

"O why, my soul, art thou bowed down? Why so discouraged be? Hope now in God! I'll praise Him still! My help, my God is He!"

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THE LORDS WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 47:1-2

Leader: Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

All: For the Lord Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth.

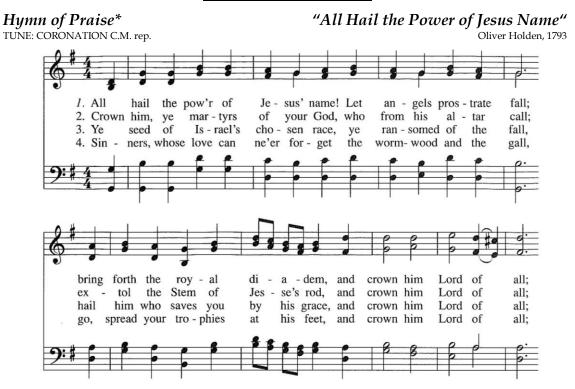
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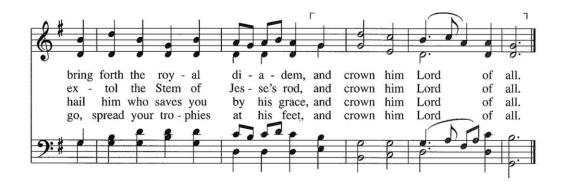
GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

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*





 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all; to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all. 6. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

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

Adapted from the Valley of Vision

All: "O LORD OF GRACE, I have been hasty and short in private prayer, O quicken my conscience to feel this folly, to bewail this ingratitude; My first sin of the day leads into others, and it is just that thou should withdraw thy presence from one who waited carelessly on thee. Keep me at all times from robbing thee, and from depriving my soul of thy due worship; Let me never forget that I have an eternal duty to love, honor and obey thee, that thou art infinitely worthy of such; that if I fail to glorify thee I am guilty of infinite evil that merits infinite punishment, for sin is the violation of an infinite obligation. O forgive me if I have dishonored thee." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:9

Leader: Hear the good news! "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING





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 2

Leader: Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing?

All: The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us."

Leader: He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure:

All: "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

Leader: Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

All: Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth.

Leader: Serve the Lord with fear, And rejoice with trembling.

All: Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Numbers 24:16-17, Deuteronomy 18:17-18, Job 33:23-28, 2 Samuel 7:12-13, 16, Isaiah 40:3-5, Zec 9:9-10, Dan 7:13-14

¹⁶ The utterance of him who hears the words of God, And has the knowledge of the Most High, Who sees the vision of the Almighty, Who falls down, with eyes wide open: ¹⁷ "I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel, And batter the brow of Moab, And destroy all the sons of tumult… ¹⁷ "And the LORD said to me: 'What they have spoken is good. ¹⁸ 'I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him… ²³ "If there is a messenger for him, A mediator, one among a thousand, To show man His uprightness, ²⁴ Then He is gracious to him, and says, 'Deliver him from going down to the Pit; I have found a ransom'; ²⁵ His flesh shall be young like a child's, He shall return to the days of his youth. ²⁶ He shall pray to God, and He will delight in him, He shall see His

face with joy, For He restores to man His righteousness. 27 Then he looks at men and says, 'I have sinned, and perverted what was right, And it did not profit me.' 28 He will redeem his soul from going down to the Pit, And his life shall see the light... 12 "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ... 16 "And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.""... 3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; ⁵ The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."... 9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be 'from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.'... 13 "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. 14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:1-31

¹He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. 250 he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' 3"Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. 4I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.' 5"So he called every one of his master's debtors to him, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' So he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' 7Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' So he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' 8So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. ¹⁰He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. 11Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? 12And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? 13"No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." 14Now the Pharisees, who

were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him. ¹⁵And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God. ¹⁶"The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it. ¹⁷And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail. 18" Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced from her husband commits adultery. 19"There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. 20But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, ²¹desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴"Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' 25But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' 27" Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, ²⁸ for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead."

Psalm of Preparation*

Psalm 42:1-5

TUNE: ST. AGNES CM

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

As in its thirst a fainting heart To water brooks doth flee, So pants my longing soul, O God, That I may come to Thee.

My soul for God, the living God, Is thirsting; shall I near Before the face of God approach And in His sight appear?

My tears have unto me been food Both in the night and day, While unto me continu'lly, "Where is your God?" they say.

Poured out within me is my soul When this I think upon: How often with the eager throng I rev'rently had gone,

How to the house of God I went With voice of joy and praise, Yea, with the multitude that kept The solemn holy days.

O why, my soul, art thou bowed down? Why so discouraged be? Hope now in God! I'll praise Him still! My help, my God is He!

EXHORTATION

Matthew 16:13-20 "The Question at the heart of the Gospel" Matt Fair, R.E.

- When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"
- ^{14.} So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
- 15. He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
- ^{16.} Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
- ^{17.} Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.
- ^{18.} And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
- ^{19.} And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
- ^{20.} Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

Sermon Notes:

• Point 1

• Point 2

Point 3

Hymn of Response next pg.* TUNE: ASSURANCE 9.10.9.9. ref.

"Blessed Assurance"

Fanny J. Crosby, 1893

BENEDICTION*

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Prayer Requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Garrett Family
- Pray for our country's leaders
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our Elders and Deacons.
- Please pray for the for a church plant ongoing in Cranberry Township, PA.

<u>Announcements</u>

- Prayer meeting will be taking the rest of June and July off. We will pick back up in August.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, August 6, 8 a.m. In person & ZOOM, "Let's Study Philippians" chapters 19-20. Please note we are taking the month of July off.
- Women's Bible Study: We will be taking a break through August.
- Our Church is hosting the Presbytery of Ascension on Saturday, July 30. We are asking
 for the church to provide some side dishes to go along with pulled pork. If you are
 willing to help out, please sign up on the back bulletin board. We ask that you drop
 them off on the day of Presbytery between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. All are welcome to
 attend Presbytery.
- Next week we welcome R.E. Jonathan Moser to the pulpit.





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 Apos 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).

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