

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 Seventh 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

God Put It Into My Heart To Assemble

"The thread which binds the whole Bible story together is emphatically not the history of an idea but the history of a people...calling a people to Himself, that they may be with Him and that He may send them forth." -Lesslie Newbigin

"What matters supremely, therefore, is not, in the last analysis, the fact that I know God, but the larger fact which underlies it — the fact that He knows me. I am graven on the palms of His hands. I am never out of His mind. All my knowledge of Him depends on His sustained initiative in knowing me. I know Him, because He first knew me, and continues to know me."

-J.I. Packer

Call to Worship

Psalm 65:1-4

Praise awaits You, our God, in Zion; to You our vows will be fulfilled.

You who answer prayer, to You all people will come.

When we were overwhelmed by sins, You forgave our transgressions.

Blessed are those You choose and bring near to live in Your courts!

We are filled with the good things of Your house, of Your holy temple.

Invocation

Song of Adoration

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, Opened my eyes, let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor.

> And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross. And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross.

"I am the light of the world." -John 8:12 Tim Hughes © 2000 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) Used by permission. CCLI # 708363

Welcome

We are glad you have joined us this morning! If you are visiting our church for the first time, we encourage you to use our online "Keeping in Touch" form to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church.

New Member Presentations

Ethan and Riley Molique

New Testament Reading

Revelation 21:22-27

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Reflecting on the Lord's Prayer

adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 122 (1563)

What do we mean when we pray to our Heavenly Father, "Hallowed be Thy name"?

When we pray to our Heavenly Father, "Hallowed be Thy name", we mean: help us to truly know You, to honor, glorify, and praise You for all Your works and for all that shines forth from them: Your almighty power, wisdom, kindness, justice, mercy, and truth.

And it means, help us to direct all our living—what we think, say, and do—so that Your name will never be blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised.³

1 Jer. 9:23-24, 31:33-34, Matt. 16:17, John 17:3; 2 Ex. 34:5-8, Ps. 145, Jer. 32:16-20, Luke 1:46-55, 68-75, Rom. 11:33-36; 3 Ps. 115:1, Matt. 5:16

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

Song of Praise

JESUS I COME

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come. Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of my sickness into Thy health, Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth, Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come. Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, Out of life's storm and into Thy calm, Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come. Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, Out of despair into raptures above, Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come. Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold, Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." -Matthew 11:28.

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God the Son Renews Us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 7:1-6

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.

⁵ Then my God put it into my heart to assemble the nobles and the officials and the people to be enrolled by genealogy. And I found the book of the genealogy of those who came up at the first, and I found written in it:

⁶ These were the people of the province who came up out of the captivity of those exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried into exile. They returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his town.

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

O Lord, no day of our lives passes that does not prove us guilty in Your sight. Our best services are filthy rags. All things in us call for our rejection. However, all things in Christ plead our acceptance. Grant us to hear Your voice assuring us that by Your stripes we are healed, that You were bruised for our iniquities, that You became sin for us, that we might be robed in Your righteousness and our names written in heaven. Grant that we might walk in newness of life as followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Encouragement

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

LOOK TO JESUS (COME YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED)

Come ye souls by sin afflicted, Bowed with fruitless sorrow down; By the broken law convicted, Through the cross behold the crown. Look to Jesus, look to Jesus; Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy yoke and wear it, Love will make your obedience sweet. Christ will give you strength to bear it While His grace shall guide your feet. Safe to glory, safe to glory, safe to glory, Where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessed are the eyes that see Him,
Blessed the ears that hear His voice,
Blessed are the souls that trust Him,
And in Him alone rejoice.
His commandments, His commandments

His commandments, His commandments, His commandments Then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary, Light to newly opened eyes, Like full springs in deserts dreary Is the rest the cross supplies. All who taste it, all who taste it Shall to rest immortal rise.

Look to Jesus, look to Jesus; look to Jesus; Mercy flows through Him alone.

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." -1 Peter 5:7 Joseph Swain (1792); Tune and add'l Words: ©2013 Kevin Twit. Used by permission. CCLI 708363

O COME TO THE ALTAR

Are you hurting and broken within, Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling. Have you come to the end of yourself? Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.

> O come to the altar, The Father's arms are open wide. Forgiveness was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes. Come today there's no reason to wait. Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy; From the ashes a new life is born.
Jesus is calling.

Oh what a Savior! Isn't he wonderful? Sing alleluia, Christ is risen! Bow down before Him, For He is Lord of all. Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!

"I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow."—Jeremiah 31:13

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HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty; Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide, And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God! Sing with me, how great is our God! And all will see how great, how great, is our God!

Age to age He stands and time is in His hands, Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End. The Godhead three in one; Father, Spirit, Son, The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise! My heart will sing how great is our God!

"Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty." -Psalm 104:1
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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 100", 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. Chris Newlin, Mark & Rebecca Crutcher, and Troy Arnold led this morning's congregational singing. Jay Smith and Tim Sinclair managed today's audio and video live stream. Brian Zollinhofer 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.