



## 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 Fourteenth 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**

##### *The Joy of Jerusalem Was Heard Far Away*

"And the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away." (Nehemiah 12:43). It was a great day, greater even than these people knew. The reformers had sought to bring the remnant, weak and small though it was numerically, back to a recognition of the deepest truth concerning the national life that, namely, of its relation to God. Their joy that day was the joy of the Lord, and that was indeed their strength." -G. Campbell Morgan

#### **Call to Worship**

##### *Jeremiah 33:9,11*

This city shall be to me a name of joy,  
a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth  
who shall hear of all the good that I do for them.

**"Give thanks to the Lord of hosts,  
for the Lord is good,  
for His steadfast love endures forever!"**

#### **Invocation**

#### **Song of Adoration**

##### **BLESSED BE YOUR NAME**

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow,  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness,  
Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say...

*Blessed be the name of the LORD,  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the LORD,  
Blessed be Your glorious name.*

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's all as it should be,  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering,  
Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say...

You give and take away,  
You give and take away,  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name...

*"Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!"  
-Psalm 113:2*

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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 4:21-26*

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

#### **Reflecting on the Lord's Prayer**

*adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 129 (1563)*

What do we mean when we pray to our Heavenly Father,  
"Amen"?

**When we pray to our Heavenly Father, "Amen" we mean:  
This shall truly and surely be!**

**It is even more sure that God listens to my prayer than that  
I really desire what I pray for.<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Isa. 65:24, II Cor. 1:20, II Tim. 2:13

## 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 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229), or visit our website ([www.wepc.org/resources/giving](http://www.wepc.org/resources/giving)) for online giving options.*

## Song of Praise

### BY THY MERCY

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,  
Bend from Heav'n Thy gracious ear.  
While our waiting souls adore Thee,  
Friend of helpless sinners, hear...

*By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.  
By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

From the depth of nature's blindness,  
From the hardening power of sin,  
From all malice and unkindness,  
From the pride that lurks within...

When the world around is smiling,  
In the time of wealth and ease,  
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,  
In the day of health and peace...

In the solemn hour of dying,  
In the awful judgment day,  
May our souls, on Thee relying,  
Find Thee still our Rock and Stay...

*"Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old." -Psalm 25:6  
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## Children's Message (10:30AM)

Emily Meeks, Director of Children's Ministry

## God the Son Renews Us through His Word

### Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 12:27-47

<sup>27</sup> And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, with thanksgivings and with singing, with cymbals, harps, and lyres. <sup>28</sup> And the sons of the singers gathered together from the district surrounding Jerusalem and from the villages of the Netophathites; <sup>29</sup> also from Beth-gilgal and from the region of Geba and Azmaveth, for the singers had built for themselves villages around Jerusalem. <sup>30</sup> And the priests

and the Levites purified themselves, and they purified the people and the gates and the wall.

<sup>31</sup> Then I brought the leaders of Judah up onto the wall and appointed two great choirs that gave thanks. One went to the south on the wall to the Dung Gate. <sup>32</sup> And after them went Hoshaiah and half of the leaders of Judah, <sup>33</sup> and Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam, <sup>34</sup> Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, and Jeremiah, <sup>35</sup> and certain of the priests' sons with trumpets: Zechariah the son of Jonathan, son of Shemaiah, son of Mattaniah, son of Micaiah, son of Zaccur, son of Asaph; <sup>36</sup> and his relatives, Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah, and Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God. And Ezra the scribe went before them. <sup>37</sup> At the Fountain Gate they went up straight before them by the stairs of the city of David, at the ascent of the wall, above the house of David, to the Water Gate on the east.

<sup>38</sup> The other choir of those who gave thanks went to the north, and I followed them with half of the people, on the wall, above the Tower of the Ovens, to the Broad Wall, <sup>39</sup> and above the Gate of Ephraim, and by the Gate of Yeshanah, and by the Fish Gate and the Tower of Hananel and the Tower of the Hundred, to the Sheep Gate; and they came to a halt at the Gate of the Guard. <sup>40</sup> So both choirs of those who gave thanks stood in the house of God, and I and half of the officials with me; <sup>41</sup> and the priests Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elieonai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets; <sup>42</sup> and Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang with Jezrahiah as their leader. <sup>43</sup> And they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and children also rejoiced. And the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away.

<sup>44</sup> On that day men were appointed over the storerooms, the contributions, the firstfruits, and the tithes, to gather into them the portions required by the Law for the priests and for the Levites according to the fields of the towns, for Judah rejoiced over the priests and the Levites who ministered. <sup>45</sup> And they performed the service of their God and the service of purification, as did the singers and the gatekeepers, according to the command of David and his son Solomon. <sup>46</sup> For long ago in the days of David and Asaph there were directors of the singers, and there were songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. <sup>47</sup> And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah gave the daily portions for the singers and the gatekeepers; and they set apart that which was for the Levites; and the Levites set apart that which was for the sons of Aaron.

## Sermon

Each Sunday, Worship Notes with the Scripture text, study questions, and recordings are posted at [www.wepc.org/worship/sermons](http://www.wepc.org/worship/sermons).

## God the Holy Spirit Transforms Us by His Grace

### Confession of Sin

*adapted from The Valley of Vision, "God and Myself"*

Heavenly Father, loving King, all of our sins are laid bare before Your eyes: We love ourselves, but not those around us. We have nursed anger and envy, and have forsaken Your humility, gentleness, patience, love and unity. We tie our joy to our circumstances, rather than to Your Gospel. We repent of our fruitless wanderings, and ask that You renew us in Jesus Christ. Let us hear Your voice saying: "Awake and rise! His blood is your Peace, His death is your Life, His Spirit is your Power." Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and persuade us that a life lived in Your service is a life of perfect freedom. Amen.

*Silent Confession of Sin*

### Words of Encouragement

*1 Peter 1:3, 8b-9*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### Songs of Response to God's Grace

#### WE FALL DOWN

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus.  
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.

And we cry, "holy, holy, holy."  
And we cry, "holy, holy, holy."  
And we cry, "holy, holy, holy" is the Lamb.

*"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"  
-Revelation 4:8*

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#### IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul...

*It is well (it is well),  
With my soul (with my soul),  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.

*"The peace of God which, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." -Philippians 4:7*  
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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

*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. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Trey & Jen Wickham, Pastor Kevin Greene, and Troy Arnold, led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Rick McWhorter, Chris May, and Jon Greenhill managed today's audio and video live stream. AJ Anonick and Clara Bender managed the in-house video system.*

### Announcements:

#### Outdoor Communion Worship Services

Sundays, Sept 13 & Oct 11, 5 PM, WEPC Side Parking Lot  
[www.wepc.org/outdoorservice](http://www.wepc.org/outdoorservice)

**Yard Groups:** Enrollment now open! [www.wepc.org/yard-groups](http://www.wepc.org/yard-groups)

#### Children's Ministry: Backyard Children's Worship

Sundays, 10:30 AM, beginning Sept 13; RSVP required  
[www.wepc.org/grow/children](http://www.wepc.org/grow/children)

#### Prayer Partners needed for ESL Ministry

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 PM, beginning Sept 15  
Contact: [Heather Glissman](mailto:heatheresl@wepc.org) (heatheresl@wepc.org).

#### Women's Ministry: S.O.W. (Sisters Of WEPC) Together

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM, beginning Oct 7; registration open  
[www.wepc.org/grow/women](http://www.wepc.org/grow/women)

#### Youth Ministry Fall 2020

Community Groups, Sunday Mornings, & Parent Gatherings  
[www.wepc.org/grow/youth](http://www.wepc.org/grow/youth)

#### Men's Ministry: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday

Mondays, 6:00-7:30 PM, beginning Oct 12  
[www.wepc.org/grow/men](http://www.wepc.org/grow/men)

#### Inquirer's Weekend

Join us to learn about our church and church membership.  
[www.wepc.org/inquirersweekend](http://www.wepc.org/inquirersweekend)

#### Volunteers needed for Neighborhood Learning Adventures

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:30-11:30 AM, beginning Sept 15  
Contact: [Bryan and Emily Meeks](mailto:learningadventures@wepc.org) (learningadventures@wepc.org).

#### Food Pantry needs: [www.wepc.org/foodpantry](http://www.wepc.org/foodpantry)

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.