



*“Cursed is the ground for your sake;
In toil you shall eat of it all the days
of your life.” - Genesis 3:17b*

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 84:1-2

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

All: *Who is this King of glory?*

Leader: The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle.

All: *Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.*

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

All: *The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.*

*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: CONSTANCE 87.87.D

“Psalm 136”

“I’ve Found a Friend”

1. O thank the LORD, for good is He; His mer-cy lasts for - ev - er.
2. Who in His wis - dom framed the skies; His mer-cy lasts for - ev - er;
3. The moon and stars to rule the night; His mer-cy lasts for - ev - er;
4. Who by His wind the Red Sea clave; His mer-cy lasts for - ev - er;

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Thanks to the God of gods give ye; His mer-cy lasts for - ev - er.
 Who made the earth from wa - ters rise; His mer-cy lasts for - ev - er;
 Who E - gypt's first - born all did smite; His mer-cy lasts for - ev - er;
 Led Is - r'el through the part - ed wave; His mer-cy lasts for - ev - er;

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O prais - es — give the King of — kings; His mer - cy lasts for - ev - er;
 Who placed the — great lights on dis - play; His mer - cy lasts for - ev - er;
 Who freed all — Is - r'el from their charm; His mer - cy lasts for - ev - er;
 O'er Pha - raoh He the Red Sea spread; His mer - cy lasts for - ev - er;

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For He a - lone does won - drous things; His mer - cy lasts for - ev - er.
 The sun to rule the sky by day; His mer - cy lasts for - ev - er.
 With might - y hand and out - stretched arm; His mer - cy lasts for - ev - er;
 Through des - ert wastes His peo - ple led; His mer - cy lasts for - ev - er;

CONFESSON 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 The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions

All: *Lord Most High, I humble myself before you. I am nothing compared to you. I have sinned. I have been deceitful and wicked. I have been an enemy to your law. Yet you have come to help me. Your Son has come to take away my sin. His blood is my peace. His righteousness is my strength. His condemnation is my freedom. His Spirit is my power. Help me to draw strength from your grace. Subdue the evil in my nature. Deliver me from this present evil world. Lift me up through Jesus Christ. Support me in the trials of this life and help me to walk with you in this world. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 51:16-17

Leader: Hear the good news! "For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart -- These, O God, You will not despise."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 3

TUNE: NEW BRITAIN CM

"Amazing Grace"

1. O LORD, how are my foes increased; Against me
 2. You are my shield and glory; LORD; You lifted
 3. I lay down, slept, and woke a gain; The LORD is
 4. A rise, O LORD; Save me, my God; You pu
 5. De li ver ance is from the LORD, Sal va tion

ma - ny rise. How ma - ny say, "In vain for
up my head. I cried out, "LORD!" and from His
keep - ing me. You will not fear ten thou - sand
all my foes. You smite the face of wick - ed
His a - lone! O let Your bles - sing ev - er

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help He on his God re - lies,"
hill To me His an - swer - sped.
men En - trenched sur - round - ing me.
men, their teeth break with your blows.
more Be on Your peo - ple shown!"

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."

PROFESSION OF FAITH

KATHRINE FAIR

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

Psalm 103:1-14

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,

All: Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

Leader: Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

All: The LORD executes righteousness And justice for all who are oppressed.

Leader: He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.

All: The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

Leader: He will not always strive with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever.

All: He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

All: As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Leader: As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him.

All: For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 7:1-23

Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem. ²Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault. ³For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders. ⁴When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, like the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches. ⁵Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?" ⁶He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. ⁷And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' ⁸For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men -- the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do." ⁹He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. ¹⁰For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' ¹¹But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, 'Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban' -- ' (that is, a gift to God), ¹²then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, ¹³making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do." ¹⁴When He had called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear Me, everyone, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man. ¹⁶"If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!" ¹⁷When He had entered a house away from the crowd,

His disciples asked Him concerning the parable. ¹⁸So He said to them, "Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹"because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?" ²⁰And He said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. ²¹"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, ²²thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. ²³"All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2nd Thessalonians 1:1-12

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, ⁴so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, ⁵which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; ⁶since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, ⁷and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, ¹⁰when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed. ¹¹Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power, ¹²that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Hymn of Preparation**

TUNE: PROMISES 11.11.11.9 with Refrain

"Standing on the Promises"

R. Kelso Carter

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Standing on the Promises". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The accompaniment is a simple bass line with quarter notes and chords. Below the staves, there are four lines of lyrics, each corresponding to a different verse of the hymn. The lyrics are: 1. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King, Thro' e - ter - nal a - ges; 2. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail, When the howl-ing storms of; 3. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e - ter - nal-; 4. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall, Lis-t'ning ev - ery mo-ment.



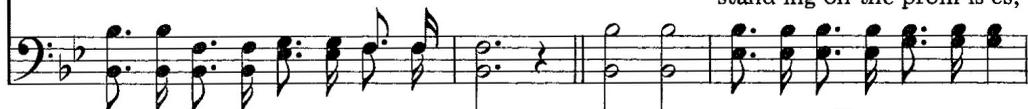
let His prais - es ring; Glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 doubt and fear as - sail, By the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 ly by love's strong cord, O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 to the Spir - it's call, Rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,



Refrain



Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God. Stand - ing, stand - ing,
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es,



Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior; Stand - ing,



stand - ing, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es,



SERMON

- 17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.
- 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.
- 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."
- 20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.
- 21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response*

TUNE: LEOMINSTER S.M.D.

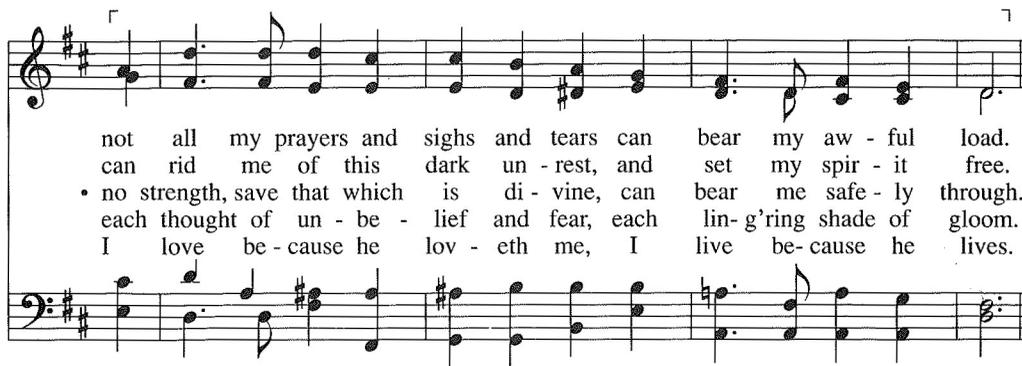
"Not What My Hands Have Done"

Horatius Bonar, 1861; alt.

1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y soul;
2. Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
3. Thy grace a - lone, O God, to me can par - don speak;
4. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di - vine;
5. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;

not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole.
thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace with - in.
• thy pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, can this sore bond - age break.
and with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart, I call this Sav - ior mine.
he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.

Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,
• No oth - er work, save thine, no oth - er blood will do;
His cross dis - pels each doubt; I bur - y in his tomb
'Tis he who sav - eth me, and free - ly par - don gives;



not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
 can rid me of this dark un - rest, and set my spir - it free.
 • no strength, save that which is di - vine, can bear me safe - ly through.
 each thought of un - be - lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.
 I love be - cause he lov - eth me, I live be - cause he lives.

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
- Pray for the upcoming General Assembly of our denomination

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, June 5, at 8 a.m., at the IHOP located at Peach St. and 1-90. If you need more information, please contact Pastor Miller.
- We will be having a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 20 after the morning worship service. At this meeting we will be voting on deacon candidates and voting on the updating of our bylaws.
- We will be celebrating the Lord's supper next Sunday. Please take some time this week to prepare your hearts through prayer and the reading of Scripture.

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 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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