

# 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 Tenth 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**

They Found It Written

"Revival is the visitation of God which brings to life Christians who have been sleeping and restores a deep sense of God's near presence and holiness. Thence springs a vivid sense of sin and a profound exercise of heart in repentance, praise, and love, with an evangelistic outflow." -J.I. Packer

"The members of the invisible church have communicated to them in this life the firstfruits of glory with Christ... the sense of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, and hope of glory." -Westminster Larger Catechism, 83

#### Call to Worship

Revelation 7:9-12

I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice,

"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

#### Invocation

# Song of Adoration

# **ROCK OF AGES (WHEN THE DAY SEEMS LONG)**

Rock of Ages, when the day seems long, From this labor and this heartache I have come. The skies will wear out, but You remain the same; Rock of Ages, I praise Your name.

Rock of Ages, You have brought me near. You have poured out Your life-blood, Your love, Your tears, To make this stone heart come alive again. Rock of Ages, forgive my sin.

> Rock of Ages, Rock of Ages, Bind Your children until the kingdom comes; Rock of Ages, Your will be done.

Rock of Ages, when in want or rest, My desperate need for such a Savior I confess. Pull these idols out from my heart's embrace, Rock of Ages, I need Your grace.

Rock of Ages, broken, scorned for me. Who am I that You would die to make me free? To give me glory, You took the death and pain, Rock of Ages, my Offering.

Rock of Ages, "It is done" You cried.
The curtain's torn and I see justice satisfied.
Now write Your mercy on my heart and hands;
Rock of Ages, in faith I stand.

Rock of Ages, my great hope secure, Your promise holds just like an anchor to my soul. Bind Your children with cords of love and grace, Rock of Ages, we give You praise.

"He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken." -Psalm 62:2

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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 use our online "Keeping in Touch" form to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church.

# Gospel Reading

John 7:1-2, 37-39

Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand.

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

# Reflecting on the Lord's Prayer

adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 125 (1563)

What do we mean when we pray to our Heavenly Father, "Give us this day our daily bread"?

When we pray to our Heavenly Father, "Give us this day our daily bread" we mean: Take care of all our physical needs¹ so that we come to know that You are the only Source of everything good² and that neither our work and worry nor Your gifts can do us any good without Your blessing;³ and so help us to give up our trust in creatures and trust in You alone.⁴

1 Ps. 104:27-30, 145:15-16, Matt. 6:25-34; 2 Acts 14:17, 17:25, James 1:17; 3 Deut. 8:3, Ps. 37:16, 127:1-2, I Cor. 15:58; 4 Ps. 55:22, 62; 146, Jer. 17:5-8, Heb. 13:5-6

# 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

#### 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.

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.

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.

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.

"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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# God the Son Renews Us through His Word

# **Scripture Reading**

Nehemiah 8:13-18

<sup>13</sup> On the second day the heads of fathers' houses of all the people, with the priests and the Levites, came together to Ezra the scribe in order to study the words of the Law. 14 And they found it written in the Law that the LORD had commanded by Moses that the people of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month, 15 and that they should proclaim it and publish it in all their towns and in Jerusalem, "Go out to the hills and bring branches of olive, wild olive, myrtle, palm, and other leafy trees to make booths, as it is written." 16 So the people went out and brought them and made booths for themselves, each on his roof, and in their courts and in the courts of the house of God, and in the square at the Water Gate and in the square at the Gate of Ephraim. 17 And all the assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and lived in the booths, for from the days of Jeshua the son of Nun to that day the people of Israel had not done so. And there was very great rejoicing. 18 And day by day, from the first day to the last day, he read from the Book of the Law of God. They kept the feast seven days, and on the eighth day there was a solemn assembly, according to the rule.

#### 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

The Book of Common Prayer

Lord, forgive us our sins against You and our neighbor. You are the Great Physician, giving new life to all who come; but we cling to our familiar sickness. You are the Bridegroom, inviting us to feast on new wine; but we are slow to come to Your table. You said You came not to call the righteous, but sinners. Forgive our pride and unbelief. Lead us to forsake the passing joys of this world, and find the enduring joy of Christ's salvation. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

# Words of Encouragement

Philippians 4:4, Ephesians 1:7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice... In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us.

# Songs of Response to God's Grace

#### **FATHER LONG BEFORE CREATION**

Father, long before creation, Thou hadst chosen us in love, And that love so deep, so moving, Draws us close to Christ above. Still it keeps us, still it keeps us Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, Yet our God is e'er the same.
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children,
Must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story, Is my boasting all the day. Mercy free and never failing Moves my will, directs my way. God so loved us, God so loved us, That His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee We will ever praise Thy love, And our songs will sound unceasing Til we reach our home above. Giving glory, giving glory, To our God and to the Lamb.

"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."—Psalm 90:2
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# **COME LORD AND TARRY NOT (ALL THINGS NEW)**

Come Lord and tarry not, Bring the long looked for day. O why these years of waiting here, These ages of decay?

Come for Thy saints still wait, Daily ascends their sigh. The Spirit and the Bride say come, Does Thou not hear the cry?

> O come and make all things new, Come and make all things new. O come and make all things new, Build up this ruined earth; Come and make all things new.

Come for creation groans, Impatient of Thy stay. Worn out with these long years of ill, These ages of delay.

Come for love waxes cold; Its steps are faint and slow. Faith now is lost in unbelief; Hope's lamp burns dim and low.

"And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." -Revelation 21:5

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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 Director of Neighborhood Outreach, Changjwok Deng. Kevin Shaffer, Mark & Rebecca Crutcher, Becca Wethered and Luke Smith led this morning's congregational singing. Ross Bruning and Elder Tim Cornwell managed today's audio and video live stream. Scott Dicken and Kristin Tetterton 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 virgin