



WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

Now Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. -Genesis 20:2

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THE LORDS WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Revelation 4:11

Leader: "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power;

All: For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

*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*

*Hymn of Praise**

TUNE: AZMON C.M.

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Charles Wesley 1739; alt.

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free;

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
his blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system has a treble and bass staff in 3/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second system also has a treble and bass staff in 3/2 time with a key signature of one sharp. Chord symbols G, C, F, G/D, D7, and G7 are placed above the treble staff in the second system.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

CONFESSION 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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 5:1-5, 7

All: *"Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation. Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray. My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up. For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Titus 3:3-6

Leader: Hear the good news! "For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, "whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior"

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 121

TUNE: DUNDEE CM

Based on the Scottish Psalter, 1615

I to the hills will lift my eyes. From whence shall come my aid?
My safe - ty com-eth from the LORD Who heav'n and earth has made.

Thy foot He'll not let slide, nor will He slumber that thee keeps.

Lo, He that keepeth Is-ra-el, He slumbers not nor sleeps.

The LORD thee keeps; the LORD thy shade On thy right hand doth stay;
The moon by night thee shall not smite, Nor yet the sun by day.

The LORD shall keep thee from all ill; He shall preserve thy soul.
The LORD as thou shalt go and come Forever keeps thee whole.

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 105:1-15

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

All: Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

All: *Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore!*

Leader: Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,

All: *O seed of Abraham His servant, You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!*

Leader: He *is* the LORD our God; His judgments *are* in all the earth.

All: *He remembers His covenant forever, The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,*

Leader: *The covenant* which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac,

All: *And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel as an everlasting covenant,*

Leader: Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan As the allotment of your inheritance,"

All: *When they were few in number, Indeed very few, and strangers in it.*

Leader: When they went from one nation to another, From *one* kingdom to another people,

All: *He permitted no one to do them wrong; Yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes,*

Leader: *Saying, "Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no harm."*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:35-59

"Let your waist be girded and *your* lamps burning; ³⁶ "and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. ³⁷"Blessed *are* those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down *to eat*, and will come and serve them. ³⁸"And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants. ³⁹"But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰"Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." ⁴¹Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You speak this parable *only* to us, or to all *people*?" ⁴²And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* master will make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of food in due season? ⁴³"Blessed *is* that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁴"Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. ⁴⁵"But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, ⁴⁶"the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for *him*, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint *him* his portion with the unbelievers. ⁴⁷"And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare *himself* or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*. ⁴⁸"But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more. ⁴⁹"I came to send fire on the earth, and how

I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do *you* suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. ⁵³Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law." ⁵⁴Then He also said to the multitudes, "Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'; and there is. ⁵⁶Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how *is it* you do not discern this time? ⁵⁷Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right? ⁵⁸When you go with your adversary to the magistrate, make every effort along the way to settle with him, lest he drag you to the judge, the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. ⁵⁹I tell you, you shall not depart from there till you have paid the very last mite."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John 3:1-24

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ²Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. ⁴Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. ⁵And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. ⁶Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. ⁸He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. ⁹Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor *is* he who does not love his brother. ¹¹For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, ¹²not as Cain *who* was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love *his* brother abides in death. ¹⁵Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. ¹⁶By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. ¹⁷But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? ¹⁸My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. ²⁰For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. ²²And whatever we ask we receive from

Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. ²³And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. ²⁴Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

*Psalm of Preparation**

TUNE: LEONI 6.6.8.4.D.

Psalm 99

"The God of Abraham Praise"

SERMON

Genesis 20:1-18

"That Sound's Familiar"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 1 And Abraham journeyed from there to the South, and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur, and stayed in Gerar.
- 2 Now Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "She *is* my sister." And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah.
- 3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, "Indeed you *are* a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she *is* a man's wife."
- 4 But Abimelech had not come near her; and he said, "Lord, will You slay a righteous nation also?"
- 5 "Did he not say to me, 'She *is* my sister'? And she, even she herself said, 'He *is* my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and innocence of my hands I have done this."
- 6 And God said to him in a dream, "Yes, I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart. For I also withheld you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her.
- 7 "Now therefore, restore the man's wife; for he *is* a prophet, and he will pray for you and you shall live. But if you do not restore *her*, know that you shall surely die, you and all who *are* yours."
- 8 So Abimelech rose early in the morning, called all his servants, and told all these things in their hearing; and the men were very much afraid.
- 9 And Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, "What have you done to us? How have I offended you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done deeds to me that ought not to be done."
- 10 Then Abimelech said to Abraham, "What did you have in view, that you have done this thing?"
- 11 And Abraham said, "Because I thought, surely the fear of God *is* not in this place; and they will kill me on account of my wife.
- 12 "But indeed *she is* truly my sister. She *is* the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.

1. The LORD is King in - deed! Let peo - ples quail and fear!
 2. The pow - er of the King de - lights in e - qui - ty;
 3. For Mo - ses was His priest, and Aar - on, too, did serve,
 4. O LORD our God, You heard, and an - swer gave to them;

He sits a - bove the cher - u - bim; let earth be moved!
 In Ja - cob You es - tab - lish law and right - eous - ness.
 and Sam - u - el of them who called Up - on His name.
 You were a God that bore them up - But judged their works!

The LORD in Zi - on rules, and o - ver all is high;
 Ex - alt and cel - e - brate the LORD, Who is our God,
 The LORD re - ceived their cry; He spoke from out the cloud,
 Ex - alt the LORD our God! Bow to His ho - ly hill!

O praise His great and dread - ful name, The Ho - ly One!
 and at His foot - stool wor - ship Him, The Ho - ly One!
 His tes - ti - mo - nies they o - beyed; they kept His laws.
 Be - hold, He is the Ho - ly One, The LORD our God!

- 13 "And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, 'This is your kindness that you should do for me: in every place, wherever we go, say of me, "He is my brother."'"
- 14 Then Abimelech took sheep, oxen, and male and female servants, and gave them to Abraham; and he restored Sarah his wife to him.

- 15 And Abimelech said, "See, my land *is* before you; dwell where it pleases you."
- 16 Then to Sarah he said, "Behold, I have given your brother a thousand *pieces* of silver; indeed this vindicates you before all who *are* with you and before everybody." Thus she was rebuked.
- 17 So Abraham prayed to God; and God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his female servants. Then they bore *children*;
- 18 for the LORD had closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

TUNE: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10.ref.

"Great is Thy Faithfulness "

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

REFRAIN

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -

vid - ed— Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
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Prayer Requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Kawachi 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 19-20.
- Sunday School ends for the summer today. The session wants to send a big thank you to the Sunday School teachers for their dedication and hard work.
- Women's Bible Study: Monday, May 23, 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 you try to avoid anything with peanuts or tree nuts. Thanks for your consideration.

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).

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