



Order of Worship

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost: *Ordinary Time*

We are now in the season after Pentecost, known as "Ordinary Time." Having celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost, Ordinary Time signals the interim of the Church until Christ comes again in glory. Jesus is faithfully advancing His Kingdom in the power of His Spirit in this season. We anticipate the consummation of all things when Christ comes in His glory as King of all.

Prelude

Medley by Ludivicio Einaudi

Preparation for Worship

The Pattern of Love

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." --*John 15:12-13*

"Jonah's whole problem was the same as ours: a conviction that if we fully surrender our will to God, he will not be committed to our good and joy. But here is the ultimate proof that this deeply rooted belief is a lie. A God who substitutes himself for us and suffers so that we may go free is a God you can trust. Jonah mistrusted the goodness of God, but he didn't know about the cross. What's our excuse?" --*Tim Keller*

Call to Worship

Matthew 16:24-26

Jesus told his disciples,

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

Song of Adoration

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (The Wonderful Cross)

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown...

*O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name*

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all...

*"But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." Galatians 6:14
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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.

Deacon Assistant Commissioning (10:30AM)

Steve Archibald, Cyndy Brown, Beth Childress,
Matt Hill, Jason Smith

Gospel Reading

Matthew 12:38-42

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here."

Words of Encouragement

I John 4:9-10

This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

*"I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." Philippians 3:8
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Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and 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 of 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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We Are Not Overcome

Flesh will fail, and bones will break
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake
Night will fall, the light will fade
The Lord will give and take away...

*Because of His great love
We are not overcome
Because of His great love
We are not overcome*

Put no trust in the earth
In the sod you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust,
The Lord will make a place for us...

Have no fear for your life
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek
Bear the yoke of love and death
The Lord will give life and breath....

*"Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed" Lamentations 3:22
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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. Elder & Neighborhood Outreach Director Changjwok Deng led worship. Mark Crutcher, Georgia Collier, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Hill Shore, Jamison Taggart, and Luke Smith led this morning's congregational singing. Prelude music provided by Eliza Sweeney. Elder Rick McWhorter, Owen Wilcox, Deacon Tim Andrews, and Sean & 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.

Announcements

Adult Ministry

Adult Sunday School www.wepec.org/grow/adults

Begins September 12 / 9:00 AM / Library

Discipleship Podcast www.wepec.org/adults

A Study of the Book of Acts

Episodes post every Friday through September 30

Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

www.wepec.org/MASfellowship

Next Meeting: September 18 / 4-5:30 PM

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

Backyard Children's Worship: 10:30 AM

Nursery: 10:30 AM

Food Pantry needs www.wepec.org/foodpantry

Missions www.wepec.org/outreach/missions

STEP Back to School Drive

Help one of our supported missions with school donations!

Drop donations by Aug 23 in WEPC Office. Click [HERE](#) for a suggested list of school donations

Haiti Relief

See our missions' partner [MTW](#) for opportunities to give & support those affected by the Haiti earthquakes.

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry www.wepec.org/neighborhood

Simple English Christian Service www.wepec.org/simpleenglish

Second Sunday of every month / 12 PM / Chapel

Women's Ministry www.wepec.org/grow/women

Wellspring & Restore: Fall 2021 / [Register now!](#)

Worship Arts Ministry wepec.org/prayerworshipnight

Prayer & Worship Night: Wednesday, September 1 / WEPC Courtyard

Youth Ministry www.wepec.org/grow/youth

Youth Group: 10:30 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Check out our [Upcoming Events!](#)

- **Bingo Night:** Wednesday Aug 25 / 7-9PM
- **Lip-Sync Battle:** Friday Aug 27 / 7-9PM
- **Students & Parents Summer Recap:** Sunday Aug 29 / 10:30AM

General Information

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 8/15/21):

Operating gifts YTD: \$ 258,661.20

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$ 266,313.73

% of expected budget received: 97.13%

Leading the Way

The leadership of WEPC hopes to have most of the church's regular programs back up and running by the Fall. We need one another and we need your help. Fill out our [Member Service Survey](#) here and visit [Leading the Way | West End Presbyterian Church \(wepec.org\)](#) (see QR code) for more information.



Elder & Deacon Nominations

Members wishing to nominate a man for elder or deacon, please read 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 for the Biblical qualifications for these offices. Notify your nominee and then send his name, in writing, to either ann@wepec.org or steve@wepec.org by August 31.

Counseling

Lara Finnie, WEPC's Resident in Counseling, is available by appointment. Visit [Abiding Branches](#) for more information.

WEPC Community Preschool is hiring!

The preschool has assistant and teacher positions open for the 2021-2022 school year. Please contact our Preschool Director, [Casey Zollinhofer](#), for more information.