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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 59:16-17

Leader: "But I will sing of Your power; Yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning;
For You have been my defense And refuge in the day of my trouble.

All: To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; For God is my defense, My God of mercy.

*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: AMSTERDAM 76.76.77.76

"Psalm 8"

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!

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 25:4-7, 11

All: *“Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness’ sake, O LORD. For Your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my iniquity, for it is great.” Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus’ name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Micah 7:18

Leader: *Hear the good news! “Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy.”*

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

Psalm 107:1-9

TUNE: FOUNTAIN CMD

“There Is a Fountain”

O praise the LORD , for He is good; His mercies still endure;
Thus say the ransomed of the LORD , From all their foes secure.
He gathered them from out the lands, From north, south, east, and west.
They wandered in the wilderness, No city found to rest.

Their weary soul within them faints when thirst and hunger press;
In trouble to the LORD they cried; He saved them from distress.
He made the way before them straight, And He became their guide,
That they might to a city go In which they would abide.

Let them give thanks unto the LORD For all His kindness shown,
And for His works so wonderful which He to men makes known.
Because the longing soul by Him With food is satisfied;
The hungry soul that looks to Him With goodness is supplied.

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 30:1-12

Leader: I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up, And have not let my foes rejoice over me.

All: *O LORD my God, I cried out to You, And You healed me.*

Leader: O LORD, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

All: *Sing praise to the LORD, You saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.*

Leader: For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.

All: *Now in my prosperity I said, “I shall never be moved.”*

Leader: LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong; You hid Your face, and I was troubled.

All: *I cried out to You, O LORD; And to the LORD I made supplication:*

Leader: "What profit is there in my blood, When I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth?"

All: *Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me; LORD, be my helper!"*

Leader: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

All: *To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 5:1-20

Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. ²And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, ³who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, ⁴because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. ⁵And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. ⁶When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. ⁷And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me." ⁸For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!" ⁹ Then He asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many." ¹⁰Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. ¹¹Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. ¹²So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them." ¹³And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea. ¹⁴So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ¹⁶And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine. ¹⁷Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region. ¹⁸And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. ¹⁹However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." ²⁰And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1st Thessalonians 2:1-20

For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain. ²But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict. ³For our exhortation *did* not come from error or uncleanness, nor *was it* in deceit. ⁴But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts. ⁵For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness -- God *is* witness. ⁶Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing *mother* cherishes her own children. ⁸So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us. ⁹For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You *are* witnesses, and God *also*, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; ¹¹as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father *does* his own children, ¹²that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. ¹³For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe. ¹⁴For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they *did* from the Judeans, ¹⁵who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men, ¹⁶forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up *the measure of* their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost. ¹⁷But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored more eagerly to see your face with great desire. ¹⁸Therefore we wanted to come to you -- even I, Paul, time and again -- but Satan hindered us. ¹⁹For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? ²⁰ For you are our glory and joy.

Hymn of Preparation*

TUNE: ST. LEONARDS 8.7.8.5

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. Below the treble staff, there are five lines of lyrics, each numbered 1 through 5. The lyrics are:

1. May the mind of Christ my Sav - ior live in me from day to day,

2. May the Word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,

3. May the peace of God my Fa - ther rule my life in ev - ery - thing,

4. May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;

5. May his beau - ty rest up - on me as I seek the lost to win,

by his love and pow'r con - trol - ling all I do and say.
 so that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through his pow'r.
 • that I may be calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.
 him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing, this is vic - to - ry.
 and may they for - get the chan - nel, see - ing on - ly him.

SERMON

Genesis 2:18-22

“A Helper”

Pastor Marc Miller

- 18 And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”
- 19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.
- 20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.
- 21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.
- 22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn of Preparation

TUNE: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153

The musical score is written for a four-part setting in 4/4 time. It features a treble clef on the top staff and a bass clef on the bottom staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a soprano line and a bass line. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff. The score includes three verses of text. The first verse is: "1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down;". The second verse is: "2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:". The third verse is: "3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend,". The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
 2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
 3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend,

now scorn-ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
for this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

PASSING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Hymn of Response**

TUNE: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Robert Robinson, 1758

Γ D A⁷ D A 7 D G D A⁷ D

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

A⁷ D G D A⁷ D G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der— Lord, I feel it— prone to leave the God I love:

A⁷ D A Γ D G D A⁷ D 7

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able

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Prayer Requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Kawachi Family
- Pray for our elders and for our deacon training process
- Pray for all of those dealing with physical ailments and for our covenant children

Announcements

- Zoom Prayer Meeting, Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.
- Men's fellowship breakfast Saturday, June 5th, 8 a.m., IHOP at Peach St. and 1-90.
- Church Spring Clean-up/mulch day, Saturday May 8th, 9 am. All are encouraged to come help! To learn more, please talk to one of the elders.
- Bridal shower for Katherine Fair, Sunday, May 16th following the worship service. Please RSVP to Natalie Miller.
- Gospel Reformation Network Conference: "O Church Arise: A Passionate Plea for Biblical and Confessional Integrity." Livestreamed May 5-6. For more information please visit gospelreformation.net/events. To learn more or for help attending, please contact the session.

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.

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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