



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 Twelfth 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

Fruits in Keeping with Repentance

"Repentance unto life is a saving grace whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God with full purpose of and endeavor after new obedience."
-*Westminster Shorter Catechism, 87*

"To become that which you are not, you must go a way in which you are not." -*John of the Cross*

"The repentance that accompanies salvation is a continued act, a repentance never to be repented of... The penitent soul never ceases repenting 'til he ceases living. He goes to heaven with the joyful tears of repentance in his eyes." -*Thomas Brooks*

"Godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death."
-*II Corinthians 7:10*

Call to Worship

Jeremiah 31:10, 12-14

Hear the word of the Lord, you nations;
proclaim it in distant coastlands:

**He who scattered Israel will gather them
and will watch over His flock like a shepherd.**

They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion;
they will rejoice in the bounty of the Lord.

**"I will turn their mourning into gladness;
I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.**

I will satisfy the priests with abundance,
and my people will be filled with my bounty,"
declares the Lord.

Invocation

Song of Adoration

ROCK OF AGES

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfil Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy Cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

"That rock was Christ." -I Corinthians 10:4

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

Commissioning (10:30AM)

Rob, Rebecca, Peter, Olivia, & Eleanor Musser
Serving with Serge in Harrow, London, United Kingdom

Gospel Reading

John 3:8-22

"Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked John, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." As the people were in expectation,

and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Reflecting on the Lord's Prayer

adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 127 (1563)

What do we mean when we pray to our Heavenly Father, "lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one"?

When we pray to our Heavenly Father, "lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one" we mean: By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment.¹ Our sworn enemies—the devil,² the world,³ and our own flesh⁴—never stop attacking us. So, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle,⁵ but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.⁶

1 Ps. 103:14-16, John 15:1-5; 2 II Cor. 11:14, Eph. 6:10-13, I Pet. 5:8; 3 John 15:18-21; 4 Rom. 7:23; Gal. 5:17; 5 Matt. 10:19-20, 26:41, Mark 13:33, Rom. 5:3-5; 6 I Cor. 10:13; I Thess. 3:13; 5:23

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

SATISFIED

All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some cool spring,
That I hoped would Quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within...

*Hallelujah! He has found me,
The One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings,
Through His blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the filth around me,
'Til my strength was almost gone,
Longed my soul for something better,
Only still to hunger on...

Poor I was and sought for riches,
Something that would satisfy,
But the dust I gathered 'round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry...

Well of Water ever springing,
Bread of Life so rich and free,
Untold Wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me...

*"He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." -Psalm 107:9
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God the Son Renews Us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 10:1-39

¹ "On the seals are the names of Nehemiah the governor, the son of Hacaliah, Zedekiah, ² Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, ³ Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah, ⁴ Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, ⁵ Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, ⁶ Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, ⁷ Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, ⁸ Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah; these are the priests. ⁹ And the Levites: Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel; ¹⁰ and their brothers, Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, ¹¹ Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah, ¹² Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, ¹³ Hodiah, Bani, Beninu. ¹⁴ The chiefs of the people: Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani, ¹⁵ Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, ¹⁶ Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, ¹⁷ Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur, ¹⁸ Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai, ¹⁹ Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai, ²⁰ Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, ²¹ Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua, ²² Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, ²³ Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub, ²⁴ Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek, ²⁵ Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, ²⁶ Ahiah, Hanan, Anan, ²⁷ Malluch, Harim, Baanah. ²⁸ "The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, and all who have separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Law of God, their wives, their sons, their daughters, all who have knowledge and understanding, ²⁹ join with their brothers, their nobles, and enter into a curse and an oath to walk in God's Law that was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord and his rules and his statutes. ³⁰ We will not give our daughters to the peoples of the land or take their daughters for our sons. ³¹ And if the peoples of the land bring in goods or any grain on the Sabbath day to sell, we will not buy from them on the Sabbath

or on a holy day. And we will forego the crops of the seventh year and the exaction of every debt.

³² "We also take on ourselves the obligation to give yearly a third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God: ³³ for the showbread, the regular grain offering, the regular burnt offering, the Sabbaths, the new moons, the appointed feasts, the holy things, and the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God. ³⁴ We, the priests, the Levites, and the people, have likewise cast lots for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, according to our fathers' houses, at times appointed, year by year, to burn on the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the Law. ³⁵ We obligate ourselves to bring the firstfruits of our ground and the firstfruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the LORD; ³⁶ also to bring to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God, the firstborn of our sons and of our cattle, as it is written in the Law, and the firstborn of our herds and of our flocks; ³⁷ and to bring the first of our dough, and our contributions, the fruit of every tree, the wine and the oil, to the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and to bring to the Levites the tithes from our ground, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all our towns where we labor. ³⁸ And the priest, the son of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive the tithes. And the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes to the house of our God, to the chambers of the storehouse. ³⁹ For the people of Israel and the sons of Levi shall bring the contribution of grain, wine, and oil to the chambers, where the vessels of the sanctuary are, as well as the priests who minister, and the gatekeepers and the singers. We will not neglect the house of our God."

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

Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Encouragement

from Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.

"In His temple all cry, 'Glory!'" -Psalm 29:9

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I SHALL NOT WANT

From the love of my own comfort,
From the fear of having nothing,
From a life of worldly passions,
Deliver me O God.

From the need to be understood,
And from a need to be accepted,
From the fear of being lonely,
Deliver me, O God,
Deliver me, O God...

And I shall not want, no, I shall not want.

When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want.

When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want.

From the fear of serving others,
Oh and from the fear of death or trial,
And from the fear of humility,
Deliver me, O God.
Yes, deliver me, O God...

And I shall not want, no, I shall not want.

When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want.

No I shall not want, no, I shall not want.

When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want.

When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want.

I shall not want, shall not want.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." -Psalm 23:1

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'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
And to take Him at His word.
Just to rest upon His promise,
And to know, "Thus saith the Lord."...

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood.
And in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!...

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease.
Just from Jesus simply taking,
Life and rest, and joy and peace...

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend.
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end...

"I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

-Galatians 2:20

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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

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"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

After the 9 AM service, our Elders are available for prayer in the West Foyer, and at the foot of the Sanctuary stage after the 10:30 AM service.

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon. Worship was led by **Director of Neighborhood Outreach, Changjwok Deng. Pastor Kevin Greene, Becca Wethered, Rick McMahon, Jason Weippert, and Karl Kuder** led this morning's congregational singing. **Ross Bruning and Tim Sinclair** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Brian Zollinhofer** managed the in-house video system.

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