brochure in any of the wall racks or pew for a list of names.

PRAYER CHAIN: Carolyn Collins; 402-331-7481 or carolyn4nu@aol.com

This Week's Prayer Focus...

Congregation: Prayers for the Wells family mourning the loss of a loved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Leadership: Luke Burns, Youth & Young Adult Coordinator

Monthly Mission Partner: Westgate Neighborhood

NURSERY & CHILDREN

WE ARE GLAD YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN ARE HERE! We love having families worship with our "big West Hills family." Your children are welcome in the worship service. A quiet room is available at the back and north side of the sanctuary, if the need arises. Worship resources for children are just outside the main sanctuary doors. The polka dotted bags are for pre-readers and solid colored bags for readers. *Please leave your used bags on the pew after the service.*

VOLUNTEER IN THE NURSERY! The nursery is looking for volunteers at the 9:00 service. The commitment is once a month. See Erika in the nursery to get sign-up! Thank you for your willingness to love on some of our youngest church family.

ALL CHURCH _____

COFFEE & QUESTIONS: Do you have questions about West Hills Church? Are you interested in becoming a member? You may have worshipped with us a few times, or a few years and are wondering what the next steps are to get connected and involved. Bring your coffee to the **Soul Café Sunday, March 1, after worship at either 10:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.** for an opportunity to talk with church leaders about what West Hills has to offer and the next steps toward becoming a member.

EXPERIENCE THE JOURNEY! NEW MEMBER CLASS: An introduction to West Hills is beginning March 15. During this four-week experience you will explore West Hills' beliefs, values and mission. You will experience small group life and connect with others, meet pastoral staff, ministry and church leaders and become familiar with West Hills ministries. At the end of the experience, you will have the opportunity to become a member of West Hills. **Classes meet March 15 - April 5, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. with lunch and childcare provided. Register online at www.whcomaha.org, or email heather@whcomaha.org.**

YOUTH COMMITMENT UPDATE: Thank you to our West Hills family for your love and faithfulness during Youth Commitment Sunday! We are so blessed by your generosity! We are **\$8,351 toward our goal of \$11,825** to help provide opportunities for camp, mission trips, and weekly fun activities for our youth this summer. Our 2020 Youth Commitment envelopes will still be in the pew racks for the weeks to come if you feel led to contribute.



IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE TEE PARTY!

If you've been sitting on the fence about building a mini golf hole, time is running out, so just do it! See Jack Pagel in Geneva Lounge today to pick your golf hole location. The TEE PARTY is this Friday, and fun for all ages, so gather your friends and family to join you for some friendly competition as you navigate your way through unique mini golf holes. No charge to play; golf balls and putters are provided.

ALL CHURCH

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME TO THE WAITING ROOM...a thin space for reflecting on God's Word. The eleven prayer stations walk through Psalm 40 with guided questions and experiences, but you are also welcome to use **The Waiting Room** in your own creative way during this season of contemplation and preparation. This is an ever-changing encounter that is designed with all ages of God's people in mind. **Please come soon – it's open to all whenever the church is open, and by appointment (jessica@whcomaha.org) in Room 138 (JAM Room) on the lower level. Follow the signs!**

SUNDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES! Check out one of these offerings for Lent on Sunday mornings at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. in the chapel.

Date	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Mar. 1 - April 5	The Walk by Adam Hamilton - Kathy Padilla	Jesus by Max Lucado - Jim Isaac

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL worship and installation service for Andy Hamer, pastor of West Hills Church on Sunday, March 8, at 2:30 p.m. Please join us as we officially welcome him to our church family and celebrate this occasion. There will be a light reception in Geneva Lounge following the service.



CONFERENCE MEAL FOR WESTGATE ELEMENTARY STAFF: Monday, March 9, West Hills will provide tacos for the Westgate School staff during their parent/teacher conferences. Sign up today to bring a part of the meal! Drop off your ingredients in the W.H. kitchen by noon on Monday, March 9. We also need help setting up and cleaning up on the 9th.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A ST. PATRICK'S DAY "CELEBRATION" FRIDAY, MARCH 13 FROM 11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. The Omaha Dancing Grannies will be performing their tap dance numbers to a variety of music. Feel free to wear GREEN and feel a-little-bit Irish with us! Cost is \$10 per person. Sign-up today in Geneva Lounge. We will be supporting our mission partner, InterVarsity, by donating snack-size chips, crackers, fruit snacks, etc. for leaders to bring to bible studies with students.



SEW WHAT? Calling for a crew to assemble and stitch new worship bags assembly-line style on March 18 from 1-4. You don't have to be an expert seamstress to help; it will be a fun time of pinning, stitching, pressing, and conversation as we make new bags for children to use as we worship together! Email Marcia O'Donovan at odonovanm@yahoo.com to be part of this one-off team!

THIS WEEK

ALL WEEK The Waiting Room - A Lenten Prayer Experience: open regular church hours

SUN 3-1 **Sunday Services with Communion: 9:00a and 10:30a**
Nursery: 9:00a service infants to 3 yrs. & 10:30a service infants to 5 yrs.
Children's Crosswalk: check-in 8:45a (LL) 4 yrs.-6th grade
Youth Sunday School: 9a (LL) 7th-12th grade
Discipleship classes: 9 & 10:30a - Chapel
Joint Service Fellowship: 10-10:30a
Coffee & Questions: 10a and 11:30a - Soul Cafe

MON 3-2 **Westgate Assisted Living Co-ed Bible Study, 2nd flr.: 10a**
 New study: "The God You May Not Know" by Dr. David Jeremiah
Newsletter Writing Team Meeting: 11:30a
 BSF: 6:40p

AA Group: 8p

TUE 3-3 **Men's Bible Study: 6:30a**

Arts For All: 5-7p

InGathering: 6:30p snacks / 7p meeting

WED 3-4 **Women's Bible Study on Psalm 23: 9:15a (nursery care avail.)**
Wednesday Night @ West Hills!

Dinner: 5:30-6:15p (tomato basil chicken) / Classes: 6p & 6:30p

THU 3-5 **Women's Bible study on Genesis: 9:30a (all ladies welcome)**

Al-Anon: 12p

Young Life - Capernaum: 7p

FRI 3-6 **TEE PARTY, lower level: 6-8p**

Al-Anon: 7p

AA Group, Geneva Lounge: 8p

SAT 3-7 **BSF Leaders Mtg: 6:15a**

SUN 3-8 **Sunday Services: 9:00a and 10:30a**

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Worship and Installation Service for Andy Hamer: 2:30p