



*“Let not your heart be troubled;  
you believe in God, believe also in Me.”  
--John 14:1*

THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 150:1-6*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

*All: Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!*

Leader: Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp!

*All: Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!*

Leader: Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals!

*All: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!*

## *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\*

### *Psalm of Praise\**

TUNE: LEOMINSTER SMD

### *“Psalm 16”*

“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. – *cont.*

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.

## 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

*All: Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Proverbs 28:13*

Leader: Hear the good news! "He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have mercy."

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

### ***Psalm 9:1-10***

TUNE: JOANNA (ST. DENIO)

"Immortal, Invisible"

I now will give wholehearted thanks to the LORD,  
and all of Your marvelous works will record.  
In You will be glad and exultingly cry,  
and praise to Your name will I sing, O Most High.

When backward my foes were all turned in despair,  
they stumbled and perished because You were there.  
For You have defended my judgment and cause;  
You sat in just judgment upholding Your laws.

You chided the nations, the wicked destroyed;  
Their names You erased and forever made void.  
The foe is consumed, is completely erased,  
their cities destroyed and their mem'ry effaced.

The LORD will eternally sit on His throne,  
Establishing it for His judgment alone.  
In righteousness He'll judge the world  
from His seat and unto all peoples shall equity mete.

The LORD is a stronghold, a lofty strong tower,  
for all the oppressed in their troubles' dark hour.  
Those knowing Your name, LORD, trust You for Your grace;  
You have not forsaken those seeking Your 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 136:1-4, 223-26*

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

*All: Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever.*

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever:

*All: To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever;*

Leader: Who remembered us in our lowly state, For His mercy endures forever;

*All: And rescued us from our enemies, For His mercy endures forever;*

Leader: Who gives food to all flesh, For His mercy endures forever.

*All: Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For His mercy endures forever.*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 34:10-35*

And He said: "Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the LORD. For it is an awesome thing that I will do with you. <sup>11</sup>"Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I am driving out from before you the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite. <sup>12</sup>"Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst. <sup>13</sup>"But you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images <sup>14</sup>(for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God), <sup>15</sup>"lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they play the harlot with their gods and make sacrifice to their gods, and one of them invites you and you eat of his sacrifice, <sup>16</sup>"and you take of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters play the harlot with their gods and make your sons play the harlot with their gods. <sup>17</sup>"You shall make no molded gods for yourselves. <sup>18</sup>"The Feast of Unleavened Bread you shall keep. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, in the appointed time of the month of Abib; for in the month of Abib you came out from Egypt. <sup>19</sup>"All that open the womb are Mine, and every male firstborn among your livestock, whether ox or sheep. <sup>20</sup>"But the firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you will not redeem him, then you shall break his neck. All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem. And none shall appear before Me empty-handed. <sup>21</sup>"Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest. <sup>22</sup>"And you shall observe the Feast of Weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end. <sup>23</sup>"Three times in the year all your men shall appear

before the Lord, the LORD God of Israel. <sup>24</sup>For I will cast out the nations before you and enlarge your borders; neither will any man covet your land when you go up to appear before the LORD your God three times in the year. <sup>25</sup>You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leaven, nor shall the sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover be left until morning. <sup>26</sup>The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring to the house of the LORD your God. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk." <sup>27</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write these words, for according to the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel." <sup>28</sup>So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments. <sup>29</sup>Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him. <sup>30</sup>So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as commandments all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. <sup>34</sup>But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded. <sup>35</sup>And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 3:1-23

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; <sup>3</sup>for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere* men? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I *am* of Apollos," are you not carnal? <sup>5</sup>Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. <sup>7</sup>So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. <sup>8</sup>Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, *you are* God's building. <sup>10</sup>According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. <sup>11</sup>For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup>Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, <sup>13</sup>each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. <sup>14</sup>If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup>If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? <sup>17</sup>If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will

destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are. <sup>18</sup>Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. <sup>19</sup>For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their *own* craftiness"; <sup>20</sup>and again, "The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." <sup>21</sup>Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours: <sup>22</sup>whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come - all are yours. <sup>23</sup>And you *are* Christ's, and Christ *is* God's.

## Hymn of Preparation\*

TUNE: FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.

## "Be Still, My Soul"

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take  
 3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part,  
 4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on

bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your  
 to guide the fu - ture as he has the past. Your hope, your  
 and all is dark - ened in the vale of tears, then shall you  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap -

God to or - der and pro - vide; in ev - 'ry change he  
 con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious  
 bet - ter know his love, his heart, who comes to soothe your  
 point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's

faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly  
 shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still  
 sor - row and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Je - sus can re -  
 pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are

Friend through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
 pay from his own full - ness all he takes a - way.  
 past, all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

## SERMON

*John 14:1-3*

*"Troubled Hearts"*

*Pastor Marc Miller*

- 1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.
- 2 "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- 3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

## *Sermon Notes*

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response\**

TUNE: VILLE DU HAVRE 11.8.11.9.ref.

*"It Is Well with My Soul"*

Horatio G. Spafford, 187

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "It Is Well with My Soul". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like  
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -  
 3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in  
 4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil-lows roll; what-ev-er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
sur-ance con-trol, that Christ has re-gard-ed my help-less es-tate,  
part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;  
back as a scroll, the trump shall re-sound and the Lord shall de-scent,

REFRAIN

"It is well, it is well with my soul."  
and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well  
"E-ven so"— it is well with my soul.

with my soul; with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

### BENEDICTION\*

\* --Please stand if able  
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## **Prayer Requests**

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Garrett 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.
- We will be having a congregational prayer meeting following the morning worship service. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## **Gym Volunteers**

March 15—April Scarpitti

March 22—Natalie Miller

## **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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