

### God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

### The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

In the Christian year, we are now in the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is a time that helps us to remember Jesus as the long awaited Hebrew Messiah and His mission to the nations. Epiphany has a particular focus on Jesus as the Light of the World and "God with us," and the Church's role in proclaiming that Jesus is Lord.

### **Preparation for Worship**

### Righteousness

"How are you righteous before God? Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart."

-- Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 60 (1563)

### Call to Worship

Isaiah 45:21-25

There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me.

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return:

# To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.

Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to Him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against Him.

In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory.

### Invocation

### Song of Adoration

### Jesus I Am Resting, Resting

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul For, by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole...

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart

Oh, how great Thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea Oh, how marvelous Thy goodness, lavished all on me Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine Know Thy certainty of promise, and have made it mine...

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art And Thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its every need Compasseth me round with blessings; Thine is love indeed...

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face Keep me ever trusting, resting; fill me with Thy grace...

"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." Isaiah 26:3 Words: Jean S. Pigott (1876); Music: David B. Hampton ©1998 New Spring Publishing, Inc. Used by permission. CCLI #708363.

### Welcome

We are glad you have joined us this morning! If you are visiting our church for the first time, or are a regular attender or church member, we encourage you to use our online <u>"Keep in Touch"</u> form to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church.

The Ministry of Prayer

Psalm 35:27-28

Let those who delight in my righteousness shout for joy and be glad and say evermore,

"Great is the LORD, who delights in the welfare of His servant!" Then my tongue shall tell of Your righteousness and of Your praise all the day long.

### Offering

If participation in the offering is part of your weekly worship, please place your offering in one of the offering plates near the rear Sanctuary doors, mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229), or visit <u>www.wepc.org/giving</u> for online giving options.

### Song of Praise

The Christian's Hope Can Never Fail

We travel through a barren land With dangers thick on every hand But Jesus guides us through the vale O, the Christian's hope can never fail

Huge sorrows meet us as we go And devils aim to overthrow But vile infernals can't prevail O, the Christian's hope shall never fail

Sometimes we're tempted to despair But Jesus makes us then His care Though numerous foes our souls assail O, the Christian's hope can never fail

We trust upon the sacred word, The oath and promise of the Lord And safely through each tempest sail O, the Christian's hope can never fail

"Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God." Psalm 42:11 Words: George F. Root (1885); Music: Benj Pocta (2004). ©2006 Red Mountain Music. Used by permission.

### Children's Message (10:30 AM) WEPC Children's Ministry Director, Emily Meeks

## God the Son Renews Us through His Word

### Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:9

<sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

### Sermon

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

## God the Holy Spirit Transforms Us by His Grace

### Confession of Sin

Adapted from The Valley of Vision, "God All-Sufficient"

All Your lovingkindness is in Your Son, I bring Him to You in the arms of faith, I urge His saving name as the One who died for me, I plead His blood to pay for my debts of wrong. Accept His worthiness for my unworthiness His sinlessness for my transgression, His purity for my uncleanness, His sincerity for my guile, His truth for my deceits, His meekness for my pride, His constancy for my backslidings, His love for my enmity, His fullness for my emptiness, His faithfulness for my treachery, His obedience for my lawlessness, His glory for my shame, His devotedness for my waywardness, His holy life for my unchaste ways, His righteousness for my dead works, His death for my life. Amen.

Silence

### 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

### Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue Thy free grace alone from the first to the last Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here Sin would reduce me to utter despair But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son All praise to the Spirit Whose whisper divine Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

"You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you." Psalm 86:5 Words: attr. John Stocker (1776); Music: Sandra McCracken. ©2001 Same Old Dress Music (ASCAP). Used by permission. CCLI #708363.

### God Who Saves

There is life in the blood of the Lamb who was slain There is power, there is power in His name There is love pouring out of the wounds that were made Pouring out, pouring over our shame...

So praise the God who saves Praise the God who bled Praise the God who was nailed to a tree And wore our sins upon His head

There is truth in his body, raised that third day There is joy in a stone rolled away There is hope pouring out of the tomb where he lay Pouring out, pouring over the grave... There is life in the blood of the Lamb who was slain There is power, there is power in His name There is love pouring out of the wounds that were made Pouring out, pouring over our shame...

"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Corinthians 5:21. Aaron Senseman © 2001 Stuntman Music. Used by permission. CCLI #708363.

### 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); Public Domain

"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. Elder Kevin Shaffer, Erin Bouknight, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Jamison Taggart, and Gordon Collier led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Gordon Kuhfuss, Deacon Luke Shrader, Elder Tim Sinclair, Sean Winterhalter, and Jesse Winterhalter managed today's audio and video live stream. Scott Dicken managed the in-house video system.

#### Q & A with Pastor Steve

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, the sermon, or general encouragement. We plan on the Q & A lasting approximately 15 minutes. Please text **804-608-9372** with your questions and encouragements.

#### End-of-Year Contribution Statements

WEPC 2020 Giving Statements were emailed on January 15. Please check your email to confirm receipt of this document. If you did not receive one, or if you have questions about your statement, please contact AmyCaroline Wilks.

### Announcements (listed alphabetically)

### Adult Ministry: A Season for Everything

www.wepc.org/book-panel-study Ecclesiastes Livestreamed Panel Discussion and Bible Study Wednesdays through March 3, 7:30-8PM, WEPC website

Children's Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/children Backyard Children's Worship meets today during the 10:30 AM service.

Food Pantry needs www.wepc.org/foodpantry

Men's Ministry <u>www.wepc.org/grow/men</u> March 8, 5:30-7 PM \*RSVP Required\*

Pointing Kids to the Gospel During a Pandemic www.wepc.org/pointingtogospel

Panel Discussion about the issues facing parents, children, & youth during quarantine Feb. 8, 7PM \*RSVP Required\*

Simple English Christian Service <u>www.wepc.org/simpleenglish</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 12 PM, Chapel

Spanish Bible Study <u>www.wepc.org/grow/spanish-bible-study</u> Saturdays, 7-8 PM, Chapel

**Tutoring Interest and Training Meeting Ministry** 

www.wepc.org/tutoring Sunday, February 21, 9AM, Fellowship Hall \*RSVP Required\*

#### Wednesday Night Fellowship

www.wepc.org/wednesdaynightfellowship TRUE: A study of the New Testament letter to Titus Wednesdays through March 3, 6PM, Chapel **\*RSVP Required\*** 

WEPC Community Preschool www.wepc.org/preschool Enrollment is open for 2021-2022!

WEPC Youth Pastor Search <u>www.wepc.org/wepcemployment</u> To apply, please send cover letter, resume, and application (visit link above) by Friday February 26, 2021.

Women's Ministry: SOW Together www.wepc.org/grow/women Winter 2021: Book of Ruth Study continues (study & panel discussion recordings)

#### Wrap Around Ministry

www.wepc.org/outreach/wrap-around-ministry

#### Youth Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Youth Group Parent Gathering meets this Sunday at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Next Youth Group: Feb. 14