



WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*Then He said to him, "I am the LORD,
who brought you out of Ur
of the Chaldeans, to give you this land
to inherit it." --Genesis 15:7*

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 125:1-2

Leader: Those who trust in the LORD *Are* like Mount Zion, *which* cannot be moved, *but* abides forever.

All: *As the mountains surround Jerusalem, So the LORD surrounds His people from this time forth and forever.*

*Gloria Patri**

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

Irreg. H.W. Greatorex, 1851

“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: NICEA 11.12.12.10

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Reginald Heber, 1763-1826

The musical score is written for a four-part setting in G major and 4/4 time. It features a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are:

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Chord markings above the staff are: D, Bm, A, D, G, D, 7.

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Apostle's Creed

All: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 139:1-4, 23-24

All: "O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Titus 3:3-6

Leader: Hear the good news! "For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,"

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 8

TUNE: AMSTERDAM 76.76.77.76.

Elements from the Psalter, 1912

LORD, our Lord, in all the earth How excellent Your name!
You above the heav'ns have set the splendor of Your fame.
From the mouths of infants young You the power of praise compose
In the face of enemies to stop avenging foes.

When I view the skies above Which Your own fingers made,
When I see the moon and stars Which You in order laid,
What is man so frail and weak That You should remember him?
What can be the son of man That You should care for him?

Next to God You have made man, With light and honor crowned.
You placed him above Your works; Beneath him all is found:
Oxen, sheep, and all wild beasts, Birds, and fish the oceans claim.
LORD, our Lord, in all the earth How excellent Your name

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 105:1-11

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

All: Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

All: Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore!

Leader: Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,

All: O seed of Abraham His servant, You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

Leader: He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth.

All: He remembers His covenant forever, The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,

Leader: The covenant which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac,

All: And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel as an everlasting covenant,

Leader: Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan As the allotment of your inheritance,"

GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:1-17

Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. ²He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. ³And He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. ⁴Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. ⁵"And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them." ⁶So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere. ⁷Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by Him; and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead, ⁸and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the old prophets had risen again. ⁹Herod said, "John I have beheaded, but who is this of

whom I hear such things?" So he sought to see Him. ¹⁰And the apostles, when they had returned, told Him all that they had done. Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida. ¹¹But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing. ¹²When the day began to wear away, the twelve came and said to Him, "Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding towns and country, and lodge and get provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." ¹³But He said to them, "You give them something to eat." And they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people." ¹⁴For there were about five thousand men. Then He said to His disciples, "Make them sit down in groups of fifty." ¹⁵And they did so, and made them all sit down. ¹⁶Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude. ¹⁷So they all ate and were filled, and twelve baskets of the leftover fragments were taken up by them.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 2:1-25

Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, ²as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious. ⁴Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, ⁵you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." ⁷Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," ⁸and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. ⁹But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. ¹¹Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, ¹²having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. ¹³Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men -- ¹⁶as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. ¹⁷Honor all *people*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. ¹⁸Servants, *be* submissive to *your* masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. ¹⁹For this *is* commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. ²⁰For what credit *is it* if, when you are beaten for your faults, you

take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this *is* commendable before God. ²¹For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ²²"Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; ²³who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness -- by whose stripes you were healed. ²⁵For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Psalm of Preparation*

TUNE: LANCASHIRE 76.76.D

"Psalm 147:1-15"

Lead On O King Eternal"

Praise GOD! 'Tis good and pleasant, And comely to adore;
Jehovah builds up Salem, Her outcasts doth restore.
He heals the broken-hearted, And makes the wounded live;
The starry hosts He numbers, And names to all doth give.

Our Lord is great and mighty; His wisdom none can know;
The LORD doth raise the lowly And sinners overthrow.
O thank and praise Jehovah! Praise Him on harp with mirth,
The heav'n with clouds Who covers, And sends His rain on earth.

He clothes with grass the mountains, And gives the beasts their food;
He hears the crying ravens, And feeds their tender brood.
In horse's strength delights not, Nor speed of man loves He;
The LORD loves all who fear Him, And to His mercy flee.

O Salem, praise Jehovah, Thy God, O Zion, praise;
For He thy gates has strengthened, And blessed thy sons with grace.
With peace He'll bless thy borders, The nest wheat afford;
He sends forth His commandment, And swiftly speeds His word

SERMON

Genesis 15:7-21

"The Covenant with Abram-Part 2" Pastor Marc Miller

- 7 Then He said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."
- 8 And he said, "Lord GOD, how shall I know that I will inherit it?"
- 9 So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."
- 10 Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.
- 11 And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

- 12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him.
- 13 Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.
- 14 "And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.
- 15 "Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age.
- 16 "But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."
- 17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces.
- 18 On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates --
- 19 "the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites,
- 20 "the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,
"the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

Sermon Notes

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response* (next pg.)

TUNE: I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY 7.6.7.6.D

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Kathrine Hankey, 1866

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able

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Prayer Requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Garrett Family
- Pray for our elders and our deacons
- Pray for our Sunday School teachers
- Pray for the peace of our denomination
- Pray for our covenant children

Announcements

- We will be having a prayer meeting over Zoom on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend. If you need more information, please see Pastor Miller.
- The next men's Bible study will be on Saturday, April 2, at 8 a.m. We will be working through the book of Philippians using Sinclair Ferguson's "Let's Study Philippians" book. Please read chapters 15 and 16.
- Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. We offer 3 elementary aged classes and an adult class. The adults are studying the Westminster Shorter Catechism.
- The next women's study is on Monday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. We are working on the details for the next study material.

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 4. I love to tell the sto - ry; for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 than all the gold - en fan - cies of all our gold - en dreams.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, it did so much for me;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 and that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry, that I have loved so long.

REFRAIN

I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

The first system of music features a treble clef staff with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a dotted quarter note F4, and then a quarter note E4. The bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords. The lyrics are: "I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry".

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

The second system of music continues the melody from the first system. The treble clef staff shows a sequence of notes: G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The bass clef staff continues with accompaniment. The lyrics are: "to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love." The system concludes with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

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.**
 - We believe in the inspired and inerrant Word of God.
 - We believe in the absolute sovereignty of God.
 - We hold to a covenantal framework of Scripture.
 - 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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