



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 Nineteenth 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

To Completion

"This is the double delight of joy. We enjoy what God has given us, and there is a bond--a knowing smile--that we share with Him as we participate in His joy. True joy comes when we learn to enjoy the things that God enjoys." -Ed Welch

"O God, in Your loving kindness You both begin and finish all good things; grant that as we glory in the beginnings of Your grace, so we may rejoice in its completion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." -Ancient Roman Prayer (440AD)

Call to Worship

Isaiah 51:1-3

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:

**Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.**

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.

**For the LORD comforts Zion;
He comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;**

Joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Invocation

Song of Adoration

Arise My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears.
The bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears.
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

*Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise,
Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise,
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!*

He ever lives above for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead.
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary.
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Don't let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear.
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

"Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them." -Hebrews 7:25
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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 138. Of David.

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing Your praise;

**I bow down toward Your holy temple
and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love
and Your faithfulness,**

For You have exalted above all things
Your name and Your word.

**On the day I called, You answered me;
my strength of soul You increased.**

All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of Your mouth,

**And they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.**

For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly,
but the haughty He knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life;

You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and Your right hand delivers me.

**The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;
Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of Your hands.**

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 Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

"You have been...a refuge for the needy in his distress." -Isaiah 25:4

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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

God the Son Renews Us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:6-8

⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

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

Lutheran Prayer (1536)

**I am a poor sinner, I confess before You, my God and Creator,
that I have grievously sinned against You in many ways, not
only by gross outward sins, but much more through inward
natural blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience,
pride, covetousness, secret envy, hatred, malice, and other
sinful affections which You see in me, my Lord and God,
and which, alas, I cannot always see in myself. I repent of
these, and cry to You for Your mercy, through Your beloved
Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Encouragement

Romans 10:9,13

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved...
For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Songs of Response to God's Grace

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer, and Friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

*You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for.
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace.
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own,
Here in our weakness You find us, falling before Your throne.
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." -Romans 8:26

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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

Our Elders are available for prayer in the West Foyer following both services.

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon. ***Elder B-J Huff*** led worship. ***Pastor Kevin Greene, Lori Bowman, Matthew Mawyer, Troy Arnold, and Hill Shore*** led this morning's congregational singing. ***Elder Gordon Kuhfuss, Deacon Tim Andrews, and Jon Greenhill*** managed today's audio and video live stream. ***Scott Dicken*** managed the in-house video system.

Q & A with Pastor Steve Shelby

Join Steve this morning after the 10:30 AM worship service, as he responds live to some of your text inquiries related to the worship service. We welcome questions related to the sermon, as well as general responses to something that encouraged your heart during the service. We plan on the Q & A lasting approximately 10-15 minutes. Please text **804-608-9372** with your questions and encouragements.

Announcements (listed alphabetically)

Children's Ministry: Backyard Children's Worship

Sundays, 10:30 AM

www.wepc.org/grow/children

ESL Ministry: Prayer Partners needed

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 PM

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

Estudio bíblico en español

Sábado, 6:30-7:30 PM, comienza el 26 de septiembre

www.wepc.org/grow/spanish-bible-study

Food Pantry needs: www.wepc.org/foodpantry

Inquirer's Weekend

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

www.wepc.org/inquirersweekend

Men's Ministry: 2nd Monday

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

www.wepc.org/grow/men

Neighborhood Learning Adventures: Volunteers needed

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

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

Outdoor Communion Worship Service

TONIGHT, 5 PM, WEPC Side Parking Lot (weather permitting)

www.wepc.org/outdoorservice

PCA Mission to North America Disaster Response

Volunteer and donation information

<https://resources.pcamna.org/resource/mna-disaster-response-announcement>

Tutoring Ministry: Volunteers needed

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

www.wepc.org/tutoring

Wednesday Night Fellowship

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

www.wepc.org/wednesdaynightfellowship

WEPC Community Preschool

Pray for the work & safety of the preschool. www.wepc.org/preschool

Interested in being a substitute teacher? Contact: [Casey ZollinHofer](mailto:CaseyZollinHofer@wepc.org)

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

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 PM, through Nov. 18

www.wepc.org/grow/women

Yard Groups: Enrollment is open!

www.wepc.org/yard-groups

Young Singles Fellowship

Monthly fellowship & luncheon on Sunday, October 25

www.wepc.org/grow/adults / [Luncheon Sign Up](http://www.wepc.org/grow/adults)

Youth Ministry Fall 2020

Community Groups, Youth Group, & Parent Gatherings

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

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.