



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 Sixth 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

So The Wall Was Finished

“By the grace of God, the church must be known simultaneously for its purity of doctrine and the reality of its community...In order to exhibit both simultaneously, we must look moment by moment to the work of Christ, to the work of the Holy Spirit. Spirituality begins to have real meaning in our moment-by-moment lives as we begin to exhibit simultaneously the holiness of God and the love of God.” -Francis Schaffer

“But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you.”
-James 4:6-8

Call to Worship

Psalms 126:1-3, 6. A Song of Ascents.

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

**The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad.**

He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy.

Invocation

Song of Adoration

REJOICE THE LORD IS KING

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore, and triumph evermore...

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

His Kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and Heav'n.
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n, are to our Jesus giv'n...

Rejoice, in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the King, will come,
And take His servants up
To their eternal home, to their eternal home...

“Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice.” -Philippians 4:4
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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. Or, click [HERE](#) for the online version of our “Keeping in Touch” form.

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reflecting on the Lord's Prayer

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 121 (1563)

Why does Jesus teach us to pray to our Father "in heaven"?

The words "in heaven" teach us not to think of God's heavenly majesty as something earthly,¹ and to expect everything needed for body and soul from God's almighty power.²

1 Jer 23:23-24, Acts 17:24-25; 2 Matt 6:25-34, Rom 8:31-32

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

Song of Praise

HOW HIGH AND HOW WIDE

No eye has seen and no ear has heard,
And no mind has ever conceived
The glorious things that You have prepared
For every one who has believed.
You brought us near and You called us Your own,
And made us joint heirs with Your Son...

*How high and how wide,
How deep and how long,
How sweet and how strong is Your love.
How lavish Your grace,
How faithful Your ways,
How great is Your love, O Lord!*

Objects of mercy who should have known wrath,
We're filled with unspeakable joy,
Riches of wisdom, unsearchable wealth,
And the wonder of knowing Your voice.
You are our treasure and our great reward,
Our hope and our glorious King...

"What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived the God has prepared for those who love him." -1 Corinthians 2:9
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God the Son Renews Us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 6:15-7:4

^{6:15} So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. ¹⁶ And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem, for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God. ¹⁷ Moreover, in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and Tobiah's letters came to them. ¹⁸ For many in Judah were bound by oath to him, because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah the son of Arah: and his son Jehohanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah as his wife. ¹⁹ Also they spoke of his good deeds in my presence and reported my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to make me afraid.

^{7:1} Now when the wall had been built and I had set up the doors, and the gatekeepers, the singers, and the Levites had been appointed, ² I gave my brother Hanani and Hananiah the governor of the castle charge over Jerusalem, for he was a more faithful and God-fearing man than many. ³ And I said to them, "Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot. And while they are still standing guard, let them shut and bar the doors. Appoint guards from among the inhabitants of Jerusalem, some at their guard posts and some in front of their own homes." ⁴ The city was wide and large, but the people within it were few, and no houses had been rebuilt.

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

Most merciful God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before You our own sinfulness. We have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted Your power to protect us; we have been obsessed with creating a life of constant pleasure; we have been indifferent to the treasure of heaven; we have neglected Your wise and gracious Law. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Encouragement

1 Peter 2:9-10

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

HELP MY UNBELIEF

I know the Lord is nigh and would but cannot pray;
For Satan meets me when I try
And frights my soul away, and frights my soul away...

*Help my unbelief, Help my unbelief,
Help my unbelief, My help must come from Thee.*

I would but can't repent, though I endeavor oft;
This stony heart can ne'er relent
'Til Jesus makes it soft, 'til Jesus makes it soft.
I would but cannot love, though wooed by love divine,
No arguments have power to move
A soul as base as mine, a soul so base as mine...

I would but cannot rest, in God's most holy will;
I know what He appoints is best
And murmur at it still, I murmur at it still...

"Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, 'I believe; help my unbelief!'" -

Mark 9:24

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JESUS I AM RESTING

Jesus, I am resting, resting, in the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

*Jesus, I am resting, resting, in the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.*

Oh, how great Thy loving kindness, Vaster, broader than the sea!
Oh, how marvelous Thy goodness, lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, Know what wealth of grace is Thine,
Know Thy certainty of promise, and have made it mine.

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art,
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its every need,
Compasseth me round with blessings: Thine is love indeed!

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, Earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting; fill me with Thy grace.

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

-Matthew 11:28

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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)

Pastor Joe Brown preached today's sermon. Worship was led by *Pastor Kevin Greene, Trey Wickham, Jen Wickham, and Pat Reynolds* led this morning's congregational singing. *Elder Rick McWhorter, Chris May, and Chris Scoggins* managed today's audio and video live stream. *Scott Dicken* managed the in-house video system.

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

"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