



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 Twenty-first 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

Really

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."
-John 12:24

"God typically works through means the world rejects."
-Frank Thielman

"The most beautiful people we have known are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss, and have found their way out of the depths. These persons have an appreciation, a sensitivity, and an understanding of life that fills them with compassion, gentleness, and a deep loving concern. Beautiful people do not just happen." -*Elisabeth Kübler-Ross*

Call to Worship

Isaiah 33:2,5-6

O LORD, be gracious to us; we wait for You.

Be our Arm every morning, our Salvation in the time of trouble.

The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high.

He will fill Zion with justice and righteousness.

He will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge.

The fear of the LORD is Zion's treasure.

Invocation

Song of Adoration

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence, my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance now and always.
Thou and Thou only be first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun.
Heart of my own heart whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

"Jesus Christ is all." -Colossians 3:7

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

The Ministry of Prayer

Psalms 27. Of David.

The LORD is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the Stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

**Though an army encamps against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.

**For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;
He will conceal me under the cover of His tent;
He will lift me high upon a rock.**

And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

**Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!**

You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to You, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."
Hide not Your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,
O You who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the LORD will take me in.
Teach me Your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.

**I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!
Wait for the LORD; be strong,
and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

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**Lord from Sorrows Deep I Call**

Lord, from sorrows deep I call, when my hope is shaken;
Torn and ruined from the fall, hear my desperation.
For so long I've pled and prayed, "God, come to my rescue!"
Even so, the thorn remains; still my heart will praise You.

Storms within my troubled soul, questions without answers;
On my faith these billows roll, God be now my shelter.
Why are you cast down my soul? Hope in Him who saves you.
When the fires have all grown cold, cause this heart to praise You.

Should my life be torn from me, every worldly pleasure;
When all I possess is grief, God be then my treasure.
Be my vision in the night; be my hope and refuge.
'Til my faith is turned to sight, Lord, my heart will praise You.

*Oh my soul, put your hope in God;
My help, my rock, I will praise Him.
Sing, oh sing, through the raging storm,
You're still my God, my salvation.*

*"And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you." -Psalm 39:7
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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. (In case of inclement weather, Children's Worship will meet in the WEPC Chapel.) www.wepc.org/grow/children

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

Philippians 1:12-14

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

Sermon

Each Sunday, Worship Notes with the Scripture text, study questions, and recordings are posted at www.wepc.org/sermons.

God the Holy Spirit Transforms Us by His Grace**Confession of Sin**

Almighty God, we strive for joy, meaning, and security. We look for it in our work, our relationships, and along every path of life. We despair that our lives are fleeting, we give way to fear, and we make idols of Your good gifts. Father, forgive us. We have not sought first Your Kingdom. We have been blind to Your faithful hand in our world and lives. Lift our eyes to see Jesus, and lead us to glory in His salvation alone. By Your Spirit, grant us faith to trust Your providence, Your provision, Your rule, Your love, and Your redemption. Merciful God, give us joy in the assurance that You are God, and that we are Yours through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Encouragement

Romans 5:6,8

At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly... God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Songs of Response to God's Grace**Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)**

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, thy best, thy heav'nly friend,
Through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end.
Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake,
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

*In You I rest, in You I found my hope;
In You I trust, You never let me go.
I place my life within Your hands alone;
Be still my soul. (Be still my soul; be still my soul)*

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, Love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past;
All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last.

"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." -Psalm 46:10

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Your Labor Is Not In Vain

Your labor is not in vain;
 Though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained.
 Your planting and reaping are never the same,
 But your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown;
 Though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
 The place of your toil may not seem like a home,
 But your labor is not unknown...

*For I am with you, I am with you.
 I am with you, I am with you.
 For I have called you, called you by name,
 Your labor is not in vain.*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit;
 The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth.
 For all that is old will at last be made new:
 The vineyards you plant will bear fruit...

The houses you labored to build
 Will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
 The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed,
 And all that is broken be healed...

*"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." - I Corinthians 15:58
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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

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

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon. **Pastor Kevin Greene** led worship. **Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Pastor Kevin Greene, Erin Bouknight, and Jason Weippert** led this morning's congregational singing. **Elder Gordon Kuhfuss, Elder Tim Sinclair, and Sean & Jesse Winterhalter** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Brian Zollinhofer** and **Luke Farkas** 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

Children's Ministry: First Stop Donut Truck
 Thursday, November 5, 4:30-6:00 PM; *RSVP required*
www.wepc.org/donuts

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

Food Pantry needs: www.wepc.org/foodpantry

Men's Fall Work Day
 Saturday, November 7, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
www.wepc.org/workday

Men's Ministry: 2nd Monday
 Mondays, 6:00-7:30 PM, Oct 26; *RSVP Required*
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)

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: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

Yard Groups: Enrollment is open!
www.wepc.org/yard-groups

Young Singles Fellowship
 Monthly fellowship & luncheon TODAY, Oct. 25
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

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.