



Worship Bulletin

Dear Ones,

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

Warmly,

Steve

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Fourth 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

For God & This People

"We cannot love grace into a child, nor mercy into a friend; we cannot love them into heaven...But now the love of Christ, being the love of God, is effectual and fruitful in producing all the good things which He wills unto His beloved. He loves life, grace, and holiness into us; He loves us also into covenant, loves us into heaven." -*John Owen*

Call to Worship

From Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good
and His love endures forever.

**Let those who fear the Lord say
"His love endures forever."**

The Lord is our Strength and our Song;
He has become our Salvation.

**I will give you thanks, for You answered me;
You have become my Salvation.**

The Lord is God, and He has made His light shine upon us.

**You are our God, and we will give You thanks:
You are our God, and we will exalt You.**

Invocation

Song of Adoration

BETTER IS ONE DAY

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty,
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence;
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings...

*Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere*

One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells...

*Better is one day, better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day, better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere.*

*"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere." -Psalm 84:10
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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 to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church.

Presentation of New Members (10:30am)

Derek and Charlotte Gage

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 9:13-19

Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel. But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing these things to secure any such provision. For I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of my ground for boasting. For if I preach the gospel that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them.

Reflecting on the Lord's Prayer

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 118 (1563)

What did God command us to pray for?

**Everything we need, spiritually and physically¹ as
embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord Himself taught us.²**

1 James 1:17; Matt. 6:33; 2 Matthew 6:9-13

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 place your offering in one of offering plates near the rear Sanctuary doors, mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccas Road, Henrico, VA, 23229), or visit our website (www.wepc.org/resources/giving) for online giving options.

Song of Praise

IS HE WORTHY

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do.)
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do.)
But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through? (We do.)
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do.)

Is all creation groaning? (It is) Is a new creation coming? (It is.)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is.)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is.)

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root and the Lamb,
Who died to ransom the slave.
Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.*

Does the Father truly love us? (He does.)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does.)
And does Jesus our Messiah
Hold forever those He loves? (He does.)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does.)

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root and the Lamb
Who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son.
Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is.*

"Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" -Revelation 5:11-12

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God the Son Renews Us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 5:14-19

¹⁴ Moreover, from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year to the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king, twelve years, neither I nor my brothers ate the food allowance of the governor. ¹⁵ The former governors who were before me laid heavy burdens on the people and took from them for their daily ration forty shekels of silver. Even their servants lorded it over the people. But I did not do so, because of the fear of God. ¹⁶ I also persevered in the work on this wall, and we acquired no land, and all my servants were gathered there for the work. ¹⁷ Moreover, there were at my table 150 men, Jews and officials, besides those who came to us from the nations that were around us. ¹⁸ Now what was prepared at my expense for each day was one ox and six choice sheep and birds, and every ten days all kinds of wine in abundance. Yet for all this I did not demand the food allowance of the governor, because the service was too heavy on this people. ¹⁹ Remember for my good, O my God, all that I have done for this people.

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

Responding to Matthew 22:37-39

Our Lord Jesus Christ, You summarized the Law of God when You said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

God of Grace, You love us, but we have not loved You. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, compelled by our own concerns. We have praised what You condemn. Help us to admit our sin, so that as You come to us in mercy we may repent, turn to You, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Encouragement

1 John 4:10

This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

JUST AS I AM

Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, Whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many conflicts, many doubts;
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now, to be Thine and Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

"All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out." -John 6:37

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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 and I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance now and always.
Thou and Thou only be first in my heart,
High King of heaven my Treasure Thou art.

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

"Jesus Christ is all." -Colossians 3:7

Text: 8th century Irish hymn, trans. by Mary Byrne (1905)
Tune: SLANE (trad. Irish melody)

GATHER THEM IN

We wait for you to testify
To hold the kingdoms to account.
Your righteous justice shall not fail
All those who trust in your name.

*You will gather them in,
You will bring, bring them home,
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.*

Sing out, sing out ye daughters of Zion
And Shout aloud O Israel.
Be glad, rejoice with all your heart;
He has removed your punishment.

*He will gather us in,
He will bring, bring us home,
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.*

"At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes," says the LORD. -Zeph. 3:20
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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 Kevin Greene, Trey & Jen Wickham, Randall & Tammy Ingram, Pat Reynolds, and Jason Weippert** led this morning's congregational singing. **Elder Rick McWhorter, Elder and Youth Director Tim Cornwell, and Deacon Tim Andrews** managed today's audio and video live stream. **AJ Anonick** managed the in-house video system.

In the event that an attender of a worship service tests positive for COVID-19, WEPC will contact the Virginia Department of Health and follow the advised protocols for notifying attenders who may have been exposed to the virus.