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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 111:1-3*

Leader: Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

*All: The works of the LORD are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them.*

Leader: His work is honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever.

## *Gloria Patri\**

GLORIA PATRI (MEINKE)

Irreg. Charles Meineke, 1844

“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: O STORE GUD 11.10.11.10.REF.

## *“How Great Thou Art”*

Stuart K. Kline, 1949; alt.

Capo 1: B $\flat$ (A) E $\flat$ (D)

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der  
2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der  
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,  
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

The musical score is written for guitar in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first staff is the treble clef and the second is the bass clef. The tempo is marked 'Capo 1: B $\flat$ (A) E $\flat$ (D)'. The lyrics are provided below the notes.

B $\flat$ /F(A/E) F(E) B $\flat$ (A)

con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,  
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees,  
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

E $\flat$ (D)

I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,  
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur,  
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,  
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

B $\flat$ /F(A/E) F(E) B $\flat$ (A)

thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.  
 and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin.  
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

REFRAIN E $\flat$ (D) B $\flat$ (A)

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee:

how great thou art, how great thou art!

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how great thou art, how great thou art!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Nicene Creed*

**All:** *We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his father before all worlds, God of God, Light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the*

*Father; and he shall come again with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and life in the world to come. Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Psalm 6:1-4*

*All: "O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure. Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled; But You, O LORD -- how long? Return, O LORD, deliver me! Oh, save me for Your mercies' sake (Psalm 6:1-4)!" Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 6:23*

Leader: Hear the good news! "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

### ***Psalm 11***

TUNE: TERRA BEATA SMD

"This Is My Father's World"

My trust is in the LORD; how can you say to me,  
"now like a bird from peril haste And to your mountain flee!  
The wicked bend the bow with arrow fixed for flight,  
And stealthily in darkness go the true in heart to smite.

"Foundations are destroyed! What can the righteous try?"  
The LORD is in His holy place; The LORD'S throne is on high.  
His eyes will surely see, His eyelids try men's sons.  
The LORD tries just and wicked men; His soul hates cruel ones.

Upon all wicked men He'll rain entangling snares.  
Brimstone and fire and burning wind He for their cup prepares.  
For righteous is the LORD, And He loves righteousness;  
And every one who upright is will see His gracious face.

## 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 135:1-14*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD; Praise Him, O you servants of the LORD!

*All: You who stand in the house of the LORD, In the courts of the house of our God,*

Leader: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; Sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant.

*All: For the LORD has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel for His special treasure.*

Leader: For I know that the LORD is great, And our Lord is above all gods.

*All: Whatever the LORD pleases He does, In heaven and in earth, In the seas and in all deep places.*

Leader: He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He makes lightning for the rain; He brings the wind out of His treasuries.

*All: He destroyed the firstborn of Egypt, Both of man and beast.*

Leader: He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, Upon Pharaoh and all his servants.

*All: He defeated many nations And slew mighty kings --*

Leader: Sihon king of the Amorites, Og king of Bashan, And all the kingdoms of Canaan --

*All: And gave their land as a heritage, A heritage to Israel His people.*

Leader: Your name, O LORD, endures forever, Your fame, O LORD, throughout all generations.

*All: For the LORD will judge His people, And He will have compassion on His servants.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 34:1-10*

And the LORD said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I will write on these tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you broke. 2 "So be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself to Me there on the top of the mountain. 3 "And no man shall come up with you, and let no man be seen

throughout all the mountain; let neither flocks nor herds feed before that mountain.” 4 So he cut two tablets of stone like the first ones. Then Moses rose early in the morning and went up Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him; and he took in his hand the two tablets of stone. 5 Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. 6 And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, 7 “keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation.” 8 So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped. 9 Then he said, “If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray, go among us, even though we *are* a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance.”

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*1 Corinthians 2:1-16*

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. 6 However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages for our glory, 8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” 10 But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is *rightly* judged by no one. 16 For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

### *Psalm of Preparation\**

TUNE: OLD 100<sup>TH</sup> LM

### *“Psalm 100”*

Based on William Kethe and Scottish Psalter, 1564

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the LORD with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth; His praise forth tell; come ye before Him and rejoice. – cont.

Know that the LORD is God indeed; without our aid He did us make.  
We are His folk; He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise; within His courts your thanks proclaim;  
With grateful hearts your voices raise to bless and magnify His name.

Because the LORD our God is good, His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood and shall from age to age endure.

## SERMON

*John 13:31-38*

*"My Disciples"*

*Pastor Marc Miller*

- 31 So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him.
- 32 "If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately.
- 33 "Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you.
- 34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.
- 35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
- 36 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward."
- 37 Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake."
- 38 Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.

## Sermon Notes

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response\**

TUNE: TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11.

*"To God Be the Glory"*

Fanny J. Crosby 1875; alt. Mod.

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the  
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -  
 3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -  
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who  
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.  
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.  
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

REFRAIN

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,  
 praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

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**BENEDICTION\***

\* --Please stand if able

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## **Prayer Requests**

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams Family
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our elders
- Pray for Sunday school and our Sunday school teachers
- Pray for those dealing with physical ailments

## **Announcements**

- The men of the church are invited to attend a breakfast fellowship to be held the first Saturday of the month. The next one will be on Saturday, April 4, at 8 a.m. at IHOP on West 12<sup>th</sup> St. For More information see Pastor Miller.
- Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. We have three classes for elementary aged children and an adult class. The adults are studying the Sermon on the Mount.
- The Women of Ascension Presbytery will be having a spring brunch, meeting, and missionary chat at Hillcrest PCA on Saturday March 14. If you would like more information, please see Natalie Miller.
- We will be having our next congregational prayer meeting on Sunday, March 15, following the morning worship service. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## **Gym Volunteers**

March 8—Angel Romero

March 15—April Scarpitti

## **Nursery/Childcare**

- If at all possible, we want families to worship together. But, at times, it may be necessary, for the orderliness and edification of the church, to utilize the nursery in the library, which is equipped with chairs and a sound system

# 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.
  - This means that we believe in the inspired and inerrant Word of God.
  - This means we believe in the absolute sovereignty of God.
  - This means we hold to a covenantal framework of Scripture.
  - This means that 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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