



WEST ERIE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures... and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures...”*

*– 1 Corinthians 15:3a-4*

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Adapted from 1st Corinthians 15*

Leader: He is risen!

**All:** *He is risen, indeed!*

Leader: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

**All:** *"O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"*

Leader: The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

**All:** *But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## *Gloria Patri\**

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

Irreg. H.W. Greatorex, 1851

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen, amen."

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION\*

### *Hymn of Praise\**

TUNE: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7.al.

### *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*

Charles Wesley, 1739

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the melody, and the bass clef staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are as follows:

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day,"	Al - - le - lu - ia!
2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;	Al - - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King;	Al - - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led,	Al - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*  
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*  
 thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*  
 hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH\***

*Apostle's Creed*

*All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*Psalm 130:1-8*

*All: "Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD; Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications. If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope. My soul waits for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning -- Yes, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is mercy, And with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

### SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*John 3:16-17*

Leader: Hear the good news! "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

#### *Psalm 16*

TUNE: LEOMINSTER SMD

"Not What My Hands Have Done"

Preserve me, O my God; I put my trust in You.  
LORD, I confess, You are my Lord; No good have I but You.  
The godly ones on earth, Those holy in Your sight,  
The noble and majestic ones, Fill me with great delight.

Their sorrows multiply Who after idols seek.  
To them I'll no blood off' rings make; Their names I'll never speak.  
The LORD the portion is Of my inheritance.  
He fills my cup, my lot prepares, Secures to me His grants.

The lines that fell to me Enclose a pleasant site.  
The heritage that I received To me is a delight.  
I bless the LORD Who guides With counsel that is right.  
My heart within me He directs To teach me in the night.

I always keep the LORD Before me, Him to see.  
Because He is at my right hand I never moved shall be.  
Thus gladness fills my soul; My joy must be expressed  
With my whole being, for my flesh Securely finds its rest.

My soul You will not leave In death's dark pit to be.  
Corruption You will not permit Your Holy One to see.  
The path of life You'll show; Of joy You hold great store.  
Before Your face, at Your right hand, Are pleasures evermore

### PASTORAL PRAYER

*All: "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."*

### RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

*Psalm 17:1-8, 15*

Leader: Hear a just cause, O LORD, Attend to my cry; Give ear to my prayer *which is not from deceitful lips.*

*All: Let my vindication come from Your presence; Let Your eyes look on the things that are upright.*

Leader: You have tested my heart; You have visited *me* in the night; You have tried me and have found nothing; I have purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

*All: Concerning the works of men, By the word of Your lips, I have kept away from the paths of the destroyer.*

Leader: Uphold my steps in Your paths, *That* my footsteps may not slip.

*All: I have called upon You, for You will hear me, O God; Incline Your ear to me, and hear my speech.*

Leader: Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand, O You who save those who trust *in You* From those who rise up *against them.*

*All: Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,*

Leader: As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Hosea 6:1-11*

Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. <sup>2</sup>After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight. <sup>3</sup>Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth. <sup>4</sup>O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud, And like the early dew it goes away. <sup>5</sup>Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have slain them by the words of My mouth; And your judgments are like light that goes forth. <sup>6</sup>For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. <sup>7</sup>But like men they transgressed the covenant; There they dealt treacherously with Me. <sup>8</sup>Gilead is a city of evildoers, And defiled with blood. <sup>9</sup>As bands of robbers lie in wait for a man, So the company of priests murder on the way to Shechem; Surely they commit lewdness. <sup>10</sup>I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel: There is the harlotry of Ephraim; Israel is defiled. <sup>11</sup> Also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed for you, When I return the captives of My people.

## GOSPEL READING

*Mark 16:1-6*

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. <sup>2</sup>Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. <sup>3</sup>And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" <sup>4</sup>But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away -- for it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell His disciples -- and Peter -- that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. <sup>9</sup>Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. <sup>10</sup>She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. <sup>11</sup>And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. <sup>12</sup>After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. <sup>13</sup>And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either. <sup>14</sup>Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. <sup>15</sup>And He said to them, "Go

into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup>“He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

*Hymn of Preparation\* next pg.*

TUNE: CHRIST AROSE 11.10.ref.

*“Up from the Grave He Arose”*

Robert Lowry, 1874

## SERMON

### *1 Corinthians 15:1-8 “Living in Light of the Resurrection” Pastor Marc Miller*

- <sup>1</sup> Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,
- <sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you -- unless you believed in vain.
- <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
- <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,
- <sup>5</sup> and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.
- <sup>6</sup> After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.
- <sup>7</sup> After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.
- <sup>8</sup> Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

#### *Peter 1:3*

- <sup>1</sup> Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

#### *1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

- <sup>20</sup> But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- <sup>21</sup> For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead.
- <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

### *Sermon Notes:*

- Point 1

Capo 1: (A) (D/A) (A) (E) (E<sup>7</sup>) (D/A) (A)

1. Low in the grave he lay— Je - sus, my Sav - ior,  
 2. Vain - ly they watch his bed— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;  
 3. Death can - not keep his prey— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;

(D) (A) (F#m) (E/B) (B<sup>7</sup>) (E)

wait - ing the com - ing day— Je - sus, my Lord.  
 vain - ly they seal the dead— Je - sus, my Lord.  
 he tore the bars a - way— Je - sus, my Lord.

REFRAIN  
 (A) *Faster*

Up from the grave he a - rose, He a - rose!

(D) (A)

with a might - y tri - umph o'er his foes. He a - rose!



Musical score for a song in G minor. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chord symbols are provided above the vocal line.

**System 1:** Chords: G (E), (E7), (F#m), (D), (A). Lyrics: He a - rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, and he

**System 2:** Chords: (D), (B), (E), (F#m), (E), (A). Lyrics: lives for - ev - er with his saints to reign. He a - rose! He a - rose!

**System 3:** Chords: (D), (A/E), rit. (E7), (A) 7. Lyrics: He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

- Point 2

- Point 3

### *Hymn of Response\**

Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

### *"In Christ Alone"*

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"In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all – Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid – Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine – Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death – This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home – Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand."

### **BENEDICTION\***

\* --Please stand if able

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## **Prayer requests**

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Nachtergaele family
- Pray for our country's leaders
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our Elders and Deacons.
- Pray our Sunday School Teachers and Students
- Please pray for the for a church plant ongoing in Cranberry Township, PA.
- Pray for our Church remodel/expansion planning

## **Announcements**

- Prayer meeting: Wednesday Evenings at 8:30 p.m. over Zoom. All are encouraged to attend. Please see Pastor Miller if you would like to attend and are not already on the email list.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, May 6, at 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM. Please read chapter 3 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel study book.
- Sunday School Starts at 10 a.m. We have a class for Pre-K to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and an adult class. The Adults are studying a Ligonier DVD on the New Testament Canon.
- The ladies and girls of the church are invited to a bridal shower for Debbie Fiscus on Sunday, May 21 following the worship service. Please RSVP to Natalie Miller.

# WELCOME!

If you are visiting our church today we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. There are a few things that we would like you to know about West Erie Presbyterian Church.

- **We are Historically Reformed.**
  - We believe in the inspired and inerrant Word of God.
  - We believe in the absolute sovereignty of God.
  - We hold to a covenantal framework of Scripture.
  - We believe that salvation is a free gift of God.
- **We are Community Oriented.**
  - We seek to share the only hope that this world has: that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
  - We seek to be a church that is salt and light to the community around us and fulfill the Great Commission.
- **We are Confessional.**
  - As a Christian church, ancient statements such as the Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed help us to confess certain basic and essential truths of the Christian faith.
  - As a Presbyterian church, our confessional or doctrinal standards consist of the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms (copies of these documents are available from the church).
  - All of these statements are under the authority of Scripture.

We thank you for visiting today! If you have any questions regarding our style of worship please feel free to ask the pastor or one of our elders. We would be happy to talk with you. Also, we would ask you to stay after and enjoy the fellowship of our Christian community. West Erie Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America ([www.pcanet.org](http://www.pcanet.org)).

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