



Order of Worship

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 Sixteenth 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

Believe in the Lord Jesus

"Faith is our act, but not our work; it is an instrument of reception without being a means of merit; it is the work in us of the Holy Spirit, who both evokes it and through it ingrafts us into Christ in such a sense that we know at once the personal relationship of sinner to Savior and disciple to Master and with that the dynamic relationship of resurrection life, communicated through the Spirit's indwelling. So faith takes, and rejoices, and hopes, and loves, and triumphs." -J.I. Packer

Call to Worship

Isaiah 64:3-4

You did awesome things that we did not look for,
You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence.

**Since ancient times no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides You,
who acts on behalf of those who wait for Him.**

Invocation

Song of Adoration

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam...

*O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice...

And all ye ones of tender heart,
Forgiving others take your part,
O sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care...

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One...

"Bless the LORD, all you works of His, in all places of His dominion; Bless the LORD, O my soul!" -Psalm 103:22

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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.

The Ministry of Prayer

Psalm 98. A Psalm.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for He has done marvelous things!

**His right hand and His holy arm
have worked salvation for Him.**

The LORD has made known His salvation;
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!

**Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together
before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth.**

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

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 www.wepc.org/giving for online giving options.

Song of Praise

JESUS PAID IT ALL

I hear the Savior say:
Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all...

*'Cause Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone...

And when before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
Jesus died my soul to save,
My lips shall still repeat...

"And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross." -Colossians 2:13-14

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Ordination & Installation of Officers (10:30AM)

Deacon Ordination & Installation:

Bryan Meeks

Deacon Installation:

Tim Berry
Chris Hennesey
Taylor Miller

Elder Ordination & Installation:

Brian Bassett
Greg Childress
B-J Huff
Tom Krieger
Mike Perzanowski
Kevin Shaffer
Tim Sinclair
Jeff Wrobel

Backyard Children's Worship (10:30 AM)

Children, age 3 through 5th grade, will be dismissed prior to the sermon for an outdoor Bible Lesson, activity, and fellowship on the WEPC playground. Pick-up at the end of the service on the playground. [RSVP required weekly. www.wepc.org/grow/children](http://www.wepc.org/grow/children)

God the Son Renews Us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:11-40

¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

¹⁶ As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." ¹⁸ And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. ²⁰ And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. ²¹ They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. ²³ And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. ²⁴ Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, ²⁶ and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. ³⁴ Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

³⁵ But when it was day, the magistrates sent the police, saying, "Let those men go." ³⁶ And the jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, "The magistrates have sent to let you go.

Therefore come out now and go in peace.”³⁷ But Paul said to them, “They have beaten us publicly, uncondemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and do they now throw us out secretly? No! Let them come themselves and take us out.”³⁸ The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens.³⁹ So they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city.⁴⁰ So they went out of the prison and visited Lydia. And when they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them and departed.

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

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done. You proclaimed the Gospel of God, but we have been slow to repent; forgive our cold hearts. You said the Kingdom was at hand, but we have been slow to trust; forgive our unbelief. You called us to follow You, but we are given to our own way; forgive our rebel lusts. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Encouragement

II Corinthians 5:21

God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

JESUS, THE LORD, MY SAVIOR IS

Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is, my Shepherd and my God,
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss, and I His grace record.

Whate'er I need in Jesus dwells, and there it dwells for me,
'Tis Christ my earthen vessel fills with treasures rich and free...

*Mercy and truth and righteousness
And peace most richly meet,
In Jesus Christ the King of grace,
In Whom I stand complete.*

As through the wilderness I roam, His mercies I'll proclaim.
And when I safely reach my home, I'll still adore His name.

Worthy the Lamb shall be my song, for He for me was slain.
And me with all the heavenly throng shall join and say Amen...

"The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want." -Psalm 23:1
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AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

"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." -Ephesians 2:8-9
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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)

"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. **Kevin Shaffer, Robin Huff, Pat Reynolds, Luke Smith, and Hill Shore** led this morning's congregational singing. **Jay Smith, Andy Becker, Pastor Joe Brown, and Sean & Jesse Winterhalter** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Brian Zollinhofer** managed the in-house video system.

Announcements:

Yard Groups: Enrollment is open!

www.wepc.org/yard-groups

Children's Ministry: Backyard Children's Worship

Sundays, 10:30 AM, [RSVP](#) required weekly

www.wepc.org/grow/children

Youth Ministry Fall 2020

Community Groups, Youth Group, & Parent Gatherings

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Tutoring Ministry: Volunteers needed

Tutors and students meet one-on-one for one hour a week.

www.wepc.org/tutoring

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

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 PM, beginning Oct 7; registration open

www.wepc.org/grow/women

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 PM, through Nov. 11

www.wepc.org/wednesdaynightfellowship

Prayer Partners needed for ESL Ministry

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 PM

Contact: [Heather Glissman](mailto:heatheresl@wepc.org) (heatheresl@wepc.org)

Neighborhood Learning Adventures: Volunteers needed

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:30-11:30 AM

Contact: [Bryan and Emily Meeks](mailto:learningadventures@wepc.org) (learningadventures@wepc.org)

Outdoor Communion Worship Service

Sunday, Oct 11, 5 PM, WEPC Side Parking Lot

www.wepc.org/outdoorservice

Men's Ministry: 2nd Monday

Mondays, 6:00-7:30 PM, beginning Oct 12

www.wepc.org/grow/men

Inquirer's Weekend

Oct. 23-25: Join us to learn about WEPC and church membership.

www.wepc.org/inquirersweekend

Food Pantry needs: 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.