



*“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” --John 17:3*

THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 135:1-3*

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.

## *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: HENDON 77.77

## *“Psalm 113”*

“Take My Life and Let It Be

Praise Jehovah; praise the LORD; Ye His servants, praise accord;  
Bless-ed be Jehovah’s name; Evermore His praise proclaim. Evermore His Praise proclaim

From the dawn to setting sun, Praise the LORD, the Mighty One.  
O’er all nations He is high; Yea, His glory crowns the sky. Yea, His glory crowns the sky.

Who is like the LORD our God? High in heav’n is His abode,  
Who Himself doth humble low Things in heav’n and earth to know.  
Things in heav’n and earth to know.

He the lowly makes to rise from the dust in which he lies,  
that exalted he may stand With the princes of the land. With the princes of the land.

He the childless woman takes and a joyful mother makes;  
keeping house she finds reward. Praise Jehovah; praise the LORD. Praise Jehovah; praise the LORD.

## 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 130:1-8*

**All:** *“Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD; Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope. My soul waits for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning -- Yes, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is mercy, And with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.” Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 6:22-23*

**Leader:** Hear the good news! “But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

## ***Psalm 100***

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

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.

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.

### **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 138:1-8*

Leader: I will praise You with my whole heart; Before the gods I will sing praises to You.

**All:** *I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.*

Leader: In the day when I cried out, You answered me, And made me bold with strength in my soul.

**All:** *All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O LORD, When they hear the words of Your mouth.*

Leader: Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, For great is the glory of the LORD.

**All:** *Though the LORD is on high, Yet He regards the lowly; But the proud He knows from afar.*

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand Against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save me.

**All:** *The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Numbers 11:1-35*

Now when the people complained, it displeased the LORD; for the LORD heard it, and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the LORD burned among them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp. <sup>2</sup>Then the people cried out to Moses, and when Moses prayed to the LORD, the fire was quenched. <sup>3</sup>So he called the name of the place Taberah, because the fire of the LORD had burned among them. <sup>4</sup>Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: "Who will give us meat to eat?" <sup>5</sup>"We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic;" <sup>6</sup>"but now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this manna before our eyes!" <sup>7</sup>Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its color like the color of bdellium. <sup>8</sup>The people went about and gathered it, ground it on millstones or beat it in the mortar, cooked it in pans, and made cakes of it; and its taste was like the taste of pastry prepared with oil. <sup>9</sup>And when the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna fell on it. <sup>10</sup>Then Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, everyone at the door of his tent; and the anger of the LORD was greatly aroused; Moses also was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have You afflicted Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You have laid the burden of all these people on me?" <sup>12</sup>"Did I conceive all these people? Did I beget them, that You should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a guardian carries a nursing child,' to the land which You swore to their fathers?" <sup>13</sup>"Where am I to get meat to give to all these people? For they weep all over me, saying, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.'" <sup>14</sup>"I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>"If You treat me like this, please kill me here and now -- if I have found favor in Your sight -- and do not let me see my wretchedness!" <sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses: "Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you. <sup>17</sup>"Then I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone. <sup>18</sup>"Then you shall say to the people, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wept in the hearing of the LORD, saying, "Who will give us meat to eat? For it was well with us in Egypt.'" Therefore the LORD will give you meat, and you shall eat. <sup>19</sup>You shall eat, not one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days, <sup>20</sup>but for a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have despised the LORD who is among you, and have wept before Him, saying, "Why did we ever come up out of Egypt?"' " <sup>21</sup>And Moses said, "The people whom I am among are six hundred thousand men on foot; yet You have said, 'I will give them meat, that they may eat for a whole month.' <sup>22</sup>"Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, to provide enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to provide enough for them?" <sup>23</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Has the LORD's arm been shortened? Now you shall see whether what I say will happen to you or not." <sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tabernacle. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did

so again. <sup>26</sup>But two men had remained in the camp: the name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them. Now they were among those listed, but who had not gone out to the tabernacle; yet they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>So Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, one of his choice men, answered and said, "Moses my lord, forbid them!" <sup>29</sup>Then Moses said to him, "Are you zealous for my sake? Oh, that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!" <sup>30</sup>And Moses returned to the camp, both he and the elders of Israel. <sup>31</sup>Now a wind went out from the LORD, and it brought quail from the sea and left them fluttering near the camp, about a day's journey on this side and about a day's journey on the other side, all around the camp, and about two cubits above the surface of the ground. <sup>32</sup>And the people stayed up all that day, all night, and all the next day, and gathered the quail (he who gathered least gathered ten homers); and they spread them out for themselves all around the camp. <sup>33</sup>But while the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was aroused against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very great plague. <sup>34</sup>So he called the name of that place Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had yielded to craving. <sup>35</sup>From Kibroth Hattaavah the people moved to Hazeroth, and camped at Hazeroth.

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*2 Corinthians 5:1-21*

For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, <sup>3</sup>if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. <sup>6</sup>So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. <sup>7</sup>For we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. <sup>11</sup>Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences. <sup>12</sup>For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have an answer for those who boast in appearance and not in heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; <sup>15</sup>and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. <sup>16</sup>Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. <sup>18</sup>Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the

ministry of reconciliation, <sup>19</sup>that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**Hymn of Preparation\***

TUNE: MADRID 6.6.6.6.D.

**"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"**

Christian H. Bateman, 1843

1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing    Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!  
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high,    Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!  
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain,    Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King;    Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!  
 let prais - es fill the sky;    Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!  
 life shall not end the strain;    Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!

let all, with heart and voice,    be - fore his throne re - jice;  
 he is our Guide and Friend;    to us he'll con - de - scend;  
 on heav - en's bliss - ful shore,    his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra-cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

## SERMON

*John 17:1-5*

*"Christ's Glorious Prayer Begins" Pastor Marc Miller*

- 1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,
- 2 "as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.
- 3 "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
- 4 "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.
- 5 "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

### 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 -

G A' D G D' G

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

D G C G D7 G

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  
G D G D D7

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,

G D7 G G D7 G

praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

D G C G D7 G 7

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

## 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
- Pray for the Lord to raise up what we need for a place to worship

### Announcements

- We are livestreaming 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 September 20, at McKean Park, in McKean, PA. The service will start at 11 a.m. followed by a bring your own picnic. We also will be celebrating the Lord's Supper at this service.
- The next men's fellowship breakfast will be on October 3 at 8 a.m., at the IHOP on West 12<sup>th</sup> street.
- The session would ask that you continue to pray as we actively seek out a place to worship. We have found a place that we feel would work for us and would ask that you would pray about this matter. We also are asking that you prayerfully consider making a one-time gift to help us with the purchase of this property or another one that the Lord may raise up.
- Our website now has a page describing our building need with the option for online giving.

# 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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