



*Then God said, "Let Us make man in
Our image..." -- Genesis 1:26a*

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 148:1-5

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights!

All: Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!

Leader: Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens!

All: Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created.

*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: LANCASHIRE 76.76.D

“Palm 147:1-11”

“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.

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

Psalms 39:4-8

All: "LORD, make me to know my end, And what is the measure of my days, That I may know how frail I am. Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my age is as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state is but vapor. Surely every man walks about like a shadow; Surely they busy themselves in vain; He heaps up riches, And does not know who will gather them. And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You. Deliver me from all my transgressions; Do not make me the reproach of the foolish." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Timothy 1:15

Leader: Hear the good news! "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

Psalm 104:24-32

TUNE: LYONS 10.10.11.11

"O Worship the King"

How many works, LORD , in wisdom You 've made!
How full on the earth, Your riches displayed!
Out yonder the ocean, how great and how wide,
Where small and great creatures unnumbered abide!

Where ships sail the deep, Leviathans play;
These all look to You to give food each day.
Whatever You give them they gather for food;
When Your hand You open You fill them with good.

When You hide Your face, bewildered they yearn.
When You take their breath, to dust they return.
When You send Your spirit, created are they.
The face of the ground You renew every day.

Forever O may the LORD'S glory stand!
The LORD shall enjoy each work of His hand.
He looks on the earth and it trembles in fear;
When He touches mountains, the smoke will appear.

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 24:1-10

Leader: The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.

All: For He has founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the waters.

Leader: Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?

All: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.

Leader: He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

All: This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face. Selah - cont.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

All: Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

All: Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah

GOSPEL READING

Mark 2:1-28

And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. ²Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. ³Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. ⁴And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." ⁶And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, ⁷"Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? ⁹"Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk?' ¹⁰"But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" -- He said to the paralytic, ¹¹"I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." ¹²Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" ¹³Then He went out again by the sea; and all the multitude came to Him, and He taught them. ¹⁴As He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him. ¹⁵Now it happened, as He was dining in Levi's house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many, and they followed Him. ¹⁶And when the scribes and Pharisees saw Him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, they said to His disciples, "How is it that He eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹⁷When Jesus heard it, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." ¹⁸The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?" ¹⁹And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. ²⁰"But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days. ²¹"No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse. ²²"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must

be put into new wineskins.”²³ Now it happened that He went through the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as they went His disciples began to pluck the heads of grain.²⁴ And the Pharisees said to Him, “Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”²⁵ But He said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him:²⁶ how he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat, except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?”²⁷ And He said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.²⁸ Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.”

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossian 2:1-23

For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh,² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and *attaining* to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.⁴ Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words.⁵ For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your *good* order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.⁶ As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,⁷ rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.⁸ Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.⁹ For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;¹⁰ and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.¹¹ In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,¹² buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.¹³ And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,¹⁴ having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.¹⁵ Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.¹⁶ So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths,¹⁷ which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.¹⁸ Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in *false* humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase *that is* from God.²⁰ Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as *though* living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations --²¹ “Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,”²² which all concern things which perish with the using -- according to the commandments and doctrines of men?²³ These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, *false* humility, and neglect of the body, *but are* of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.

Hymn of Preparation*

TUNE: PARK STREET L.M. rep.

"All You That Fear Jehovah's Name"

The Psalter, 1912; alt. 1990, mod.

1. All you that fear Je - ho - vah's name, his glo - ry tell, his
2. The suf - f'ring One he has not spurned, who un - to him for
3. O Lord, your good - ness makes me raise a - mid your peo - ple
4. For all the meek you will pro - vide; they shall be fed and
5. The Lord's un - fail - ing righ - teous - ness all gen - er - a - tions

C G⁷ C F C⁷ F D⁷

praise pro - claim; you chil - dren of his cho - sen race, stand ... in
help has turned; from him he has not hid his face, but an - swered
• songs of praise; be - fore all them that fear you, now I wor - ship
sat - is - fied; all they that seek the Lord shall live and nev - er -
shall con - fess; from age to age shall men be taught what won - drous

G^m C⁷ F C F G^m F C F

awe be - fore his face, stand ... in awe be - fore his face.
his re - quest in grace, but an - swered his re - quest in grace.
• you and pay my vow, I wor - ship you and pay my vow.
end - ing prais - es give, and nev - er - end - ing prais - es give.
works the Lord has wrought, what won - drous works the Lord has wrought.

SERMON

Genesis 1:24-27

"In God's Image"

Pastor Marc Miller

- ²⁴ Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each* according to its kind"; and it was so.
- ²⁵ And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.
- ²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
- ²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

TUNE: O STORE GUD 11.10,11.10.ref

“How Great Thou Art”

Stuart K. Hine, 1949; alt.

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able

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Prayer Requests

- This week’s WEPCA Missionaries: The Garrett Family
- Pray for our Nation’s leaders
- Pray for our deacon training process
- Pray for all of those dealing with physical ailments

Announcements

- We will be having a prayer meeting over Zoom on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.
- The next men’s fellowship breakfast will be on Saturday, April 3, at 8 a.m., at the Cracker Barrell located at Peach St. and 1-90. If you need more information, please contact Pastor Miller.
- Our Presbytery is having a virtual missions conference on March 13-14. Jerry Knight, one of our missionaries, will be presenting in this conference. If you would like more information there is a schedule posted on the mission’s board in the back of the sanctuary.

- We will be having a Building Dedication service on Sunday March 21. We will be sending invitations out to all the churches and individuals outside our church who gave towards the purchase of our building.
- Please mark your calendars for our first ever Good Friday Service. The service will be held on Friday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m.

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der
 2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

B \flat /F(A/E) F(E) B \flat (A)

con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees,
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

E \flat (D)

I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur,
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

КЕРКАИН

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee:

how great thou art, how great thou art!

КЕРКАИН

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee:

how great thou art, how great thou art!

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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