



Order of Worship

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

In the Christian year, we are now in the season of Lent. Lent is a time to ask God to help us confront our own mortality and sinfulness, to ask Him to show us our need for grace, to grow in repentance, and to reflect on the amazing truth of the Church's participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The season of Lent—the period between Ash Wednesday and the Saturday before Easter—lasts 40 days (not including Sundays), reminiscent of the 40 days Jesus fasted in the wilderness.

Preparation for Worship for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Agree in the Lord

"Jesus says that the peacemakers are blessed, because they live in freedom as sons of God. They will see and relate to themselves, their neighbors, and God's world rightly. In the Old Testament, a righteous man who knows God's peace is given to a life of right relationships. Those who are made right with God are therefore committed to putting right all other relationships in life."
—Alec Motyer

"Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another." —1 Thessalonians 4:9

Call to Worship

from Isaiah 35

Be strong, and do not fear!
Your God will come to save you.

**Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.
Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.**

Then will the wilderness rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice and shout for joy.

**And we, the ransomed of the LORD,
will enter with singing.
Everlasting joy will crown our heads.**

Open your eyes and see now the glory of the LORD,
and the splendor of our God.

Invocation

Song of Adoration

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in Thee
I give Thee back the life I owe
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be

O Light that followest all my way
I yield my flickering torch to Thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be

O Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to Thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from Thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

*"The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: 'I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.'" Jeremiah 31:3
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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 "[Keep in Touch](#)" form to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church.

Presentation of New Members (10:30 AM)

Elliott Bassett

The Ministry of Prayer

Psalm 85:1-9. To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

LORD, You were favorable to Your land;
You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**You forgave the iniquity of Your people;
You covered all their sin.**

You withdrew all Your wrath;
You turned from Your hot anger.

**Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away Your indignation toward us!**

Will You be angry with us forever?
Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

**Will You not revive us again,
that Your people may rejoice in You?**

Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us Your salvation.

**Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.**

Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

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

All of Your Ways Are Peace

All of Your ways are peace
All of Your ways are peace
Though we are pressed on ev'ry side
We trust that You are peace

All of Your words are true
All of Your words are true
Though we have heard so many lies
We trust Your words are true

All of Your ways are just
All of Your ways are just
Though we may say it through our tears
We trust that You are just

All of Your ways are peace
All of Your ways are peace
All of Your ways are peace

*"He is the Rock...and all His ways are just." Deuteronomy 32:4
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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. (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 4:2-5

² I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³ Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;

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

Heavenly Father, through the finished work of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, we have been granted full access to enter into Your presence, to worship you in Spirit and in Truth. Yet, there is a terrible coldness in our hearts, a hardness toward You, a lack of love for our neighbor, a failure to live as brothers and sisters, and an unwillingness to admit our sin and need for You. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Come near, Good Lord, and strengthen us until Christ reigns supreme within us, in every thought, word, and deed. Give us a faith that renews the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens us to You, and always clings to the Cross. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence

Lord Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy upon us



*"Have mercy on me God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions." Psalm 51:1
Becca Wethered, Lent 2021.*

Words of Encouragement

Romans 8:1-2

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul
 What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
 To bear the dreadful curse, for my soul, for my soul
 To bear the dreadful curse, for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing
 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing
 To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM
 While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing
 While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be
 And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on
 And through eternity I'll sing on!

*"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" 1 John 3:1
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All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior all will be well
 Free and changeless is His favor all is well
 Precious is the blood that healed us
 Perfect is the grace that sealed us
 Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
 All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation all will be well
 Ours is such a full salvation all is well
 Happy still in God confiding
 Fruitful if in Christ abiding
 Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
 All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow all will be well
 Faith can sing through days of sorrow all is well
 On our Father's love relying
 Jesus ev'ry need supplying
 Yes, in living and in dying
 All must be well

On our Father's love relying
 Jesus ev'ry need supplying
 Yes, in living or in dying all must be well

*"But God shows His love for us, that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
 Romans 5:8.
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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
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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. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Elder Chris Newlin, Sarah Jurewicz, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Gordon Collier, and Troy Arnold led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Mike Perzanowski and Deacon Chris Scoggins 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.

Announcements (listed alphabetically)

Adult Ministry

Mama Bear Apologetics Book Study

www.wepc.org/grow/adults

Sundays, March 21-May 23, 9:00 AM, Rm. 29 ***RSVP Required***

A study written for moms looking at how we prepare our kids for the real world and help them challenge cultural lies.

Mid-Week Walk www.wepc.org/grow/adults

Join us for a walk on the James River trails in downtown Richmond.
 Wednesdays, 9 -11 AM

Women's Ministry: SOW Together www.wepc.org/grow/women

Winter 2021: Book of Ruth Study continues (study & panel discussion recordings)

Yard Groups www.wepc.org/yard-groups

Enrollment now OPEN for Spring Yard Groups!

Children's Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/children

Backyard Children's Worship: TODAY, 10:30 AM

Nursery OPEN during 10:30 AM service

Ages birth-2 years old * ***Registration Required***

Food Pantry needs www.wepc.org/foodpantry

Lent and Easter Happenings www.wepc.org/lenteaster

Lenten Daily Readings <https://www.wepc.org/lentenreadings>

Sign up to receive them in your inbox.

Maundy Thursday Service

APRIL 1 | 7PM (In-Person + Livestream) ***RSVP Required***

Good Friday Service

APRIL 2 | 7PM (In-Person + Livestream) ***RSVP Required***

Easter Sunday Service

APRIL 4 | 9AM (In-Person) & 10:30AM (In-Person + Livestream)

Monthly Communion www.wepc.org/monthlycommunion

Second Sunday of the month, both services

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

Simple English Christian Service www.wepc.org/simpleenglish

Second Sunday of the month, 12 PM, Chapel

Spanish Bible Study www.wepc.org/grow/spanish-bible-study

Saturdays, 7-8 PM, Chapel

WEPC Community Preschool www.wepc.org/preschool

Enrollment is open for 2021-2022!

WEPC Pastoral Letter: The Gospel, Race, and Biblical Justice

www.wepc.org/gospelracejustice

Resources for studying and understanding how the Gospel intersects with race and justice.

Wrap Around Ministry

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

Adults needed to babysit during "Foster Parents' Day Out" events on 5/15 and 6/19. Contact wraparound@wepc.org to help.

Youth Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Youth Group: TODAY, 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall