God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Sixth 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

Know, Share & Attain

"How surprised we often are when (as we say) life brings its trials to us! But what did we expect? Do we want to be made like Christ or not? Christlikeness must lead to Calvary. We must be ready for—and we cannot hope to avoid—the downward path of the Crucified... For Christ, death preceded resurrection, but for the Christian who sets out to follow the Lord along this path the power of the risen Christ is the first fact of experience... His risen power is made available to strengthen, keep and lead us through."

--Alec Motyer

Call to Worship

1 Peter 4:13, 5:10-11

Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed.

The God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Invocation

Song of Adoration

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word What more can He say than to you He has said To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed For I am your God, and will still give you aid I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters I call you to go The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow For I will be with you in trouble to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie My grace all-sufficient shall be your supply The flame shall not hurt you; I only design Your dross to consume and your gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to its foes
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake I'll never, no never, no never forsake

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you..." Isaiah 43:1 John Rippon's A Selection of Hymns (1787). Tune: FOUNDATION, American Folk melody. Public domain.

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 30. A Psalm of David. A song at the dedication of the temple.

I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name.

For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

By Your favor, O LORD, You made my mountain stand strong;

You hid Your face; I was dismayed.

To You, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise You?
Will it tell of Your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my Helper!"

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

That my glory may sing Your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!

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

Song of Praise

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King Eternal
The day of march has come
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home
Thro' days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong
And now O King eternal
We lift our battle song...

Lead on, O King; lead on, O King Lead on, O King; lead on

Lead on, O King Eternal
Till sin's fierce war shall cease
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet Amen of peace
For not with swords loud clashing
Nor roll of stirring drums
With deeds of love and mercy
The heav'nly kingdom comes...

Lead on, O King Eternal
We follow not with fears
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears
Thy cross is lifted o'er us
We journey in its light
The crown awaits the conquest
Lead on, O God of might...

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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 3:10-11

¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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

Adapted from The Valley of Vision, "The Servant In Battle"

O Lord, I bless You that the issue of the battle between Yourself and Satan has never been uncertain, and will end in victory.

Calvary broke the dragon's head, and I contend with a vanquished foe, who with all his subtlety and strength has already been overcome.

When I feel the serpent at my heel may I remember Him whose heel was bruised, but who, when bruised, broke the devil's head. My soul with inward joy extols the Mighty Conqueror. Heal me of any wounds received in the great conflict; If I have gathered filth, if my faith has suffered damage, if my hope is less than bright, if my love is not fervent, if some creature-comfort occupies my heart, if my soul sinks under pressure of the fight. O Lord, whose every promise is balm, every touch life, draw near to Your weary warrior, refresh me, that I may rise again to wage the strife, and never tire until my enemy is trodden down. Give me such fellowship with You that I may defy Satan, unbelief, the flesh, the world, with delight that comes not from a creature, and which a creature cannot mar. Give me a draught of the eternal fountain that lies in Your immutable, everlasting love and decree. Then shall my hand never weaken, my feet never stumble, my sword never rest, my shield never rust, my helmet never shatter, my breastplate never fall,

Silence

Words of Encouragement

I Peter 2:24

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

as my strength rests in the power of Your might.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

Your Great Name

Lost are saved, find their way
At the sound of Your great name
All condemned feel no shame
At the sound of Your great name
Ev'ry fear has no place
At the sound of Your great name
The enemy, he has to leave
At the sound of Your great name...

Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us The Son of God and man You are high and lifted up And all the world will praise Your great Name

All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great name
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great name
The fatherless find their rest
At the sound of Your great name
Sick are healed, the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great Name...

"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." Philippians 2:10
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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...

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 Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | Jesse Reeves ©2004 Sixsteps Music. 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"", 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. Elder Roger Johnson led worship. Elder Chris Newlin, Robin Huff, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Gordon Collier, and Luke Smith led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Rick McWhorter, Andy Becker, Elder Mike Perzanowski, and Deacon Tim Andrews managed today's audio and video live stream. Clara Bender 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.

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

Lent and Easter Happenings www.wepc.org/lenteaster
Sign up for daily readings, view dates for personal retreats and worship services

Lenten Daily Readings https://www.wepc.org/lentenreadings Begins February 17

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

Simple English Christian Service www.wepc.org/simpleenglish 2nd Sunday of the month (TODAY), 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 www.wepc.org/wepcemployment

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

Current need: child supplies, clothes, & toys (all ages) for WEPC families hosting children

Young Singles www.wepc.org/grow/adults

March 14: Lunch, Worship, & Prayer *RSVP Required*

Youth Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Next Youth Group: TODAY at 10:30 AM