God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Third Sunday of Easter

We are now in the season of Easter—a celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death. Followers of Christ are called to a life of dying to sin, rising to the life of the Spirit, and participating in His reign as the Sovereign Lord. The Church now lives as those who are "risen with Christ," living under His rule.

Preparation for Worship on the Third Sunday of Easter Contentment

"While there is some Biblical truth to the thinking that we should not pursue earthly goods continually, a simple lifestyle alone does not guarantee a contented heart." --William B. Barcley

"A soul that is capable of God can be filled with nothing else but God." -- Jeremiah Burroughs

"But godliness with contentment is great gain." -- I Timothy 6:6

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

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy Weak and wounded, sick and sore Jesus ready stands to save you Full of pity, love and pow'r

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome God's free bounty glorify True belief and true repentance Every Grace that brings you nigh Let not conscience make you linger Nor of fitness fondly dream All the fitness He requireth Is to feel your need of Him

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Lost and ruined by the fall If you tarry till you're better You will never come at all

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy Weak and wounded, sick and sore Jesus ready stands to save you Full of pity, love and pow'r

"Come and take the free gift of the water of life." Revelation 22:17 Joseph Hart (1759); Traditional American melody, Walker's Southern Harmony (1835). 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 37:1-7, 16-17. Of David.

Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!

For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in His way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

Better is the little that the righteous has than the abundance of many wicked.

For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the LORD upholds the righteous.

Offerina

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.

Songs of Praise

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered I was made to walk with Him Yet I look for worldly treasure And forsake the King of kings...

But mine is hope in my Redeemer Though I fall, His love is sure For Christ has paid for every failing I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow Darkness not yet understood Through the valley I must travel Where I see no earthly good...

But mine is peace that flows from heaven And the strength in times of need I know my pain will not be wasted Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger Pilgrim on a narrow way One with Christ I will encounter Harm and hatred for His name...

But mine is armor for this battle Strong enough to last the war And He has said He will deliver Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its Treasure
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore

"Your life is hidden with Christ in God." Colossians 3:3 Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson ©2015 City Alight Music. Used by permission. CCLI #708363.

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 4:10-18

¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me. 14Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

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

Augustine of Hippo (5th century)

Almighty God,
You know our needs before we ask,
and our ignorance in asking:
Set Your servants free
from all anxious thoughts about the future,
give us contentment with Your good gifts,
and confirm our faith
that as we seek Your Kingdom,
You will not let us lack any good thing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Silence

Words of Encouragement

II Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

Nothing to Fear

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you And the depths of the river Shall not overwhelm When you walk through the fire, You will not be burned I am the Lord, I am the Lord...

And there is nothing to fear, nothing to fear There is nothing to fear, nothing to fear For I am with you always

In the depths of your sorrow,
I wept beside you
When you walked through the shadow
I drew you near
And yesterday, today, tomorrow
Always the same
I am the Lord, Iam the Lord...

What can separate you from My perfect love What can separate you from My perfect love What can separate you from My perfect love Do not fear, do not fear, do not fear

"Fear not, for I am with you." Isaiah 41:10 ©2019 Integrity Worship/PG Songs and Hymns/ASCAP. Paul Zach Publishing Designee/ASCAP, Fortunate Fall Music. Used by permission. CCLI #708363.

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; 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

Words: Kathrina Amalia von Schlegel (1752). Music: Jane Laurie Borthwick | Jason Ingram | Jean Sibelius | Kari Jobe |

©2013 Worship Together 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"", 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 at the front of the Sanctuary following the 9AM service and in the West Foyer following the 10:30AM service.

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Elder Chris Newlin, Erin Bouknight, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Donald Smith, Buddy Miner and Deacon Jason Weippert led this morning's congregational singing. Jay Smith, Sean & Jesse Winterhalter, and Elder Tim Sinclair managed today's audio and video live stream. Scott Dicken managed the in-house video system.

The tapestry at the front of the sanctuary is the traditional liturgical color of white for this 50-day season of Easter. The tapestry will return to its many colors during the season of Pentecost. The piece is entitled "Psalm 148," and was created by a team of WEPC artists.

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, through 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.

Mature Adult Singles Fellowship <u>www.wepc.org/MASfellowship</u> 3rd Saturday of every month, 4-5:30 PM

Join us for fellowship, devotional prayer, and an optional dinner.

Mercy Ministry: WEPC Deacon Assistant Training www.wepc.ord/DAtraining

SUN May 2, 12 PM (Fellowship Hall) *RSVP Required*
Are you interested in using your gifts to serve in the church's mercy ministry? Contact: Pastor Kevin Greene, kevin@wepc.org

Mid-Week Walk www.wepc.org/grow/adults Wednesdays, 9 -11 AM

wednesdays, 9 - 11 Alvi

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

Young Singles www.wepc.org/grow/adults

TODAY, May 16, & June 13: Lunch, Worship, & Prayer *RSVP Required*

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

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

Ice Cream Social

Thursday, May 6, 5-6:30 PM

Join us for a neighborhood ice cream truck and fun on the playground!

Nursery OPEN during 10:30 AM service

Ages birth-2 years old * *Registration Required*

Vacation Bible School: Lightspeed Galaxy, July 12-15

Registration now OPEN!

Church Planting

Interested in hearing more about a potential Presbyterian Church in America church plant in Chester, VA? Contact: Pastor Kevin Greene, kevin@wepc.org

Counseling Ministry www.wepc.org/counseling

Group Counseling for Young Women: Tolerating and Regulating Emotions Led by Lara Finnie, WEPC Resident in Counseling

Food Pantry needs www.wepc.org/foodpantry

Missions www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Help Needed for WEPC-supported Missionaries

Church-supported missionaries are coming to Richmond for a home assignment and are in need of supplies for their children.

Please drop donations in the WEPC Office. Questions: AmyCaroline Wilks

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

Good News Can't Lose Running Group

goodnewsrunning@wepc.org

Saturdays at 8 AM; all abilities and speeds welcome.

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 Gospel & Race Panel Discussion

www.wepc.org/gospelracejustice

Thursday, April 22, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Please join is for an evening of thoughtful discussion with members of WEPC, as we consider what it means to let the Gospel inform our understanding of race in our current cultural climate. *RSVP Required*

Wrap Around Ministry

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

Child supplies, babysitting, and temporary housing needed.

Youth Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Sign up for summer camp & RSVP for Youth Group