



*The fool has said in his heart,  
"There is no God." -- Psalm 53:1a*

THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Revelation 14:3b-4a*

Leader: Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty!

*All: Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!*

Leader: Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

*All: For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You.*

## *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: EN FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.

## *"A Might Fortress Is Our God"*

Based on Psalm 46, Martin Luther, 1529

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "A Might Fortress Is Our God". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. There are two fermatas above the first and seventh measures of the melody. Below the staves, there are four lines of lyrics, numbered 1 through 4.

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;  
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,  
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

## 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 25:4-7, 11*

**All:** *“Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD. For Your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my iniquity, for it is great.” Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Isaiah 53:5-6*

**Leader:** Hear the good news! *“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”*

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

## ***Psalm 25:1-7***

TUNE: TRENTHAM SM

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

To Thee I lift my soul, O LORD; I trust in Thee,  
My God; let me not be ashamed Nor foes exult o'er me.

Yea, none that wait on Thee shall be ashamed at all;  
But those that wantonly transgress, upon them shame shall fall.

Show me Thy ways, O LORD; Thy paths, O teach Thou me,  
And do Thou lead me in Thy truth; Therein my teacher be.

For Thou art God that dost to me salvation send,  
And I upon Thee all the day expecting do attend.

Thy tender mercies, LORD, to mind do Thou recall,  
And lovingkindnesses, for they have been through ages all.

My sins of youth, my faults, do Thou, O LORD, forget;  
In lovingkindness think on me And for Thy goodness great.

### **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 10:1-12*

Leader: Why do You stand afar off, O LORD? Why do You hide in times of trouble?

**All:** *The wicked in his pride persecutes the poor; Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.*

Leader: For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire; He blesses the greedy and renounces the LORD.

**All:** *The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts.*

Leader: His ways are always prospering; Your judgments are far above, out of his sight; As for all his enemies, he sneers at them.

**All:** *He has said in his heart, “I shall not be moved; I shall never be in adversity.”*

Leader: His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression; Under his tongue is trouble and iniquity.

*All: He sits in the lurking places of the villages; In the secret places he murders the innocent; His eyes are secretly fixed on the helpless.*

Leader: He lies in wait secretly, as a lion in his den; He lies in wait to catch the poor; He catches the poor when he draws him into his net.

*All: So he crouches, he lies low, That the helpless may fall by his strength.*

Leader: He has said in his heart, "God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will never see."

*All: Arise, O LORD! O God, lift up Your hand! Do not forget the humble.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Numbers 7:42-89*

On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of Deuel, leader of the children of Gad, presented an offering. <sup>43</sup>His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; <sup>44</sup>one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; <sup>45</sup>one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; <sup>46</sup>one kid of the goats as a sin offering; <sup>47</sup>and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel. <sup>48</sup>On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, leader of the children of Ephraim, presented an offering. <sup>49</sup>His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; <sup>50</sup>one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; <sup>51</sup>one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; <sup>52</sup>one kid of the goats as a sin offering; <sup>53</sup>and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud. <sup>54</sup>On the eighth day Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, leader of the children of Manasseh, presented an offering. <sup>55</sup>His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; <sup>56</sup>one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; <sup>57</sup>one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; <sup>58</sup>one kid of the goats as a sin offering; <sup>59</sup>and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. <sup>60</sup>On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideoni, leader of the children of Benjamin, presented an offering. <sup>61</sup>His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; <sup>62</sup>one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; <sup>63</sup>one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; <sup>64</sup>one kid of the goats as a sin offering; <sup>65</sup>and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni. <sup>66</sup>On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, leader of the children of Dan, presented an offering. <sup>67</sup>His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl

of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; <sup>68</sup>one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; <sup>69</sup>one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; <sup>70</sup>one kid of the goats as a sin offering; <sup>71</sup>and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. <sup>72</sup>On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ocran, leader of the children of Asher, presented an offering. <sup>73</sup>His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; <sup>74</sup>one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; <sup>75</sup>one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; <sup>76</sup>one kid of the goats as a sin offering; <sup>77</sup>and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran. <sup>78</sup>On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, leader of the children of Naphtali, presented an offering. <sup>79</sup>His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; <sup>80</sup>one gold pan of ten shekels, full of incense; <sup>81</sup>one young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering; <sup>82</sup>one kid of the goats as a sin offering; <sup>83</sup>and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan. <sup>84</sup>This was the dedication offering for the altar from the leaders of Israel, when it was anointed: twelve silver platters, twelve silver bowls, and twelve gold pans. <sup>85</sup>Each silver platter weighed one hundred and thirty shekels and each bowl seventy shekels. All the silver of the vessels weighed two thousand four hundred shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. <sup>86</sup>The twelve gold pans full of incense weighed ten shekels apiece, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; all the gold of the pans weighed one hundred and twenty shekels. <sup>87</sup>All the oxen for the burnt offering were twelve young bulls, the rams twelve, the male lambs in their first year twelve, with their grain offering, and the kids of the goats as a sin offering twelve. <sup>88</sup>And all the oxen for the sacrifice of peace offerings were twenty-four bulls, the rams sixty, the male goats sixty, and the lambs in their first year sixty. This was the dedication offering for the altar after it was anointed. <sup>89</sup>Now when Moses went into the tabernacle of meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice of One speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the Testimony, from between the two cherubim; thus He spoke to him.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*2 Corinthians 1:1-24*

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in all Achaia: <sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup>who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. <sup>5</sup>For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. <sup>6</sup>Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also

suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. <sup>7</sup>And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation. <sup>8</sup>For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. <sup>9</sup>Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, <sup>10</sup>who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us, <sup>11</sup>you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many. <sup>12</sup>For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience that we conducted ourselves in the world in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom but by the grace of God, and more abundantly toward you. <sup>13</sup>For we are not writing any other things to you than what you read or understand. Now I trust you will understand, even to the end <sup>14</sup>(as also you have understood us in part), that we are your boast as you also are ours, in the day of the Lord Jesus. <sup>15</sup>And in this confidence I intended to come to you before, that you might have a second benefit -- <sup>16</sup>to pass by way of you to Macedonia, to come again from Macedonia to you, and be helped by you on my way to Judea. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, when I was planning this, did I do it lightly? Or the things I plan, do I plan according to the flesh, that with me there should be Yes, Yes, and No, No? <sup>18</sup>But as God is faithful, our word to you was not Yes and No. <sup>19</sup>For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us -- by me, Silvanus, and Timothy -- was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. <sup>20</sup>For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. <sup>21</sup>Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, <sup>22</sup>who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. <sup>23</sup>Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. <sup>24</sup>Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand.

### *Psalm of Preparation\**

TUNE: MUNICH 76.76.D

### *"Psalm 14"*

"O Word of God Incarnate"

The fool in heart is saying, "There surely is no God."  
Corrupt and vile their deeds are; Not one of them does good.  
The LORD looks down from heaven on sons of men abroad  
To see which one has wisdom, if any seeks for God.

All far astray have wandered; They all to vileness run.  
Not one of them is righteous, No, not a single one.  
Have they of truth no knowledge, These evilworkers all,  
Who eat like bread my people And on GOD do not call?

There shall they be in terror for God is with the just;  
You would confound one struggling; Jehovah is his trust.  
Salvation out of Zion Who will to Isr'el bring?  
The LORD brings back His captives. Joy, Jacob! Isr'el, sing!

## SERMON

*Psalm 53*

*"That Deserves Repeating"*

*Pastor Marc Miller*

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and have done abominable iniquity; There is none who does good.
- 2 God looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.
- 3 Every one of them has turned aside; They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.
- 4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge, Who eat up my people as they eat bread, And do not call upon God?
- 5 There they are in great fear Where no fear was, For God has scattered the bones of him who encamps against you; You have put them to shame, Because God has despised them.
- 6 Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When God brings back the captivity of His people, Let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

### Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

### *Hymn of Response\**

TUNE: ST. CHRISTOPHER 7.6.8.6.8.6.8.6.

### *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

Elizabeth Cecilia Clephane

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

There lies beneath its shadow but on the further side  
The darkness of an awful grave that gapes both deep and wide  
And there between us stands the cross two arms outstretched to save  
A watchman set to guard the way from that eternal grave.

Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me;  
And from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess;  
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by to know no gain or loss,  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

### **BENEDICTION\***

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

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Knight 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.
- Our next outdoor worship service will be on August 30, at McKean Park, in McKean, PA. The service will start at 11 a.m. followed by a bring your own picnic to follow. We also will be celebrating the Lord's Supper at this service.
- The next men's fellowship breakfast will be on September 5 at 8 a.m., at the IHOP on West 12<sup>th</sup> street.

# 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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