

*"Death is swallowed up in victory."
--1 Corinthians 15:54b*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Adapted from 1 Corinthians 15

Leader: He is risen!

All: *He is risen, indeed!*

Leader: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

All: *"O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"*

Leader: The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

All: *But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*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: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7.al.

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Charles Wesley, 1739

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. The melody is in the soprano part, and the bass part provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are as follows:

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day,"	Al - - le - lu - ia!
2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;	Al - - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King;	Al - - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led,	Al - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*
 thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*
 hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

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 141:1-5

All: "LORD, I cry out to You; Make haste to me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You. Let my prayer be set before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips. Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, to practice wicked works with men who work iniquity; and do not let me eat of their delicacies. Let the righteous strike me; It shall be a kindness. And let him rebuke me; It shall be as excellent oil; let my head not refuse it. For still my prayer is against the deeds of the wicked." 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 16

TUNE: LEOMINSTER SMD

“Not What My Hands Have Done”

Preserve me, O my God; I put my trust in You.
LORD, I confess, You are my Lord; No good have I but You.

The godly ones on earth, Those holy in Your sight,
The noble and majestic ones, Fill me with great delight.

Their sorrows multiply Who after idols seek.
To them I'll no blood off' rings make; Their names I'll never speak.
The LORD the portion is of my inheritance.
He fills my cup, my lot prepares, Secures to me His grants.

The lines that fell to me Enclose a pleasant site.
The heritage that I received To me is a delight.
I bless the LORD Who guides With counsel that is right.
My heart within me He directs To teach me in the night.

I always keep the LORD Before me, Him to see.
Because He is at my right hand I never moved shall be.
Thus gladness fills my soul; My joy must be expressed
With my whole being, for my flesh Securely finds its rest.

My soul You will not leave In death's dark pit to be.
Corruption You will not permit Your Holy One to see.
The path of life You'll show; Of joy You hold great store.
Before Your face, at Your right hand, Are pleasures evermore.

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 86:1-13

Leader: Bow down Your ear, O LORD, hear me; For I am poor and needy.

All: Preserve my life, for I am holy; You are my God; Save Your servant who trusts in You!

Leader: Be merciful to me, O Lord, For I cry to You all day long.

All: Rejoice the soul of Your servant, For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. – cont.

Leader: For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

All: *Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my supplications.*

Leader: In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me.

All: *Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; Nor are there any works like Your works.*

Leader: All nations whom You have made Shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And shall glorify Your name.

All: *For You are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are God.*

Leader: Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.

All: *I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore.*

Leader: For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 26:1-19

¹In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: "We have a strong city; God will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks. ²Open the gates, That the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in. ³You will keep him in perfect peace, *Whose mind is stayed on You*, Because he trusts in You. ⁴Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength. ⁵For He brings down those who dwell on high, The lofty city; He lays it low, He lays it low to the ground, He brings it down to the dust. ⁶The foot shall tread it down -- The feet of the poor *And* the steps of the needy." ⁷The way of the just is uprightness; O Most Upright, You weigh the path of the just. ⁸Yes, in the way of Your judgments, O LORD, we have waited for You; The desire of our soul is for Your name And for the remembrance of You. ⁹With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. ¹⁰Let grace be shown to the wicked, *Yet* he will not learn righteousness; In the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly, And will not behold the majesty of the LORD. ¹¹LORD, when Your hand is lifted up, they will not see. But they will see and be ashamed For their envy of people; Yes, the fire of Your enemies shall devour them. ¹²LORD, You will establish peace for us, For You have also done all our works in us. ¹³O LORD our God, masters besides You Have had dominion over us; *But* by You only we make mention of Your name. ¹⁴*They are* dead, they will not live; *They are* deceased, they will not rise. Therefore You have punished and destroyed them, And made all their memory to perish. ¹⁵You have increased the nation, O LORD, You have increased the nation; You are glorified; You have expanded all the borders of the land. ¹⁶LORD, in trouble they have visited You, They poured out a prayer when Your chastening was upon them. ¹⁷As a woman with child Is in pain and cries

out in her pangs, When she draws near the time of her delivery, So have we been in Your sight, O LORD. ¹⁸We have been with child, we have been in pain; We have, as it were, brought forth wind; We have not accomplished any deliverance in the earth, Nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen. ¹⁹Your dead shall live; *Together with my dead body they shall arise.* Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew *is like* the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:1-27

¹Now on the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain *other women* with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. ²But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. ³ Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. ⁵Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶"He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, ⁷"saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' " ⁸And they remembered His words. ⁹Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary *the mother* of James, and the other *women* with them, who told these things to the apostles. ¹¹And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened. ¹³Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴And they talked together of all these things which had happened. ¹⁵So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. ¹⁷And He said to them, "What kind of conversation *is* this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" ¹⁸Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰"and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. ²¹"But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. ²²"Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. ²³"When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. ²⁴"And certain of those *who were* with us went to the tomb and found *it* just as the women had said; but Him they did not see." ²⁵Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶"Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" ²⁷And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Hymn of Preparation*

TUNE: CHRIST AROSE 11.10.ref.

"Up from the Grave He Arose"

Robert Lowry, 1874

Capo 1: (A) (D/A) (A) (E) (E⁷) (D/A) (A)

1. Low in the grave he lay— Je - sus, my Sav - ior,
2. Vain - ly they watch his bed— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;
3. Death can - not keep his prey— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;

(D) (A) (F#m) (E/B) (B⁷) (E)

wait - ing the com - ing day— Je - sus, my Lord.
vain - ly they seal the dead— Je - sus, my Lord.
he tore the bars a - way— Je - sus, my Lord.

REFRAIN
(A) *Faster*

Up from the grave he a - rose, He a - rose!

(D) (A)

with a might - y tri - umph o'er his foes. He a - rose!

He a - rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, and he

lives for - ev - er with his saints to reign. He a - rose! He a - rose!

He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose! He a - rose!

SERMON

1 Corinthians 15:50-57 *“Unprecedented Victory” Pastor Marc Miller*

- 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.
- 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed
- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
- 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

- 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."
55 "O Death, where *is* your sting? O Hades, where *is* your victory?"
56 The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law.
57 But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

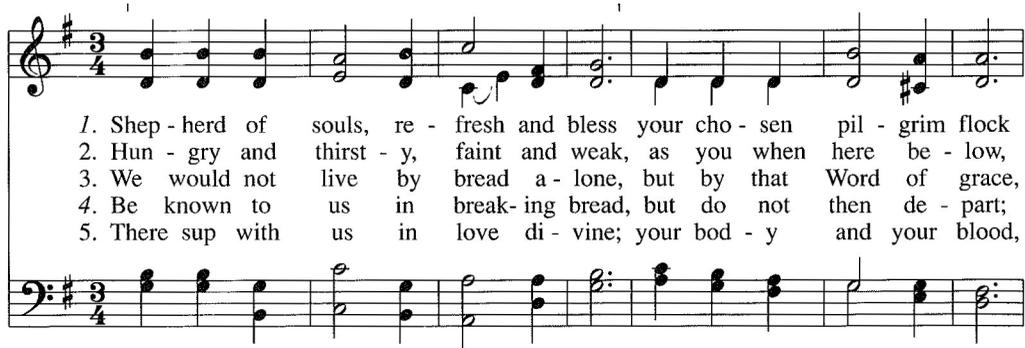
THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn of Preparation

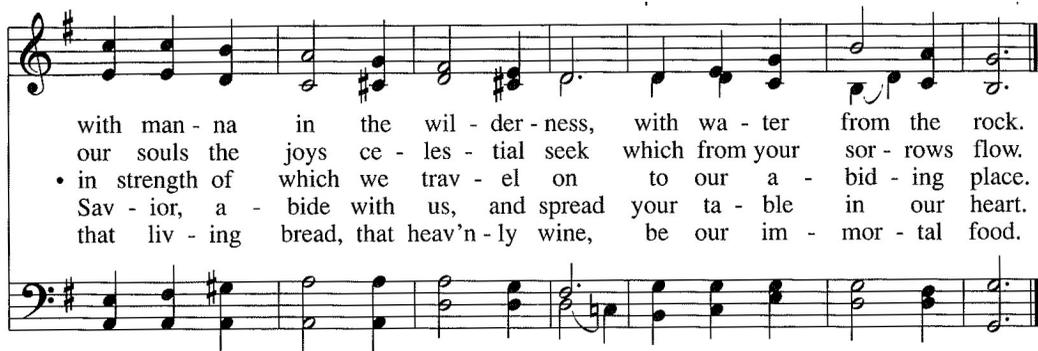
TUNE: ST. AGNES C.M.

"Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"

James Montgomery, 1825; mod.



1. Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless your cho - sen pil - grim flock
2. Hun - gry and thirst - y, faint and weak, as you when here be - low,
3. We would not live by bread a - lone, but by that Word of grace,
4. Be known to us in break - ing bread, but do not then de - part;
5. There sup with us in love di - vine; your bod - y and your blood,



with man - na in the wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
our souls the joys ce - les - tial seek which from your sor - rows flow.
• in strength of which we trav - el on to our a - bid - ing place.
Sav - ior, a - bide with us, and spread your ta - ble in our heart.
that liv - ing bread, that heav'n - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

PASSING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Hymn of Response**

Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

"In Christ Alone"

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“In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all – Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid – Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine – Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death – This is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home – Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.”

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
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Prayer Requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Kawachi Family
- Pray for our Nation's leaders
- Pray for our elders
- Pray for our deacon training process
- Pray for all of those dealing with physical ailments
- 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.
- The next men's fellowship breakfast will be on Saturday, May 1, at 8 a.m., at the Cracker Barrel located at Peach St. and 1-90. If you need more information, please contact Pastor Miller.
- The church will be having a spring clean-up/mulch day on Saturday May 8th starting at 9 am. All are welcome and encouraged to help! If you have any questions, please talk to one of the elders.
- The women and girls of the church are invited to a bridal shower for Katherine Fair on Sunday, May 16th following the worship service. Please RSVP to Natalie Miller.

Who Should take Communion?

The question of who is eligible to receive communion is one of vital importance. In order to draw our minds towards examining ourselves in accordance with the Apostle Paul's exhortation to the church in Corinth, the Session of West Erie Presbyterian Church in America encourages all in attendance today to consider the following questions:

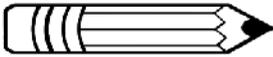
- Do you believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for your sins and rose again bodily from the dead?
- Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for your salvation?
- Have you been baptized?
- Are you a communicate member in good standing of a Bible-believing, gospel proclaiming church?
- Are you pursuing a life of obedience by forsaking sin and striving, by grace and help of the Holy Spirit, to glorify God with your entire life?

If you can answer "Yes" to each of these questions, then the Session of West Erie Presbyterian Church in America welcomes and invites you to partake of the Lord's Supper with us today.

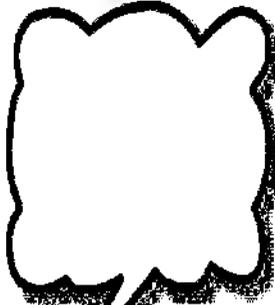
If however, you cannot answer "Yes" to each of these questions – or if you are not sure – then we request that you refrain from partaking at this time. We encourage you to take this time to consider your own personal need for Christ, His abundant provision for the salvation of sinners, as well of the biblical requirement to join a local body of believers in humble submission to Christ's provision of elders and overseers. After the service, please come speak with a member of the Session to discuss the steps necessary to enable you to openly enjoy Communion with Christ and his people through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

Date: _____



As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Words you heard but don't know...

Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book:

Chapter:

Verse:

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Questions?

The most important thing you learned was:

How does today's message apply to your life?

Favorite song today was:

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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