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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife’s hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him...” - Genesis 19:16*

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 106:48*

Leader: Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting!

All: *And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!*

## *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\*

### *Psalm of Praise\**

TUNE: RIPLEY 8.7.8.7.D.

### *Psalm 146*

The Psalter, 1912

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;  
2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;  
3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,  
4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.  
he is blessed whose hope of bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed.  
rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.  
I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

G D Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;  
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;  
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends,  
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King;

he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.  
 he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.  
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.  
 un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

### CONFESSON 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.*

### CONFESSON 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

*1st John 1:8-9*

Leader: Hear the good news! "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

### *Psalm 4*

TUNE: PENITENCE 11.11.11.11

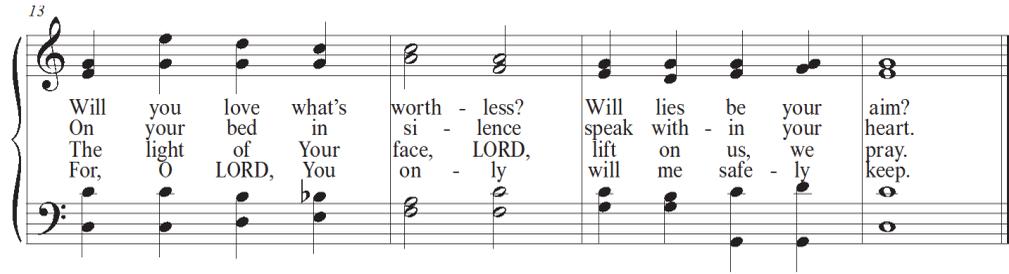
"In the Hour of Trial"

1. An - swer when I call, O God who just - i - fies.  
 2. Know the LORD His saints has set a - part in grace,  
 3. May you sa - cri - fice now face just.  
 4. You have giv - en my heart great - er joy by far

5  
 In my stress You freed me; hear in grace my cries.  
 And the LORD will hear me when I seek His face.  
 In Je - ho - vah on - ly plac - ing all your trust.  
 Than when grain and new wine most a - bund - ant are.

9  
 Sons of men, how long will you my glor - y shame?  
 Trem - ble in your an - ger, yet from sin de - part.  
 "Who will show us good - ness?" ma - ny peo - ple say;  
 So in peace I lie down; I will rest and sleep.

13



Will you love what's worth - less? Will lies be your aim?  
 On your bed in si - lence speak with - in your heart.  
 The light of Your face, LORD, lift on us, we pray.  
 For, O LORD, You on - ly will me safe - ly keep.

## 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 107:31-43*

Leader: Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

**All:** *Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people, And praise Him in the company of the elders.*

Leader: He turns rivers into a wilderness, And the watersprings into dry ground;

**All:** *A fruitful land into barrenness, For the wickedness of those who dwell in it.*

Leader: He turns a wilderness into pools of water, And dry land into watersprings.

**All:** *There He makes the hungry dwell, That they may establish a city for a dwelling place,*

Leader: And sow fields and plant vineyards, That they may yield a fruitful harvest.

**All:** *He also blesses them, and they multiply greatly; And He does not let their cattle decrease.*

Leader: When they are diminished and brought low Through oppression, affliction and sorrow,

**All:** *He pours contempt on princes, and causes them to wander in the wilderness where there is no way;*

Leader: Yet He sets the poor on high, far from affliction, and makes *their* families like a flock.

**All:** *The righteous see it and rejoice, and all iniquity stops its mouth.*

Leader: Whoever *is* wise will observe these *things*, and they will understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

## GOSPEL READING

*Luke 11:29-54*

And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, "This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. <sup>30</sup>"For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation. <sup>31</sup>"The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here. <sup>32</sup>"The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here. <sup>33</sup>"No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light. <sup>34</sup>"The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. <sup>35</sup>"Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness. <sup>36</sup>"If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light." <sup>37</sup>And as He spoke, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. So He went in and sat down to eat. <sup>38</sup>When the Pharisee saw it, he marveled that He had not first washed before dinner. <sup>39</sup>Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness. <sup>40</sup>"Foolish ones! Did not He who made the outside make the inside also? <sup>41</sup>"But rather give alms of such things as you have; then indeed all things are clean to you. <sup>42</sup>"But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. <sup>43</sup>"Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. <sup>44</sup>"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like graves which are not seen, and the men who walk over them are not aware of them." <sup>45</sup>Then one of the lawyers answered and said to Him, "Teacher, by saying these things You reproach us also." <sup>46</sup>And He said, "Woe to you also, lawyers! For you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers. <sup>47</sup>"Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. <sup>48</sup>"In fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs. <sup>49</sup>"Therefore the wisdom of God also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,' <sup>50</sup>that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, <sup>51</sup>from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation. <sup>52</sup>"Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered." <sup>53</sup>And as He said these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to assail Him vehemently, and to cross-examine Him about many things, <sup>54</sup>lying in wait for Him, and seeking to catch Him in something He might say, that they might accuse Him.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John 1:1-10

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life -- <sup>2</sup>the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us -- <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. <sup>5</sup>This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

***Hymn of Preparation\* (next pg.)***

TUNE: SOLID ROCK L.M. ref.

***"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"***

Edward Mote, 1843

## SERMON

***Genesis 19:12-29***

***"Getting out of Sodom"***

***Pastor Marc Miller***

- <sup>12</sup> Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city -- take *them* out of this place!
- <sup>13</sup> "For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it."
- <sup>14</sup> So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, "Get up, get out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city!" But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking.
- <sup>15</sup> When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city."
- <sup>16</sup> And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.
- <sup>17</sup> So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed."
- <sup>18</sup> Then Lot said to them, "Please, no, my lords!

Capo 3: F(D) C(A) F(D) B $\flat$ (G)

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and  
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -  
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D)

righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found; dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

B $\flat$ (G) C(A) F(D) REFRAIN B $\flat$ (G)

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay. less to stand be - fore the throne.

F(D) C(A) F(D) B $\flat$ (G) F(D) C $^7$ (A $^7$ ) F(D) 7

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

- 19 “Indeed now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have increased your mercy which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, lest some evil overtake me and I die.
- 20 “See now, this city *is* near *enough* to flee to, and it *is* a little one; please let me escape there (*is* it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.”
- 21 And he said to him, “See, I have favored you concerning this thing also, in that I will not overthrow this city for which you have spoken.
- 22 “Hurry, escape there. For I cannot do anything until you arrive there.” Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.
- 23 The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar.
- 24 Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens.
- 25 So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.
- 26 But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.
- 27 And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD.
- 28 Then he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain; and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace.
- 29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt.

### Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

# Hymn of Response\*

Stuart Townend

# "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

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1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure,  
2. Be - hold the man u - pon a cross, my sins u - pon his should - ers;  
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom;

that he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his treas - ure.  
ash - amed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers.  
but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his death and res - ur - rec - tion.

How great the pain of sear - ing loss; the Fa - ther turns His face a - way,  
It was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - comp - lished.  
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer,

as wounds which mar the chos - en one bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.  
His dy - ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.  
but this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ran - som.

## BENEDICTION\*

\* --Please stand if able

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## Prayer Requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams family
- Pray for country's leaders
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our Elders and Deacons.
- Pray for our Sunday School teachers and students

## Announcements

- Prayer meetings continue: Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m. – ZOOM.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, June 4, 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM, "Let's Study Philippians" chapters 17 – 18.
- Sunday School: Sundays, 10 a.m. – In person, 3 elementary aged classes, 1 adult class. The adults are studying the Westminster Shorter Catechism. The last Sunday of Sunday School for the Summer will be May 22.
- Women's Bible Study: Monday, May 9, 7:30 p.m. – In person & ZOOM, "Contentment" by Melissa Kruger (video series) & "Gentle and Lowly" by Dane Ortlund. Contact: Mary Moser (cuteviolin93@gmail.com).
- Upcoming Church Picnic: Saturday, June 4, starting at 4:30 p.m. The Location is McKean Park, 8800 Main St., McKean, PA 16426. Please bring a dish to pass. We ask that you register on the WEPCA app so we can be sure to have enough of the main dish.



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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.**
  - 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 Apos 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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