



## Order of Worship

Dear Ones,

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself (Mark 12:30-31).

Warmly,

Steve

### **God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him**

#### **The Twentieth 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**

*Abounding Love*

"The love of Christ, being the love of God, is effectual and fruitful in producing all the good things which He wills unto His beloved. He loves life, grace, and holiness into us; He loves us also into covenant, loves us into heaven." -*John Owen*

"Because I think that we are primarily desiring [creatures] rather than merely thinking things, I also think that what constitutes our ultimate identities— what makes us who we are, the kind of people we are—is what we love." -*James K.A. Smith*

"My song is love unknown; My Savior's love to me. Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be." -*Samuel Crossman*

#### **Call to Worship**

*Revelation 15:3-4; 1:5-7*

Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the ages.

**Who will not fear You, O Lord, and bring glory to Your name?**

For You alone are holy.

**All nations will come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed.**

To Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom of priests to His God and Father,

**To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him.

#### **Invocation**

### **Song of Adoration**

#### **How Great Is Our God**

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice...

*How great is our God!*

*Sing with me, how great is our God!*

*And all will see how great, how great is our God!*

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb...

Name above all names, worthy of all praise!  
My heart will sing, how great is our God!

*"Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty." -Psalm 104:1*

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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 103:1-11. Of David.*

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,  
bless His holy name!

**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,**

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

**Who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

Who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

He made known His ways to Moses,  
His acts to the people of Israel.

**The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He will not always chide, nor will he keep His anger forever.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.

**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 Quiccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229), or visit [www.wepc.org/giving](http://www.wepc.org/giving) for online giving options.

**Song of Praise****My Song Is Love Unknown**

My song is love unknown,  
my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I that for my sake,  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne,  
salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange,  
and none the longed-for Christ would know.  
O, my Friend, my Friend indeed,  
Who at my need His life did spend.

They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they saved,  
the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet steadfast He to suffering goes,  
that He His foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like Thine.  
This is my Friend, in Whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

*"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us." -Romans 5:8*

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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](http://www.wepc.org/grow/children)

**God the Son Renews Us through His Word****Scripture Reading**

*Philippians 1:9-11*

<sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

**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**

based on I Corinthians 13

(After each verse is read, silently meditate on the question that follows.)

**Love is patient.**

(Am I willing to bear with trying people?)

**Love is kind.**

(Am I thinking or acting uncharitably toward anyone?)

**Love is not possessive.**

(Am I manipulative? Do I use people?)

**Love is not boastful or proud.**

(Do I need to be the center of attention?)

**Love is courteous.**

(Am I considerate, thoughtful, warm?)

**Love is not selfish.**

(Am I fixed on my needs and rights?)

**Love is not irritable or bitter.**

(Am I forgiving? Do I keep a record of wrongs?)

**Love delights in truth and righteousness.**

(Am I eager to trust and follow Jesus?)

*Silent Confession of Sin*

**Words of Encouragement**

*I John 4:9-10*

This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

**Songs of Response to God's Grace****How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders,  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..." -John 3:16*  
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**God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him**

God is love, let heav'n adore him;  
 God is love, let earth rejoice;  
 Let creation sing before him,  
 And exalt him with one voice.

God who laid the earth's foundation,  
 God who spread the heavens above,  
 God who breathes through all creation:  
 God is love, eternal love; God is love, eternal love.

God is love; and love enfolds us,  
 All the world in one embrace;  
 With unfailing grasp God holds us,  
 Every child of every race.

And when human hearts are breaking  
 Under sorrow's iron rod,  
 Then we find that self-same aching,  
 Deep within the heart of God, deep within the heart of God.

God is love; and though with blindness  
 Sin afflicts all human life,  
 God's eternal loving kindness  
 Guides us through our earthly strife.

Sin and death and hell shall never  
 O'er us final triumph gain:  
 God is love, so love forever  
 O'er the universe shall reign, o'er the universe shall reign.

*"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." -1 John 4:8*  
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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 100<sup>th</sup>", 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**

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

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***Pastor Steve Shelby*** preached today's sermon. ***Pastor Kevin Greene*** led worship. ***Trey & Jen Wickham, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Pat Reynolds, and Jason Weippert*** led this morning's congregational singing. ***Elder Rick McWhorter, Pastor Joe Brown, and Mike Perzanowski*** managed today's audio and video live stream. ***AJ Anonick*** 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; rain location: WEPC Chapel  
[www.wepc.org/grow/children](http://www.wepc.org/grow/children)

**ESL Ministry: Prayer Partners needed**

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 PM

Contact: [Heather Glissman \(heatheresl@wepc.org\)](mailto: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](http://www.wepc.org/grow/spanish-bible-study)

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

**Inquirer's Weekend**

Oct. 23-25: Join us to learn about WEPC and church membership.  
[www.wepc.org/inquirersweekend](http://www.wepc.org/inquirersweekend)

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

Mondays, 6:00-7:30 PM, Oct 19, 26

[www.wepc.org/grow/men](http://www.wepc.org/grow/men)

**Neighborhood Learning Adventures: Volunteers needed**

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

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

**Outdoor Communion Worship Service**

TONIGHT, 5 PM, WEPC Side Parking Lot

[www.wepc.org/outdoorservice](http://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](http://www.wepc.org/tutoring)

**Wednesday Night Fellowship**

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

[www.wepc.org/wednesdaynightfellowship](http://www.wepc.org/wednesdaynightfellowship)

**WEPC Community Preschool**

Pray for the work & safety of the preschool. [www.wepc.org/preschool](http://www.wepc.org/preschool)

Interested in being a substitute teacher? Contact: [Casey Zollinhofer](mailto:Casey.Zollinhofer@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](http://www.wepc.org/grow/women)

**Yard Groups:** Enrollment is open!

[www.wepc.org/yard-groups](http://www.wepc.org/yard-groups)

**Young Singles Fellowship**

Monthly fellowship & luncheon on Sunday, October 25

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

**Youth Ministry Fall 2020**

Community Groups, Youth Group, & Parent Gatherings

[www.wepc.org/grow/youth](http://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.