



*“Peace I leave with you,
My peace I give to you...” --John 14:27a*

THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 134

Leader: Behold, bless the LORD, All you servants of the LORD, Who by night stand in the house of the LORD!

All: *Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.*

Leader: The LORD who made heaven and earth Bless you from Zion!

*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: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10.ref.

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

The musical score is written for a 3/4 time signature in the key of D major. It features a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The score includes three verses of lyrics. The chords are indicated by letters above the notes: D, G, A7, Dsus, D, and G.

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

D A⁷ D E^b B⁷ E⁷ A A⁷ D

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

Em D Gmaj⁷ Em⁷ Bdim D A⁷ D

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

REFRAIN
A D B⁷ Em A⁷

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

D Bdim A E⁷ A A⁷ D Em D

morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -

G Bdim D A⁷ D 7

vid - ed — Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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: O our God! We are often ashamed to lift up our faces before You; for our iniquities are higher than our heads, and our guilt has reached unto the heavens. We were sinful at birth, even from the time our mothers conceived us. We are by nature children of wrath; we have corrupted our way and turned aside from Your holy laws. You are not in all our thoughts; we have often forgotten You, the God who formed us, and have lived for ourselves, indulging the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. But O our Father, we repent. We grieve over ourselves and turn from our sins, calling on You to forgive us and to renew a clear heart and mind within us, through the merit and mediation of Your sinless Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm. 103:12, Isaiah 44:22, 1 John 2:1,2

Leader: Hear the good news! "As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. He has blotted them out as a thick cloud, buried them in the deepest part of the sea, and will remember them against us no more. He has promised that if any man sins, he has an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

Psalm 113

TUNE: HNEDON 77.77

“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.

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 62:1-12

Leader: Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation.

All: *He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.*

Leader: How long will you attack a man? You shall be slain, all of you, Like a leaning wall and a tottering fence.

All: *They only consult to cast him down from his high position; They delight in lies; They bless with their mouth, But they curse inwardly. Selah*

Leader: My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him.

All: *He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved.*

Leader: In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God.

All: Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah

Leader: Surely men of low degree are a vapor, Men of high degree are a lie; If they are weighed on the scales, They are altogether lighter than vapor.

All: Do not trust in oppression, Nor vainly hope in robbery; If riches increase, Do not set your heart on them.

Leader: God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God.

All: Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy; For You render to each one according to his work.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 39:1-21

Of the blue, purple, and scarlet thread they made garments of ministry, for ministering in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron, as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²He made the ephod of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine woven linen. ³And they beat the gold into thin sheets and cut it into threads, to work it in with the blue, purple, and scarlet thread and the fine linen, into artistic designs. ⁴They made shoulder straps for it to couple it together; it was coupled together at its two edges. ⁵And the intricately woven band of his ephod that was on it was of the same workmanship, woven of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine woven linen, as the LORD had commanded Moses. ⁶And they set onyx stones, enclosed in settings of gold; they were engraved, as signets are engraved, with the names of the sons of Israel. ⁷He put them on the shoulders of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel, as the LORD had commanded Moses. ⁸And he made the breastplate, artistically woven like the workmanship of the ephod, of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine woven linen. ⁹They made the breastplate square by doubling it; a span was its length and a span its width when doubled. ¹⁰And they set in it four rows of stones: a row with a sardius, a topaz, and an emerald was the first row; ¹¹the second row, a turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond; ¹²the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; ¹³the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. They were enclosed in settings of gold in their mountings. ¹⁴There were twelve stones according to the names of the sons of Israel: according to their names, engraved like a signet, each one with its own name according to the twelve tribes. ¹⁵And they made chains for the breastplate at the ends, like braided cords of pure gold. ¹⁶They also made two settings of gold and two gold rings, and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. ¹⁷And they put the two braided chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate. ¹⁸The two ends of the two braided chains they fastened in the two settings, and put them on the shoulder straps of the ephod in the front. ¹⁹And they made two rings of gold and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, on the edge of it, which was on the inward side of the ephod. ²⁰They made two other gold rings and put them on the two shoulder straps, underneath the ephod toward its front, right at the seam above the intricately woven band of the ephod. ²¹And they bound the breastplate by means of its rings to the rings of the ephod with a blue cord, so that it

would be above the intricately woven band of the ephod, and that the breastplate would not come loose from the ephod, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 7:17-40

But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the churches. ¹⁸Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised. ¹⁹Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God *is what matters*. ²⁰Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called. ²¹Were you called *while* a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use *it*. ²²For he who is called in the Lord *while* a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called *while* free is Christ's slave. ²³You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. ²⁴Brethren, let each one remain with God in that *state* in which he was called. ²⁵Now concerning virgins: I have no commandment from the Lord; yet I give judgment as one whom the Lord in His mercy *has made* trustworthy. ²⁶I suppose therefore that this is good because of the present distress -- that *it is* good for a man to remain as he is: ²⁷Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife. ²⁸But even if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Nevertheless such will have trouble in the flesh, but I would spare you. ²⁹But this I say, brethren, the time *is* short, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as though they had none, ³⁰those who weep as though they did not weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though they did not possess, ³¹and those who use this world as not misusing *it*. For the form of this world is passing away. ³²But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord -- how he may please the Lord. ³³But he who is married cares about the things of the world -- how he may please *his* wife. ³⁴There is a difference between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman cares about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But she who is married cares about the things of the world -- how she may please *her* husband. ³⁵And this I say for your own profit, not that I may put a leash on you, but for what is proper, and that you may serve the Lord without distraction. ³⁶But if any man thinks he is behaving improperly toward his virgin, if she is past the flower of youth, and thus it must be, let him do what he wishes. He does not sin; let them marry. ³⁷Nevertheless he who stands steadfast in his heart, having no necessity, but has power over his own will, and has so determined in his heart that he will keep his virgin, does well. ³⁸So then he who gives *her* in marriage does well, but he who does not give *her* in marriage does better. ³⁹A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. ⁴⁰But she is happier if she remains as she is, according to my judgment -- and I think I also have the Spirit of God.

*Psalm of Preparation**

TUNE: AURELIA 76.76.D

"Psalm 101"

"The Church's One Foundation"

Of mercy and of justice, O LORD, I'll sing to Thee.
In uprightness and wisdom shall my behavior be.

O when in lovingkindness wilt Thou to me come near?
I'll walk within my dwelling with heart and life sincere.

I will permit no base thing before my eyes to be.
I hate unfaithful doing; It shall not cleave to me.
The man whose heart is froward shall from my presence go;
and nothing that is evil will I consent to know.

I'll cut him off that slanders his neighbor secretly;
I'll not endure the proud heart nor eyes that haughty be.
My eyes are with the faithful that he may dwell with me;
the man whose walk is upright my minister shall be.

No man of works deceitful within my house shall dwell;
nor in my sight shall tarry a man who lies will tell.
Each morning with destruction the wicked I'll reward,
to free from evildoers the city of the LORD.

SERMON

John 14:25-31

"A Lasting Legacy"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.
26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will
teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.
27 "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give
to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
28 "You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming *back* to you.' If
you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for
My Father is greater than I.
29 "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you
may believe.
30 "I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he
has nothing in Me.
31 "But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me
commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

TUNE: WYE VALLEY 6.5.6.5.D.ref.

"Like a River Glorious"

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

1. Like a riv - er glo - rious is God's per - fect peace, o - ver
 2. Hid - den in the hol - low of his bless - ed hand, nev - er
 3. Ev - 'ry joy or tri - al fall - eth from a - bove, traced up -

all vic - to - rious in its bright in - crease; per - fect, yet it
 foe can fol - low, nev - er trai - tor stand; not a surge of
 on our di - al by the Sun of Love. We may trust him

flow-eth full-er ev-'ry day, per-fect, yet it grow-eth deep-er
 wor-ry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hur-ry, touch the
 ful-ly all for us to do; they who trust him whol-ly find him

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all the way.
 spir-it there. Stayed up-on Je-ho-vah, hearts are ful-ly blest,
 whol-ly true.

find-ing, as he prom-ised, per-fect peace and rest.

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
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Prayer Requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Kawachi 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 men of the church are invited to attend a coffee hour on Zoom on Saturday, May 2, at 8 a.m.. Pastor Marc will send out an invitation to join the meeting in your emails.
- 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. 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).

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