



Worship Bulletin

Dear Ones,

Do you hear the voices, either inside or outside your head, telling you that your work for the Lord is in vain? Do you hear that what you have done is small, weak, and meaningless?

God's people heard that about their work on the wall around Jerusalem.

How do you and I keep that kind of criticism and scoffing from causing us to become so discouraged that the work stops?

Warmly,

Steve

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

Trinity Sunday

Today we reflect on the mystery that God is one God, in three distinct Persons. As the Westminster Shorter Catechism says, "There are three Persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory." God's tri-unity means that these three Persons exist in perfect community. And we, bearing His image, are created by Him for communion with Him and with one another.

Preparation for Worship

Remember & Fight

"The powers of evil fight with terrible intensity a battle that has already been lost, whereas believers by grace fight with humble boldness a battle that has already been won." -*Jack Miller*

"Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you." -*1 John 3:13*

Call to Worship

from Revelation 15:3-4; 1:5-7

Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the ages.

Who will not fear You, O Lord, and bring glory to Your name? For You alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed.

**To Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom of priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.
Amen.**

Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him.

Invocation

Song of Adoration

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

I know that my Redeemer lives--Glory, Hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives--Glory, Hallelujah!...

*Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground--
Glory, Hallelujah!
The dead's alive and the lost is found--
Glory, Hallelujah!*

He lives, He lives, who once was dead--Glory, Hallelujah!
He lives, my everlasting Head--Glory, Hallelujah!...

He lives, to bless me with His love--Glory, Hallelujah!
He lives to plead for me above--Glory, Hallelujah!...

*"I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth."
-Job 19:25*

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Welcome

We are glad you have joined us this morning! If you are "visiting" our church for the first time, we encourage you to send us an email at mail@wepc.org to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church.

The tapestry at the front of the sanctuary has been returned to its many colors during the season of Pentecost. The piece is entitled "[Psalm 148](#)" and was created by a team of WEPC artists.

Presentation of New Members

*Janvier Cubahiro
Evelyne Rusagabandi
Sophia Cubahiro*

Sacrament of Baptism

Sophia Cubahiro

New Testament Reading

John 15:18-21, 15:26-16:3

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me."

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning."

"All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me."

Reflecting on the Lord's Prayer

Adapted from Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 107 (1647)

What do we mean when we conclude the Lord's Prayer with, "for Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen"?

When we conclude, "for Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen"¹ we take our encouragement in prayer from God only,² and in our prayers to praise Him, ascribing Kingdom, power, and glory to Him.³ And in testimony of our desire and assurance to be heard, we say, Amen.⁴

¹ Matt. 6:13; ² Dan 9:4, 7-9, 16-19; ³ I Chron. 29:10-13; ⁴ I Cor. 14:16, Rev. 22:20-21

*But mine is armor for this battle,
Strong enough to last the war;
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore.*

*And mine are keys to Zion city,
Where beside the King I walk;
For there my heart has found its Treasure,
Christ is mine forevermore.
Christ is mine forevermore.
Christ is mine forevermore.*

"Your life is hidden with Christ in God." -Colossians 3:3
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The Ministry of Prayer

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer, Matthew 6:9-13

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For Thine is the Kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Offering

If participation in the offering is part of your weekly worship, please either mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229) or visit our website (www.wepc.org/resources/giving) for online giving options.

Song of Praise

CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

Mine are days that God has numbered;
I was made to walk with Him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings.

*But mine is hope in my Redeemer;
Though I fall, His love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing,
I am His forevermore.*

Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
Darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good.

*But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted;
Christ completes His work in me.*

Mine are days here as a stranger,
Pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name.

Children's Message

Pastor Joe Brown

God the Son Renews Us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 4:1-14

¹ Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he jeered at the Jews. ² And he said in the presence of his brothers and of the army of Samaria, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore it for themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish up in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, and burned ones at that?" ³ Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Yes, what they are building—if a fox goes up on it he will break down their stone wall!" ⁴ Hear, O our God, for we are despised. Turn back their taunt on their own heads and give them up to be plundered in a land where they are captives. ⁵ Do not cover their guilt, and let not their sin be blotted out from your sight, for they have provoked you to anger in the presence of the builders. ⁶ So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work. ⁷ But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem was going forward and that the breaches were beginning to be closed, they were very angry. ⁸ And they all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it. ⁹ And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night. ¹⁰ In Judah it was said, "The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble. By ourselves we will not be able to rebuild the wall." ¹¹ And our enemies said, "They will not know or see till we come among them and kill them and stop the work." ¹² At that time the Jews who lived near them came from all directions and said to us ten times, "You must return to us." ¹³ So in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in open places, I stationed the people by their clans, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. ¹⁴ And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes."

Sermon

Each Sunday, Worship Notes with the Scripture text, study questions, and recordings are posted at www.wepc.org/worship/sermons.

God the Holy Spirit Transforms Us by His Grace

Confession of Sin

Pardon our sins, merciful Lord. We have been slow and superstitious in prayer; this sin leads to so many others. Keep us from withholding true worship from You, which Your glory is due, and which our hearts so urgently need. Wipe out our sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, remembered and forgotten. Grant us power to believe Your blood cleanses us from all sin, Your Spirit leads us in all prayer, Your grace overwhelms all evil, and Your Good News is our sole life and message. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Encouragement

1 Peter 2:23-24

When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art---
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my Light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for my fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight,
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

*"Whatever was gain to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ..." -
Philippians 3:7*

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YOUR GREAT NAME

Lost are saved, find their way
at the sound of Your great Name.
All condemned bear no shame
at the sound of Your great Name.
Every fear has no place
at the sound of Your great Name.
The enemy has to flee,
at the sound of Your great Name...

*Jesus, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us;
Son of God and Man, You are high and lifted up;
That all the world will praise Your great Name;
Your Great Name.*

All the weak find their strength
at the sound of Your great Name.
Hungry souls receive grace
at the sound of Your great Name.
The fatherless find their rest
at the sound of Your great Name.
Sick are healed, dead are raised
at the sound of Your great Name...

*"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow." -Philippians 2:10
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HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
for I will be with you in trouble to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no never forsake!"

*"Fear not, for I have redeemed you..." -Isaiah 43:1
John Rippon's A Selection of Hymns (1787). Tune: FOUNDATION,
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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

*"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD." -Psalm 150:6
Thomas Ken (1709); Tune: "Old 100th", Louis Bourgeois (1551)*

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality." -Romans 12:12-13

Benediction

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon. Worship was led by **Pastor Joe Brown**. **Pastor Kevin Greene**, **Becca Wethered**, **Lori Bowman**, and **Jason Weippert** led this morning's congregational singing. **Pastor Joe Brown** administered today's baptism and gave the Children's Message. **Ross Bruning** and **Chris May** managed today's audio and video live stream.

Q & A with Pastor Steve Shelby

Join Steve this morning after the worship service, as he responds live to some of your text inquiries related to the worship service. We welcome questions related to the sermon, as well as general responses to something that encouraged your heart during the service. We plan on the Q & A lasting approximately 10-15 minutes. Please text **804-608-9372** with your questions and encouragements.

In Jesus' Name Food Pantry Ministry: Volunteers Needed

We are in need of some more volunteers to help with our Food Pantry Ministry that serves on Sundays after the worship service.

If you're interested in joining a family-friendly, front-line ministry, then please consider becoming part of the "In Jesus' Name Food Pantry" family. There are no special skills needed, just a love for Jesus and a willingness to share that love with others. Time commitment involves approximately one Sunday a month for 1-2 hours.

We also have an immediate need for interpreters. Our guests speak a variety of languages including Arabic, Spanish, Dari, Pashto, and others.

Please contact [Jim Black](mailto:jim_black@verizon.net) (jim_black@verizon.net) or [Chris Black](mailto:cs_black@aol.com) (cs_black@aol.com) if you are interested in volunteering.