



## Worship Bulletin

Dear Ones,

Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

Warmly,

Steve

### **God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him**

#### **The Second Sunday after Pentecost: Ordinary Time**

We are now in the season after Pentecost, known as "Ordinary Time." Having celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost, Ordinary Time signals the interim of the Church until Christ comes again in glory. Jesus is faithfully advancing His Kingdom in the power of His Spirit in this season. We anticipate the consummation of all things when Christ comes in His glory as King of all.

#### **Preparation for Worship**

*Sword & Trowel*

"We speak in love, but not in soft words and trimming sentences. We shall not court controversy, but we shall not shun it when the cause of God demands it...We would sound the trumpet, and lead our comrades to the fight. We would ply the trowel with untiring hand for the building up of Jerusalem's dilapidated walls, and wield the sword with vigor and valour for the truth." -*Charles H. Spurgeon*

"All Christians have one great Captain; and He will be in the forefront of every battle. His clear trumpet-call should gather all His servants to His side." -*Alexander Maclaren*

"To a truly envious human being, the success or blessing of another - particularly a rival, and most particularly a close rival - is an affront, a kind of assault...The envier wants to tear down a competitor because *'he hath a daily beauty in his life that makes me ugly.'* The core of envy is the desire to cut somebody down to size, to change the basis of comparison with oneself, to hamstring rivals so that they have to drop out of the race in whatever competition the envier cares about."  
-*Cornelius Plantinga*

#### **Call to Worship**

*I Peter 2:4-6, quoting Isaiah 28:16*

Come to Him, a Living Stone rejected by men  
but in the sight of God chosen and precious,

**You yourselves like living stones  
are being built up as a spiritual house,  
to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices  
acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

For it stands in Scripture:

**"Behold, I am laying in Zion a Stone,  
a Cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame."**

#### **Invocation**

#### **Song of Adoration**

##### **ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING**

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam...

*O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rushing morn in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening find a voice...

All ye ones of tender heart,  
Forgiving others take your part,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care...

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness.  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One...

*"All You have made will praise You, O LORD." -Psalm 145:10*  
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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](mailto: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.*

#### **New Testament Reading**

*II Corinthians 10:3-5*

Though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

## Reflecting on the Lord's Prayer

Adapted from Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 116 (1647)

Why do Christians need to pray?

**Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us.<sup>1</sup> And also because God gives His grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Ps. 50:14-15; 116:12-19; I Thess. 5:16-18; <sup>2</sup> Matt. 7:7-8; Luke 11:9-13

## 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 Quiocassin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229) or visit our website ([www.wepc.org/resources/giving](http://www.wepc.org/resources/giving)) for online giving options.

## Song of Praise

### PASS ME NOT, O GENTLE SAVIOR

Pass me not, O gentle Savior,  
Hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art calling,  
Do not pass me by...

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art calling,  
Do not pass me by.*

Let me at Thy throne of mercy  
Find a sweet relief;  
Kneeling there in deep contrition,  
Help my unbelief....

Trusting only in Thy merit,  
Would I seek Thy face;  
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,  
Save me by Thy grace....

Thou the Spring of all my comfort,  
More than life to me,  
Whom have I on earth beside thee?  
Whom in heaven but Thee?...

*"They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.' And he cried out, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!'" -Luke 18:37-38*  
Fanny Crosby (1868); Tune: PASS ME NOT, William Doane (1870).  
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## God the Son Renews Us through His Word

### Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 4:15-23

<sup>15</sup> When our enemies heard that it was known to us and that God had frustrated their plan, we all returned to the wall, each to his work. <sup>16</sup> From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. And the leaders stood behind the whole house of Judah, <sup>17</sup> who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other. <sup>18</sup> And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me. <sup>19</sup> And I said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "The work is great and widely spread, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another. <sup>20</sup> In the place where you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us."

<sup>21</sup> So we labored at the work, and half of them held the spears from the break of dawn until the stars came out. <sup>22</sup> I also said to the people at that time, "Let every man and his servant pass the night within Jerusalem, that they may be a guard for us by night and may labor by day." <sup>23</sup> So neither I nor my brothers nor my servants nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us took off our clothes; each kept his weapon at his right hand.

### Sermon

Each Sunday, Worship Notes with the Scripture text, study questions, and recordings are posted at [www.wepc.org/worship/sermons](http://www.wepc.org/worship/sermons).

## God the Holy Spirit Transforms Us by His Grace

### Confession of Sin

Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*, "God and Myself"

**Lord God Almighty, Your understanding is unsearchable and infinite, Your arm cannot be bound. Holy is Your wisdom, power, mercy, ways, works. How can I stand before You with my numberless offenses? I have often loved darkness, indulged in vanity, forsaken Your mercy, fled from Your beloved Son, mocked Your providences, flattered You with my prayers, broken Your covenant. It is only in light of Your compassion that I am not consumed. At the Cross may I see the evil of sin, and hate it. May I look on Him whom I pierced, as One slain for me, and by me. May I never despise His death through unbelief. And whatever cross I am required to bear, let me see Jesus suffering mine.**

*Silent Confession of Sin*

### Words of Encouragement

Romans 5:6,8

At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Songs of Response to God's Grace****FOR ALL THE SAINTS**

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia, Allelu!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might,  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their One True Light.

Alleluia, Allelu!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia, Allelu!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.

Alleluia, Allelu!

But, lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on His way.

Alleluia, Allelu!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Allelu-ia!

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses..."*

*-Hebrews 12:1*

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**STREAMS OF LIVING WATER FLOW**

See, from Zion's sacred mountain,  
Streams of Living Water flow.  
God has opened there a Fountain  
That supplies the plains below.

*They are blessed, they are blessed  
Who Its sovereign virtues know. (2x)*

Through ten thousand channels flowing,  
Streams of mercy find their way.  
Life and health and joy bestowing  
Making all around unstained.

*O believer, O believer  
All your sins are washed away. (2x)*

Gladdened by the flowing Treasure,  
All enriching as It goes.  
Lo, the desert smiles with pleasure,  
Buds and blossoms as the rose.

*Every sinner, every sinner  
Sings for joy where'er It flows. (2x)*

Trees of life the banks adorning,  
Yield their fruit to all around.  
Those who eat are saved from mourning,  
Pleasure comes and hopes abound.

*Fair their portion, fair their portion  
Endless Life with glory crowned. (2x)*

*"Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. For the Lamb... will lead them to springs of living water." -Revelation 7:16-18*  
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**LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL**

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest, Thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation, Thy grace has made us strong;  
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

*Lead on, O King! (3x)  
Lead on!*

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper the sweet "amen" of peace.  
For not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;  
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly Kingdom comes...

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted over us, we journey in its light;  
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might...

*"I am the Lord your God... who directs you in the way you should go."*  
*-Isaiah 48:17*

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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

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**Pastor Steve Shelby** preached today's sermon. Worship was led by **Pastor Kevin Greene, Kevin Shaffer, Becca Wethered, and Audrey Snyder** led this morning's congregational singing. **Jeremy D'Errico, Tim Sinclair, and Elder & Youth Ministry Director Tim Cornwell** managed today's audio and video live stream.

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## 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.

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