



Order of Worship

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Fifth 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saints In Christ Jesus

"Therefore we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God." --*Romans 5:1-2*

"So sainthood is characterized then by being separated from sin unto God for holy purposes through faith in Christ. The worship of saints is a godward praise in response to truth and blessing. The fellowship of saints is a loving and non-discriminating mutual care." --*John MacArthur*

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

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is "Love"
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within
upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied

To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God

*"These are they which follow the Lamb... they are without fault before the throne."
Revelation 14:4-6
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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.

The Ministry of Prayer

Psalms 97

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

**Clouds and thick darkness are all around Him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.**

Fire goes before Him
and burns up His adversaries all around.

**His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the LORD of all the earth.

**The heavens proclaim His righteousness,
and all the peoples see His glory.**

All worshipers of images are put to shame,
who make their boast in worthless idols;
worship Him, all you gods!

**Zion hears and is glad,
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,
because of Your judgments, O LORD.**

For You, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
You are exalted far above all gods.

**O you who love the LORD, hate evil!
He preserves the lives of His saints;
He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

**Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to His holy name!**

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.

Songs of Praise

Let Us Be Known

*Por la gloria del Padre
Por la gloria del Jesús
Por la gloria del Espíritu
Que alegría sea nuestra motor*

Qué alegría sea nuestra motor
En cada lugar y corazón canta el Señor
Que de nuestras vidas abundar en esperanza
Qué alegría sea nuestra motor...

*Por la gloria del Padre
Por la gloria del Jesús
Por la gloria del Espíritu
Que alegría sea nuestra motor*

Let us be known by our love
Let every word and every deed honor the Son
Let our light shine in every eye
Let us be known by our love...

*For the glory of the Father
For the glory of the Son
For the glory of the Spirit
Let us be known by our love*

*"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God." – 1 John 4:7
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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*

Children's Message (10:30 AM)

WEPC Children's Ministry Director, Emily Meeks

God the Son Renews Us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:20-23

²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. ²¹Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²²All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household. ²³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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, You are full of grace and truth, but our faith is weak and we have not understood Your sovereign rule in our lives. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns instead of submitting to Your Word. We have sought our own glory instead of obeying Your Law. We have not waited to find Your will for us. We have been given to the fear of man, and rocked by uncertainty. We have not noticed the needs of others around us. We have not trusted Your favor. Father, forgive us for our sins against You. Lord Jesus, lead us to follow you as Lord. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that Your good hand might be upon us. Amen.

Silence

Words of Encouragement

From Revelation 1:4-6

Grace to you and peace... from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed...

*My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me
And like a flood, His mercy rains
Unending love, amazing grace*

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine...

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Ephesians 2:8-9
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My Hope Is Built (The Solid Rock)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name...

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil...

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay...

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne...

*"The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."
Psalm 18:2*

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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 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. ***Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Robin Huff, Grace & Stanton Coman, Deacon Karl Kuder, and Troy Arnold*** led this morning's congregational singing. ***Andy Becker, Deacon Tim Andrews, and Sean & Jesse Winterhalter*** managed today's audio and video live stream. ***Luke Farkas*** 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

Adult Sunday Community www.wepc.org/sundaycommunity

Sundays, beginning May 16, through the end of the summer
10:30-11:45 AM (Side parking lot)

Join us for a time of fellowship, light breakfast food, and a discussion in response to the morning's sermon. Please bring a chair.

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 www.wepc.org/MASfellowship

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.org/DAtaining

TODAY, 12 PM (Room 21) ***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

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

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

Food Pantry needs www.wepc.org/foodpantry

Missions www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Meet WEPC's Missionaries in Residence*

SUN May 16, 12-12:30 PM. WEPC Chapel: Come and be introduced via video to WEPC's Summer 2021 Missionaries in Residence! This brief 30 minute gathering hosted by the WEPC Mission Team will introduce you to this family & their ministry. [*RSVP Required*](#)

**When our Missionaries in Residence come to Richmond this summer, they will be in need of some items for their two young children. Visit wepc.org/outreach/missions to view the list.*

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

Wrap Around Ministry

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

Child supplies and babysitting needed.

Youth Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Parent Gathering: TODAY@10:30 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Check out our [Summer 2021 Events Calendar!](#)

Head Start: Wisdom for Life

(For rising and graduating high school seniors) [*RSVP to Sarah*](#)

The Landing Summer Camp: [Sign up now!](#)