



*“Who may ascend into the hill of the  
LORD? Or who may stand in His holy  
place?” --Psalm 24:3*

THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 24:7-10*

Leader: Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**All:** *Who is this King of glory?*

Leader: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

**All:** *Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.*

Leader: Who is he, this King of glory?

**All:** *The LORD Almighty—He is the King of glory*

## *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: DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8.

### *“Rejoice, the Lord is King”*

Charles Wesley, 1746; alt.

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -  
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when  
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the  
 4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and  
 5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

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joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.  
 • keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your  
 bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.  
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

### 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: Almighty God, our gracious heavenly Father, we acknowledge our transgressions. Our sin is ever before us. All our righteousness is as filthy rags; we all do fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away; there is none among us who calls upon Your name as we should, nor any that stirs himself to take hold of You. Be merciful to us, O Lord. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. Turn us from our wayward paths. Search and try our ways, and draw us unto You, and let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve us, to the glory of Christ Jesus our Lord, through whom alone we approach You, and for whose sake we would forsake our sins and walk in righteousness. 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. <sup>9</sup>He will not always strive with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever. <sup>10</sup>He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup>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 23**

TUNE: CRIMOND CM

Based on Scottish Psalter, 1650

The LORD'S my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, Ev'n for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

A table Thou has furnished me in presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me;  
And in GOD'S house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

### 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 89:1-11*

Leader: I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; With my mouth will I make known  
Your faithfulness to all generations.

*All: For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens."*

Leader: "I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David:

*All: 'Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations.' "*  
*Selah*

Leader: And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD; Your faithfulness also in the  
assembly of the saints.

*All: For who in the heavens can be compared to the LORD? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the LORD?*

Leader: God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence  
by all those around Him.

*All: O LORD God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.*

Leader: You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.

**All:** *You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain; You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.*

Leader: The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 26:1-21*

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: "We have a strong city; God will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks. <sup>2</sup>Open the gates, That the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in. <sup>3</sup>You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You. <sup>4</sup>Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength. <sup>5</sup>For He brings down those who dwell on high, The lofty city; He lays it low, He lays it low to the ground, He brings it down to the dust. <sup>6</sup>The foot shall tread it down -- The feet of the poor And the steps of the needy." <sup>7</sup>The way of the just is uprightness; O Most Upright, You weigh the path of the just. <sup>8</sup>Yes, in the way of Your judgments, O LORD, we have waited for You; The desire of our soul is for Your name And for the remembrance of You. <sup>9</sup>With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. <sup>10</sup>Let grace be shown to the wicked, Yet he will not learn righteousness; In the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly, And will not behold the majesty of the LORD. <sup>11</sup>LORD, when Your hand is lifted up, they will not see. But they will see and be ashamed For their envy of people; Yes, the fire of Your enemies shall devour them. <sup>12</sup>LORD, You will establish peace for us, For You have also done all our works in us. O LORD our God, masters besides You Have had dominion over us; *But* by You only we make mention of Your name. <sup>14</sup>*They are dead, they will not live; They are deceased, they will not rise.* Therefore You have punished and destroyed them, And made all their memory to perish. <sup>15</sup>You have increased the nation, O LORD, You have increased the nation; You are glorified; You have expanded all the borders of the land. <sup>16</sup>LORD, in trouble they have visited You, They poured out a prayer *when* Your chastening *was* upon them. <sup>17</sup>As a woman with child Is in pain and cries out in her pangs, When she draws near the time of her delivery, So have we been in Your sight, O LORD. <sup>18</sup>We have been with child, we have been in pain; We have, as it were, brought forth wind; We have not accomplished any deliverance in the earth, Nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen. <sup>19</sup>Your dead shall live; *Together with* my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew *is like* the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead. <sup>20</sup>Come, my people, enter your chambers, And shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past. <sup>21</sup>For behold, the LORD comes out of His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; The earth will also disclose her blood, And will no more cover her slain.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Hebrews 1:1-14*

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>has in these last days spoken to us by *His Son*, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; <sup>3</sup>who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. <sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"? <sup>6</sup>But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him." <sup>7</sup>And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire." <sup>8</sup>But to the Son *He says*: "Your throne, O God, *is* forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness *is* the scepter of Your Kingdom. <sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions." <sup>10</sup>And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. <sup>11</sup>They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; <sup>12</sup>Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail." <sup>13</sup>But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? <sup>14</sup>Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

## ***Psalm of Preparation\****

TUNE: REDHEAD

## ***"Psalm 51:1-11"***

*"Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me"*

God, be merciful to me; on Thy grace I rest my plea; In Thy vast, abounding grace,  
My transgressions all erase. Wash me wholly from my sin; Cleanse from every ill within.

For my sins before me rise, ever present to my eyes. I have sinned 'gainst Thee alone,  
In Thy sight this evil done; That Thy judgment may be clear, and Thy sentence just appear.

Lo, brought forth was I in sin; When conceived I was unclean. Lo, Thou dost desire to find  
Truth sincere within the mind: And Thou wilt within my heart wisdom unto me impart.

Then with hyssop sprinkle me, and from sin I clean shall be. Wash me from its stain, and lo,  
I shall whiter be than snow. Make me hear joy's cheering voice; make my broken bones rejoice.

From my sins hide Thou Thy face; my iniquities erase. O my God, renew my heart,  
And a spirit right impart. Cast me not away from Thee, nor Thy Spirit take from me.

## **SERMON**

### ***Psalm 24***

### ***"The Hill Ascended"***

***Pastor Marc Miller***

- <sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.
- <sup>2</sup> For He has founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the waters.

- 3 Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?
- 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.
- 5 He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6 This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face. Selah
- 7 Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah

### Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

### Hymn of Response\*

TUNE: ALL TO CHRIST 6.6.7.7.ref

### "Jesus Paid It All"

Elvina M. Hall, 1865; mod.

The image shows a musical score for two hymns. The first hymn, 'Hymn of Response', is in 3/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (D major). The second hymn, 'Jesus Paid It All', is also in 3/4 time with a key signature of two sharps. Both hymns feature a treble and bass staff with lyrics written below the treble staff. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff.

**Chord Symbols:**  
 Hymn of Response: D, G, D, A, Bm, A, D  
 Jesus Paid It All: G, D, G, D/A, A<sup>7</sup>, D

**Lyrics:**

1. I hear the Sav - ior say, "Your strength in - deed is small,  
 2. Lord, now in - deed I find your power, and yours a - lone,  
 3. For noth - ing good have I where - by your grace to claim—  
 4. And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,

child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."  
 can change the lep - er's spots, and melt the heart of stone.  
 I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.  
 "Je - sus died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.

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Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;

sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

**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 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**

\*\*Postponed for the time being

## **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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