



*“I am the vine, you are the branches.  
He who abides in Me, and I in him,  
bears much fruit...” John 15:5a*

THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 145:1-3*

Leader: I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever.

*All: Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever.*

Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable.

## *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: LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.

### *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

Based on Psalm 103. Joachim Neander, 1680.

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -  
4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath  
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here  
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 • dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 • might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend - thee.  
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

## 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 141:1-5*

*All: "LORD, I cry out to You; Make haste to me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You. Let my prayer be set before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips. Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, to practice wicked works with men who work iniquity; and do not let me eat of their delicacies. Let the righteous strike me; It shall be a kindness. And let him rebuke me; It shall be as excellent oil; let my head not refuse it. For still my prayer is against the deeds of the wicked." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

### SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Psalm 103:8-11*

Leader: Hear the good news! "The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He will not always strive *with us*, nor will He keep *His anger* forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, *so* great is His mercy toward those who fear Him."

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*\*\*We ask that for the time being you send your tithe checks by mail to our treasurer*

#### ***Psalm 1***

TUNE: ARLINGTON CM

"This is the Day the Lord has Made"

O greatly bless-ed is the man who walketh not astray  
In counsel of ungodly men, nor stands in sinners' way,

Nor sitteth in the scorner's chair, but placeth his delight  
Upon GOD'S law, and meditates on His law day and night.

He shall be like a tree that grows set by the water side,  
Which in its season yields its fruit, and green its leaves abide;

And all he does shall prosper well. The wicked are not so,  
But are like chaff which by the wind Is driven to and fro.

In judgment, therefore, shall not stand Such as ungodly are,  
Nor in th'assembly of the just shall wicked men appear.

Because the way of godly men is to Jehovah known,  
Whereas the way of wicked men shall quite be overthrown.

### 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 80:8-19*

Leader: You have brought a vine out of Egypt; You have cast out the nations, and planted it.

*All: You prepared room for it, And caused it to take deep root, And it filled the land.*

Leader: The hills were covered with its shadow, And the mighty cedars with its boughs.

*All: She sent out her boughs to the Sea, And her branches to the River.*

Leader: Why have You broken down her hedges, So that all who pass by the way pluck her fruit?

*All: The boar out of the woods uproots it, And the wild beast of the field devours it.*

Leader: Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; Look down from heaven and see, And visit this vine

*All: And the vineyard which Your right hand has planted, And the branch that You made strong for Yourself.*

Leader: It is burned with fire, it is cut down; They perish at the rebuke of Your countenance.

*All: Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand, Upon the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself.*

Leader: Then we will not turn back from You; Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.

*All: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 39:22-43*

He made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue. <sup>23</sup>And there was an opening in the middle of the robe, like the opening in a coat of mail, with a woven binding all around the opening, so that it would not tear. <sup>24</sup>They made on the hem of the robe pomegranates of blue, purple, and scarlet, and of fine woven linen. <sup>25</sup>And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates on the hem of the robe all around between the pomegranates: <sup>26</sup>a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, all around the hem of the robe to minister in, as the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>27</sup>They made tunics, artistically woven of fine linen, for Aaron and his sons, <sup>28</sup>a turban of fine linen, exquisite hats of fine linen, short trousers of fine woven linen, <sup>29</sup>and a sash of fine woven linen with blue, purple, and scarlet thread, made by a weaver, as the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>30</sup>Then they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote on it an inscription like the engraving of a signet: HOLINESS TO THE LORD. <sup>31</sup>And they tied to it a blue cord, to fasten it above on the turban, as the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>32</sup>Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting was finished. And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses; so they did. <sup>33</sup>And they brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent and all its furnishings: its clasps, its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets; <sup>34</sup>the covering of ram skins dyed red, the covering of badger skins, and the veil of the covering; <sup>35</sup>the ark of the Testimony with its poles, and the mercy seat; <sup>36</sup>the table, all its utensils, and the showbread; <sup>37</sup>the pure gold lampstand with its lamps (the lamps set in order), all its utensils, and the oil for light; <sup>38</sup>the gold altar, the anointing oil, and the sweet incense; the screen for the tabernacle door; <sup>39</sup>the bronze altar, its grate of bronze, its poles, and all its utensils; the laver with its base; <sup>40</sup>the hangings of the court, its pillars and its sockets, the screen for the court gate, its cords, and its pegs; all the utensils for the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of meeting; <sup>41</sup>and the garments of ministry, to minister in the holy place: the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister as priests. <sup>42</sup>According to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did all the work. <sup>43</sup>Then Moses looked over all the work, and indeed they had done it; as the LORD had commanded, just so they had done it. And Moses blessed them.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*1 Corinthians 8:1-13*

Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. <sup>2</sup>And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup>But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him. <sup>4</sup>Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one. <sup>5</sup>For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), <sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father,

of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live. <sup>7</sup>However, there is not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. <sup>9</sup>But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. <sup>10</sup>For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? <sup>11</sup>And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

### *Psalm of Preparation\**

TUNE: DARWALL'S 148<sup>TH</sup> 66.66.4444

### *"Psalm 92"*

"Rejoice the Lord is King"

It's good to thank the LORD, to praise Your name, Most High!  
To show Your love at dawn, Your faithfulness all night!  
The ten-stringed lyre with sweet-voiced lute and rippling harp Your praise inspire.  
Your deeds, LORD, made me glad. I'll joy in what You've done.  
How great Your doings, LORD! How deep Your thoughts each one!  
Fools won't be shown; The foolish can't accept this truth, to him unknown!  
Though sinners grow like weeds, Ill-do-ers blossom may,  
they're doomed to be destroyed. You, LORD, exalted stay.  
LORD, Your foes fall. See! How Your foes, vain evil men, are scattered all!  
You've raised, like ox, my horn, poured fresh oil on my head.  
You made me see the spies and hear what plotters said.  
Like thriving palm the righteous grows, like cedars tall on Lebanon.  
Those planted by the LORD shall in God's courts be seen;  
when old they'll still bear fruit And flourish fresh and green,  
and loud proclaim how upright is the LORD, my Rock; no wrong in Him!

### SERMON

*John 15:1-8*

*"Abiding in the True Vine"*

*Pastor Marc Miller*

- 1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.
- 2 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.
- 3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.
- 4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

- 5 "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.
- 6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned.
- 7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.
- 8 "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

### Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

# Hymn of Response\*

TUNE: EVENTIDE (MONK) 10.10.10.10.

# "Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide"

Henry F. Lyle, 1847.

1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide; the dark - ness  
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day; earth's joys grow  
3. I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour; what but thy  
4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless: ills have no  
5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes; shine through the

deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide: when oth - er help - ers fail, and  
dim, its glo - ries pass a - way; change and de - cay in all a -  
• grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r? Who like thy - self my guide and  
weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness. Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy  
gloom, and point me to the skies: heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain

com - forts flee, help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
round I see; O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
• stay can be? Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.  
vic - to - ry? I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.  
shad - ows flee: in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

## 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 those dealing with physical ailments
- Pray for our Nation's leaders
- Pray for God's all sufficient grace to be known in all our lives

## **Announcements**

- The session has decided to cancel the formal church meetings for the time being given the current circumstances. We are planning to livestream the worship service starting at 11 a.m. Sunday mornings until further notice. The livestream link can be found at [www.wepca.org](http://www.wepca.org). We will still record the sermon and upload it on the website too.
- The session wants to exhort the church family to continue to lift one another up in prayer, check on one another, and if you need anything please call Pastor Marc or one of the elders. This is a great opportunity to show our love for one another in real ways!
- We will be having a prayer meeting over Zoom on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

## **Gym Volunteers**

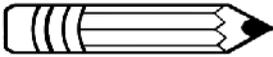
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## **Nursery/Childcare**

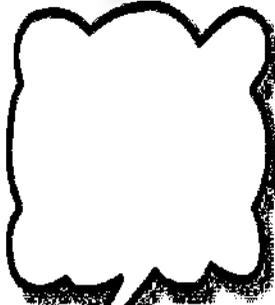
- If at all possible, we want families to worship together. But, at times, it may be necessary, for the orderliness and edification of the church, to utilize the nursery in the library, which is equipped with chairs and a sound system

# Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

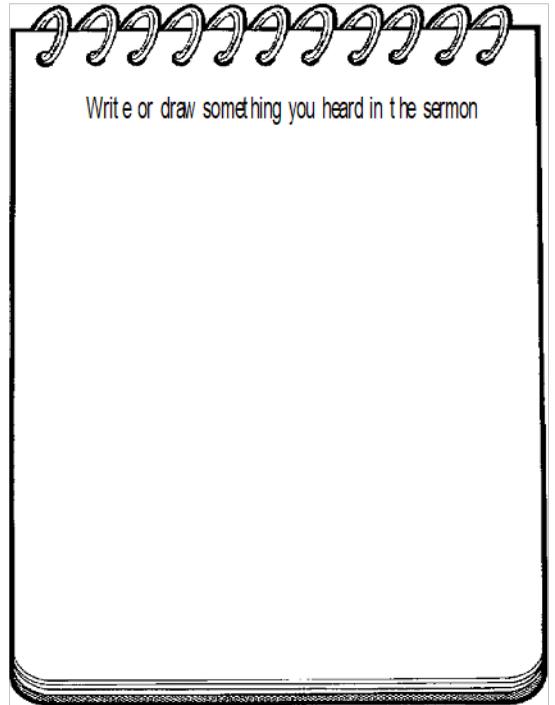
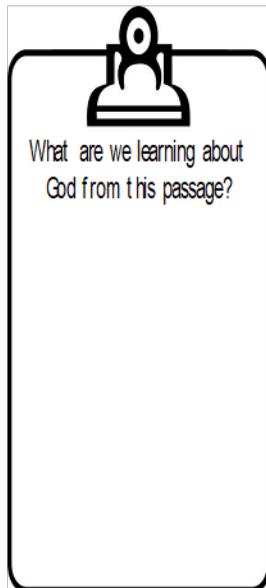
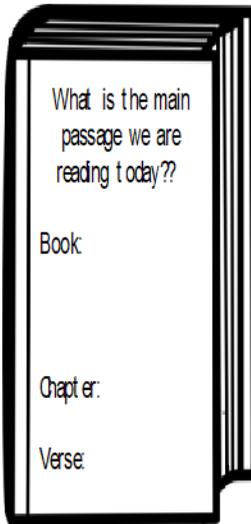
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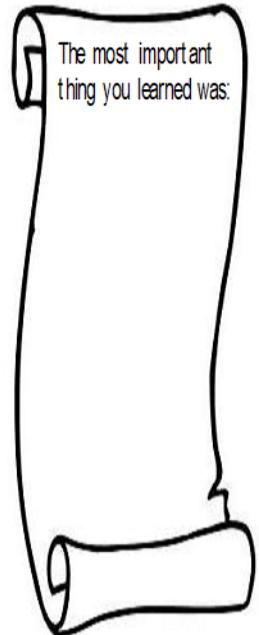
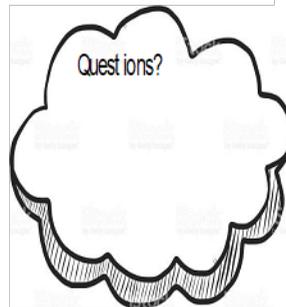
As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Words you heard but don't know...



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon



Favorite song today was:

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# 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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