

*“Then God blessed the seventh day  
and sanctified it, because in it He rested  
from all His work which God had  
created and made.” --Genesis 2:3*

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 95:6-7a*

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

All: *For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.*

## *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: ARLINGTON C.M.

## *“This Is the Day the Lord Has Made”*

Isaac Watts, 1719

1. This is the day the Lord has made; he calls the hours his own;  
2. To - day he rose and left the dead, and Sa - tan's em - pire fell;  
3. Ho - san - na to th'a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's ho - ly Son!  
4. Blest be the Lord, who comes to men with mes - sag - es of grace;  
5. Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the church on earth can raise!

let heav'n re-joice, let earth be glad, and praise sur-round the throne.  
 to-day the saints his tri-umphs spread, and all his won-ders tell.  
 • Help us, O Lord; de-scend and bring sal-va-tion from the throne.  
 who comes in God his Fa-ther's name to save our sin-ful race.  
 The high-est heav'ns in which he reigns shall give him no-bler praise.

### 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

*Adapted from John Calvin's Geneva Liturgy of 1543*

*All: Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Leader: Hear the good news! "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, <sup>10</sup>nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup>And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

### ***Psalm 92***

TUNE: DAWWALL'S 148<sup>TH</sup> 66.66.4444

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

It's good to thank the LORD, To praise Your name, Most High!  
To show Your love at dawn, Your faithfulness all night!  
The ten -stringed lyre with sweet -voiced lute and rippling harp Your praise inspire.  
Your deeds, LORD, made me glad. I'll joy in what You've done.  
How great Your doings, LORD! How deep Your thoughts each one!  
Fools won't be shown; The foolish can't accept this truth, To him unknown!  
Though sinners grow like weeds, Ill-do-ers blossom may,  
They're doomed to be destroyed. You, LORD, exalted stay.  
LORD, Your foes fall. See! How Your foes, vain evil men, Are scattered all!  
You've raised, like ox, my horn, Poured fresh oil on my head.  
You made me see the spies and hear what plotters said.  
Like thriving palm the righteous grows, like cedars tall On Lebanon.  
Those planted by the LORD Shall in God's courts be seen;  
When old they'll still bear fruit and flourish fresh and green,  
And loud proclaim How upright is the LORD, my Rock; No wrong in Him!

## 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 100:1-5*

Leader: Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!

**All:** *Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.*

Leader: Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

**All:** *Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.*

Leader: For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

## **GOSPEL READING**

*Mark 4:1-20*

<sup>1</sup>And again He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat *in it* on the sea; and the whole multitude was on the land facing the sea. <sup>2</sup>Then He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in His teaching: <sup>3</sup>"Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>"And it happened, as he sowed, *that* some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. <sup>5</sup>"Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. <sup>6</sup>"But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. <sup>7</sup>"And some *seed* fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. <sup>8</sup>"But other *seed* fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred." <sup>9</sup>And He said to them, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" <sup>10</sup>But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable. <sup>11</sup>And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, <sup>12</sup>"so that 'Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand; Lest they should turn, And *their* sins be forgiven them.' " <sup>13</sup>And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? <sup>14</sup>"The sower sows the word. <sup>15</sup>"And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. <sup>16</sup>"These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; <sup>17</sup>"and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble. <sup>18</sup>"Now these are the ones sown among thorns; *they are* the ones who hear the word, <sup>19</sup>"and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and

the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. <sup>20</sup>“But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept *it*, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Colossians 4:2-18*

Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; <sup>3</sup>meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, <sup>4</sup>that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. <sup>5</sup>Walk in wisdom toward those *who are* outside, redeeming the time. <sup>6</sup>Let your speech always *be* with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one. <sup>7</sup>Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me. <sup>8</sup>I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts, <sup>9</sup>with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is *one* of you. They will make known to you all things which *are happening* here. <sup>10</sup>Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him), <sup>11</sup>and Jesus who is called Justus. These *are my* only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision; they have proved to be a comfort to me. <sup>12</sup>Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. <sup>13</sup>For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal for you, and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis. <sup>14</sup>Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. <sup>15</sup>Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea, and Nymphas and the church that *is* in his house. <sup>16</sup>Now when this epistle is read among you, see that it is read also in the church of the Laodiceans, and that you likewise read the epistle from Laodicea. <sup>17</sup>And say to Archippus, “Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it.” <sup>18</sup>This salutation by my own hand -- Paul. Remember my chains. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

### *Psalm of Preparation\**

TUNE: PENITENCE 11.11.11.11

### *“Psalm 4”*

“In the Hour of Trial”

Answer when I call, O God who justifies.  
In my stress You freed me; hear in grace my cries.  
Sons of men, how long will you my glory shame?  
Will you love what’s worthless? Will lies be your aim?

Know the LORD His saints has set apart in grace,  
And the LORD will hear me when I seek His face.  
Tremble in your anger, yet from sin depart.  
On your bed in silence speak within your heart.

May you sacrifice now sacrifices just.  
In Jehovah only placing all your trust.  
“Who will show us goodness?” many people say;  
The light of Your face, LORD, lift on us, we pray.

You have given my heart greater joy by far  
Than when grain and new wine most abundant are.  
So in peace I lie down; I will rest and sleep,  
For, O LORD, You only will me safely keep.

## SERMON

*Genesis 2:1-7*

*“Day Seven and Differences”*

*Pastor Marc Miller*

- 1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.
- 2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.
- 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.
- 4 This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,
- 5 before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground;
- 6 but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.
- 7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

### *Sermon Notes:*

- Point 1

# Hymn of Response\*

TUNE: ASH GROVE 12.11.12.11.D

# "Let All Things Now Living"

Katherine K. Daivs, 1939

Capo 3: 1 F(D) Gm(Em) C(A) 7

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing  
2. His law he en - forc - es: the stars in their cours - es,

F(D) Bb(G) F(D) C7(A7) F(D)

to God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
the sun in its or - bit, o - be - dient - ly shine;

Gm(Em) C(A)

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,

F(D) Bb(G) F(D) C7(A7) F(D)

who guides us and leads to the end of our days.  
the deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.



- Point 2

- Point 3

### **BENEDICTION\***

\* --Please stand if able  
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### **Prayer Requests**

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams 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

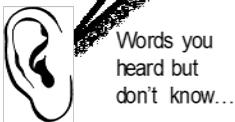
- We will be having a prayer meeting over Zoom on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.
- The next men's fellowship breakfast will be on Saturday, May 1, at 8 a.m., at the IHOP located at Peach St. and 1-90. If you need more information, please contact Pastor Miller.
- 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.

## 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.



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:

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# 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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