



# Order of Worship

## God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

### **The Twenty-third 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**

*Blessed are the Merciful*

"As if [the disciples'] own needs and their own distress were not enough, they take upon themselves the distress and humiliation and sin of others. They have an irresistible love for the down-trodden, the sick, the wretched, the wronged, the outcast and all who are tortured with anxiety. They go out and seek all who are enmeshed in the toils of sin and guilt. No distress too great, no sin too appalling for their pity... God Himself will come down and take upon Himself their sin and shame. He will cover them with His own honor and remove their disgrace. It will be His glory to bear the shame of sinners and to clothe them with His honor. Blessed are the merciful, for they have the Merciful for their Lord."

*--Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

### **Call to Worship**

*Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7. Of David.*

To You, O LORD, I call;  
my Rock, be not deaf to me,  
lest, if You be silent to me,  
I become like those who go down to the pit.

**Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy,  
when I cry to You for help,  
when I lift up my hands  
toward Your most holy sanctuary.**

Blessed be the LORD!  
For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

**The LORD is my Strength and my Shield;  
in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;  
my heart exults,  
and with my song I give thanks to Him.**

### **Song of Adoration**

#### **Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder**

Let us love and sing and wonder  
Let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with His blood (3x)  
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us  
Pitied us when enemies  
Called us by His grace and taught us  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with His blood (3x)  
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord, our strong Salvation  
Holds in view the conqueror's crown  
He, Who washed us with His blood (3x)  
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder, grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is  
Justice smiles and asks no more  
He, Who washed us with His blood (3x)  
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky  
You have washed us with Your blood (3x)  
You are worthy Lamb of God

*"To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood... to Him be glory and power for ever and ever!" Revelation 1:5-6  
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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 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.*

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 63:7-9*

I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,  
the praises of the LORD,  
according to all that the LORD has granted us,  
and the great goodness to the house of Israel  
that He has granted them according to His compassion,  
according to the abundance of His steadfast love.  
For He said, "Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely."  
And He became their Savior.  
In all their affliction He was afflicted,  
and the angel of His presence saved them;  
in His love and in His pity He redeemed them;  
He lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

### **The Ministry of Prayer**

## Declaration of Faith

*The Nicene Creed, Council of Nicaea, 325AD*

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth  
of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both  
the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified; who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## 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

### **Blessed Are the Merciful**

Blessed are the merciful  
Blessed are the merciful  
Blessed are the merciful  
For they shall receive  
Mercy, mercy

Forgive us as we forgive  
Those who sin against us  
Forgive us as we forgive  
Those who sin against us

Lord, have mercy on us  
Show Your mercy through us  
Lord, have mercy on us  
Show Your mercy through us  
Lord, have mercy on us  
Show Your mercy through us  
Mercy, mercy

*"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." Matthew 5:7  
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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)

## Children's Blessing (10:30AM)

Gather round ye children come  
Listen to the old, old Story  
Of the power of death undone  
By an Infant born of glory  
Son of God, Son of Man

*"But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'" Matthew 19:14  
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## God the Son Renews Us through His Word

### Scripture Reading

*Matthew 5:7*

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

### Sermon

*Each Sunday, Worship Notes with the Scripture text, study questions, and recordings of the sermon are posted at [www.wepc.org/worship/sermons-media](http://www.wepc.org/worship/sermons-media)*

## God the Holy Spirit Transforms Us by His Grace

### Confession of Sin

*From the Book of Common Prayer*

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and  
strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too  
much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have  
offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone what  
we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought not  
to have done, and there is no health in us. Yet, good Lord,  
have mercy on us: restore those who repent, according to  
Your promises declared to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. And  
grant, merciful Father, for His sake, that we may live a godly,  
righteous, and obedient life, to the glory of Your holy name.  
Amen.**

*Silence*

### Words of Encouragement

*1 Peter 2:9-10*

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a  
people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the  
excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His  
marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are  
God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have  
received mercy.

## Songs of Response to God's Grace

### Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last  
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair  
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground  
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son  
All praise to the Spirit Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

*"You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you."*

*Psalm 86:5*

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### This Grace

This anchor for my soul  
This everlasting hope  
Your grace on which I stand  
It's where my life begins  
My future held within  
Your grace on which I stand...

*Oh, this grace on which I stand  
It will hold me 'till the end  
Never failing  
Oh, praise the One who rescued me  
Jesus, You will ever be my salvation*

And when I'm on the run  
The road that leads me home  
Your grace on which I stand  
And when I see Your face  
The only claim I'll make  
Your grace on which I stand...

Worthy is the Lamb of God  
Who takes away the sin of the world  
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
To receive all honor and praise...

*Jesus, You will ever be my salvation  
Lord Jesus, You will ever be my salvation*

*"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ."*

*Ephesians 2:4-5*

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### By Thy Mercy

Jesus, Lord of life and glory  
Bend from Heav'n Thy gracious ear  
While our waiting souls adore Thee  
Friend of helpless sinners, hear...

*By Thy mercy, O deliver us  
Good Lord, good Lord  
By Thy mercy, O deliver us  
Good Lord, good Lord*

From the depth of nature's blindness  
From the hardening power of sin  
From all malice and unkindness  
From the pride that lurks within...

In the weary hours of sickness  
In the times of grief and pain  
When we feel our mortal weakness  
When all human help is vain...

In the solemn hour of dying  
In the awful judgment day  
May our souls, on Thee relying  
Find Thee still our Rock and Stay...

*"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:16  
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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. **Elder Kevin Shaffer, Audrey Snyder, Elder Tom Krieger, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Troy Arnold** led this morning's congregational singing. **Deacon Luke Shrader, Chris May, and Aaron Suttan** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Nathan Reid** 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/grow/adults](http://www.wepc.org/grow/adults)

9:00 AM / Library

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

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

**Parenting Class: Parenting in Anxious Times**

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

Wednesdays through Nov 17 / 6-7:30PM / Library

**Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship**

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

Next Meeting: November 20 / 4-5:30PM

**Wednesday Night Fellowship: How Worship Changes Us**

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

Wednesdays through Nov 17 / 6-7:30PM / Chapel

**Women's Ministry** [www.wepc.org/grow/women](http://www.wepc.org/grow/women)

- **Wellspring & Restore Bible Studies:**  
Tuesday AM & Wednesday PM / [Join us!](#)

**Young Singles** [www.wepc.org/grow/adults](http://www.wepc.org/grow/adults)

Dec 5: Lunch, Worship, & Prayer

**Children's Ministry** [www.wepc.org/grow/children](http://www.wepc.org/grow/children)

**Thankful for Jesus & Donuts!** Nov 4 / 4:30-6:30PM / Parking Lot

#### 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

**Wednesdays 6-7:30PM**

- Kids Club

**Food Pantry needs** [www.wepc.org/foodpantry](http://www.wepc.org/foodpantry)

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

#### STEP Christmas Store

Collecting donations of new, unwrapped gifts for children living in Gilpin Court. For more information on suggested items or volunteering, please visit [our website](#). Donations due at WEPC on Sunday, Nov. 28.

**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

**Interested in Welcoming Afghan Immigrants?**

WEPC is forming a team to help welcome & support Afghan immigrants resettling in our community. Contact [Changjwok Deng](#) or [Lori Bowman](#) if interested in hearing more!

### Worship Arts Ministry

**Prayer & Worship Night: Learning to Lament**

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

Sunday, November 7 / 4-5:30PM / WEPC Courtyard

**WrapAround Ministry** [www.wepc.org/wraparound](http://www.wepc.org/wraparound)

#### • Prayer for Orphans

Sunday, November 7 / 9:15AM / Room 20 / Open to all!

#### • Rising to the Challenge: A Foster Care Event

Sunday, November 7 / 6-8PM / West End Assembly of God

Join us for an evening of celebration and encouragement as we hear from author, speaker, and foster/adoptive dad, Jason Johnson! [Register here!](#)

If you'd like to be more involved with WrapAround, a ministry serving foster families and families in crisis, please contact Ali Fogarty at 804.363.2579 or [wraparound@wepc.org](mailto:wraparound@wepc.org).

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

**High School Movie Night** TONIGHT / 7-9PM / Weippert Home

**Thankful for Jesus & Donuts!** Nov 4 / 4:30-6:30PM / Parking Lot

**Friendsgiving** Nov 7 / 6-8PM / Fellowship Hall / [RSVP Here!](#)

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

**Wednesday Night Youth Group**

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

### General Information

**Daylight Savings: Sunday, November 7**

Daylight Savings Time ends on Nov 7! Remember to set your clock BACK one hour.

**Nursery Volunteers Needed**

Contact Children's Ministry Director, [Emily Meeks](#)

**Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 10/24/21):**

Operating gifts YTD: \$ 609,392.22

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$ 627,050.05

% of expected budget received: 97.18%

**Winter Host Families Needed!**

Interested in opening your heart and home to host an orphan from Ukraine this Christmas? Contact [Tracy Scoggins](#) for more information.

**Counseling**

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