



# Order of Worship

## God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

### The Seventeenth 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.

### Preparation for Worship

#### *Compassion*

"Do you know what Jesus does with those who squander His mercy? He pours out more mercy. God is rich in mercy...Whether we have been sinned against or sinned ourselves into misery, the Bible says that God is not tightfisted with mercy but openhanded, not frugal but lavish, not poor but rich." --*Dane Ortlund*

"Lord, why is this," I trembling cried,  
 "Wilt thou pursue thy worm to death?"  
 "Tis in this way," the Lord replied,  
 "I answer prayer for grace and faith.

These inward trials I employ,  
 From self, and pride, to set thee free;  
 And break thy schemes of earthly joy,  
 That thou may'st find thy all in me."  
 --*John Newton*

### Call to Worship

#### *Psalms 145:8-13*

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**The LORD is good to all and His mercy is over all that He has made.**

All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You!

**They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power, to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures through all generations.

## Song of Adoration

### Come Thou Fount

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing  
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
 Streams of mercy, never ceasing  
 Call for songs of loudest praise  
 Teach me some melodious sonnet  
 Sung by flaming tongues above  
 Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it  
 Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
 Here by Thy help I've come  
 And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
 Safely to arrive at home  
 Jesus sought me when a stranger  
 Wand'ring from the fold of God  
 He to rescue me from danger  
 Interposed His precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
 Daily I'm constrained to be  
 Let that grace now, like a fetter  
 Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
 Prone to wander, Lord I feel it  
 Prone to leave the God I love  
 Here's my heart, Oh, take and seal it  
 Seal it for Thy courts above

*"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up...He named it Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far has the LORD helped us.'" 1 Samuel 7:12*  
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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 attendee 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.*

## Member Presentation (10:30AM)

Michael Hedden  
 Emilia & Elsie Kum  
 Jesse & Misti Prociuous  
 Pam Wilks

## Covenant Baptisms (10:30AM)

Melanie, Glen, Alvine, Courage, & Happiness Ning

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 19:41-44, 13:34

And when he [Jesus] drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

**The Ministry of Prayer****Prayers of the People**

You hear us call, you hear us call

Abba, Father

You hear us call, you hear us call

Abba, Father

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

*"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you."*

Jeremiah 29:12

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**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](http://www.wepc.org/giving) for online giving options.

**Song of Praise****His Mercy Is More**

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness, new every morn

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more...

What love could remember no wrongs we have done

Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more...

What patience would wait as we constantly roam

What Father, so tender, is calling us home

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more...

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more...

*"You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea." Micah 7:19*

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**Children's Worship (10:30 AM)**

Children, age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, will be dismissed prior to the sermon for a Bible Lesson, activity, and fellowship. Pick up from the Chapel.

[www.wepc.org/grow/children](http://www.wepc.org/grow/children)

**God the Son Renews Us through His Word****Scripture Reading**

Jonah 4:4:11

<sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

<sup>5</sup>Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup>Now the LORD God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." <sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup>And the LORD said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

**Sermon**

Each Sunday, recordings of the sermon are posted at

[www.wepc.org/sermons](http://www.wepc.org/sermons).

**God the Holy Spirit Transforms Us by His Grace****Confession of Sin**

O Lord, we want to see You face to face, awed by Your majesty, greatness and glory, humbled and encouraged by Your great love. Yet there is a coldness in our hearts, a hardness toward You, an unwillingness to admit our sin and need for You. As soon as a good thing comes from Your hand we make an idol of it. As soon as we feel our lack, we craft the same. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Come near and strengthen us until Christ reigns supreme within us, in every thought, word, and deed. Give us a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens us to You, and always clings to the Cross. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence

## Words of Encouragement

Titus 3:3-7

We ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

## Songs of Response to God's Grace

### It Is Well with My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say  
"It is well, it is well with my soul"...

*It is well (it is well)  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate  
And has shed His own blood for my soul...

My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought  
My sin, not in part, but the whole  
Is nailed to the Cross and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul...

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend  
Even so, it is well with my soul....

*"The peace of God... will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"  
Philippians 4:7  
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### Kindness

Open up the skies of mercy  
Rain down the cleansing flood  
Healing waters rise around us  
Hear our cries Lord, let them rise...

*It's Your kindness Lord, that leads us to repentance  
Your favor Lord is our desire  
It's Your beauty Lord, that makes us stand in silence  
And Your love, Your love is better than life*

We believe Your mercy falling  
You turn our hearts back again  
Hear our praises rise to heaven  
Draw us near Lord, meet us here...

*"Your love is better than life." Psalm 63:3  
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### O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
In its fullness over me  
Underneath me, all around me  
Is the current of Thy love  
Leading onward, leading homeward  
To Thy glorious rest above

O the deep, deep love of Jesus  
Spread His praise from shore to shore  
How He loveth, ever loveth  
Changeth never, nevermore  
How He watches o'er His loved ones  
Died to call them all His own  
How for them He intercedeth  
Watcheth o'er them from the throne

O the deep, deep love of Jesus  
Love of every love the best  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing  
'Tis a haven sweet of rest  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus  
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me  
And it lifts me up to glory  
For it lifts me up to Thee

*"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." Ephesians 3:18  
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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. ***Neighborhood Outreach Director Changjwok Deng & Pastor Joe Brown*** led worship. ***Pastor Kevin Greene, Lori Bowman, Sonya Smith, Rick McMahon, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Donald Smith, and Deacon Jason Weippert*** led this morning's congregational singing. ***Ross Bruning, Chris Malak, and Deacon Chris Scoggins*** managed today's audio and video live stream. ***Deacon Brian Zollinhofer & Michael Whitman*** 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.wepc.org/adultss](http://www.wepc.org/adultss)

9:00 AM / Library

**Discipleship Podcast** [www.wepc.org/adults](http://www.wepc.org/adults)

A Study of the Book of Acts

Episodes post every Friday through September 30

### Home Groups

Fall 2021 / [Registration now open!](#)

**Inquirer's Weekend** [www.wepc.org/inqweekend](http://www.wepc.org/inqweekend)

Learn more about WEPC & church membership / Nov. 12-14

### Men's Ministry: Second Monday

[www.wepc.org/grow/men/](http://www.wepc.org/grow/men/)

October 11 / 5:30PM / Side Parking Lot

### Parenting Class: Parenting in Anxious Times

[www.wepc.org/parentingclass](http://www.wepc.org/parentingclass)

Beginning Wed., September 29 / 6-7:30PM / Library

### Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

[www.wepc.org/MASfellowship](http://www.wepc.org/MASfellowship)

Next Meeting: October 16 / 4-5:30PM

### Wednesday Night Fellowship: How Worship Changes Us

[www.wepc.org/worshipclass](http://www.wepc.org/worshipclass)

Beginning Wed. September 29 / 6-7:30PM / Chapel

### Young Singles

[www.wepc.org/youngsingles](http://www.wepc.org/youngsingles)

October 24: Lunch, Worship, & Prayer

(following 2<sup>nd</sup> service)

### Children's Ministry

[www.wepc.org/grow/children](http://www.wepc.org/grow/children)

#### 9 AM

- Nursery (infant-3 years old)--upstairs
- Preschool Quest (4 & 5 years old)--downstairs
- Sunday School (K-5)--downstairs

#### 10:30 AM

- Nursery (infant-3 years old)--upstairs
- Children's Worship (4 years old - 2nd grade)--Chapel

### Food Pantry needs

[www.wepc.org/foodpantry](http://www.wepc.org/foodpantry)

### Missions

[www.wepc.org/outreach/missions/](http://www.wepc.org/outreach/missions/)

#### MTW Missions Conference

October 8-10 / See [MTW's website](#) for information on how to register

### Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

[www.wepc.org/neighborhood](http://www.wepc.org/neighborhood)

#### Simple English Christian Service

[www.wepc.org/simpleenglish](http://www.wepc.org/simpleenglish)

Second Sunday of Each Month / 12PM / Chapel

#### Volunteers Needed!

- Kids Club Adult Volunteer / Tuesdays, 6:15-8PM
- ESL Adult Volunteer / Tuesdays PM or Thursdays AM
- Tutoring Volunteer (K-12) / One hour per week

Contact Neighborhood Outreach Director [Changjwok Deng](#) if interested!

### Women's Ministry

[www.wepc.org/grow/women](http://www.wepc.org/grow/women)

**Fall Kick-off Dinner:** Sep 22 / 6PM / Parking lot

All WEPC women welcome! [RSVP now!](#)

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

### Worship Arts Ministry

[www.wepc.org/prayerworshipnight](http://www.wepc.org/prayerworshipnight)

**Prayer & Worship Night:** Sunday, October 3 / WEPC Courtyard

### Youth Ministry

[www.wepc.org/grow/youth](http://www.wepc.org/grow/youth)

**Youth Sunday School:** Begins Today / 9AM / Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday Night Youth Group:** Beginning Sep 22

- **Middle School:** 6-7:30PM / Gym
- **High School:** 7:30-9PM / Gym

### General Information

#### Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 9/12/21):

Operating gifts YTD: \$ 373,353.78

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$ 413,511.45

% of expected budget received: 90.29%

#### 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 \(wepc.org\)](#) (see QR code) for more information.



#### Counseling

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