



*“Greater love has no one than this,
than to lay down one’s life for his friends.”
-- John 15:13*

THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 24:7-10

Leader: Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is this King of glory?

Leader: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

All: Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is he, this King of glory?

All: The LORD Almighty—He is the King of glory

*Gloria Patri**

GLORIA PATRI (MEINKE)

Irreg. Charles Meineke, 1844

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen, amen.”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION*

*Hymn of Praise**

TUNE: DIADEMATA S.M.D.

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Matthew Bridges, 1851

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef and a bass clef, both in the key of D major (two sharps) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear emphasis on the lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes that support the vocal line.

hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

All: *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 life in the world to come. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 25:4-7, 11

All: "Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD. For Your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my iniquity, for it is great." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Titus 3:3-6

Leader: Hear the good news! "For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

***We ask that for the time being you send your tithe checks by mail to our treasurer*

Psalm 122

TUNE: CWM RHONDA 87.87.877

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

I was glad to hear them saying, "to the LORD'S house let us go."
For our feet will soon be standing In your gates, Jerusalem,
Salem, well constructed city; there assemble all the tribes,
tribes that are Jehovah's own.

This the ordinance for Isr'el, here to thank Jehovah's name.
There are set the thrones of judgment; There is David's house enthroned.
Pray then for the peace of Salem; may they prosper who love you.
Be there peace within your walls.

In your palaces be safety. For the sake of brothers all,
for the sake of my companions, I am saying, "Peace to you!"
For Jehovah's house within you, temple of the LORD our God,
I will ever seek your good.

PASTORAL PRAYER

All: "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

Psalm 97:1-12

Leader: The LORD reigns; Let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad!

All: Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

Leader: A fire goes before Him, And burns up His enemies round about.

All: His lightnings light the world; The earth sees and trembles.

Leader: The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

All: The heavens declare His righteousness, And all the peoples see His glory.

Leader: Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, Who boast of idols. Worship Him, all you gods.

All: Zion hears and is glad, And the daughters of Judah rejoice Because of Your judgments, O LORD.

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

All: You who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.

Leader: Light is sown for the righteous, And gladness for the upright in heart.

All: Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 1:1-19

Now the LORD spoke to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying: ²“Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of names, every male individually, ³“from twenty years old and above -- all who are able to go to war in Israel. You and Aaron shall number them by their armies. ⁴“And with you there shall be a man from every tribe, each one the head of his father’s house. ⁵“These are the names of the men who shall stand with you: from Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur; ⁶“from Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai; ⁷“from Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab; ⁸ “from Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar; ⁹“from Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon; ¹⁰“from the sons of Joseph: from Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud; from Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur; ¹¹“from Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni; ¹²“from Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai; ¹³“from Asher, Pagiel the son of Ocran; ¹⁴“from Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel; ¹⁵“from Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan.” ¹⁶These were chosen from the congregation, leaders of their fathers’ tribes, heads of the divisions in Israel. ¹⁷Then Moses and Aaron took these men who had been mentioned by name, ¹⁸and they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month; and they recited their ancestry by families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, each one individually. ¹⁹As the LORD commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the Wilderness of Sinai.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 10-11:1

Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ²all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. ⁵But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. ⁷And do not become idolaters as *were* some of them. As it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.” ⁸Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; ⁹nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; ¹⁰nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*. Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵I speak as to wise men; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? ¹⁷For we, *though* many, are one bread *and* one body; for we all partake of that

one bread. ¹⁸Observe Israel after the flesh: Are not those who eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? ¹⁹What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything? ²⁰Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. ²¹You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons. ²²Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He? ²³All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify. ²⁴Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's *well-being*. ²⁵Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions for conscience' sake; ²⁶for "the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness." ²⁷If any of those who do not believe invites you *to dinner*, and you desire to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no question for conscience' sake. ²⁸But if anyone says to you, "This was offered to idols," do not eat it for the sake of the one who told you, and for conscience' sake; for "the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness." ²⁹"Conscience," I say, not your own, but that of the other. For why is my liberty judged by another *man's* conscience? ³⁰But if I partake with thanks, why am I evil spoken of for *the food* over which I give thanks? ³¹Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. ³²Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, ³³just as I also please all *men* in all *things*, not seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved. Imitate me, just as I also *imitate* Christ.

Psalm of Preparation*

TUNE: AZMON CM

"Psalm 133"

Based on the Scottish Psalter, 1650

Behold how good a thing it is, and how becoming well,
When those that brethren are delight in unity to dwell.

For it is like the precious oil poured out on Aaron's head,
That, going down upon his beard, upon his garments spread.

Like Hermon's dew upon the hills of Zion that descends,
The LORD commands His blessing there, ev'n life that never ends.

SERMON

John 15:12-17

"Love and Relationships"

Pastor Marc Miller

- ¹² "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
¹³ "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.
¹⁴ "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.
¹⁵ "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.
¹⁶ "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

17 “These things I command you, that you love one another.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**
TUNE: AMAZING GRACE C.M.

“Amazing Grace!”
John Newton, 1779

1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
 3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
 and mortal life shall cease,
 I shall possess within the veil
 a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we've first begun.

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able

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Prayer Requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Knight Family
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our elders
- Pray for those dealing with physical ailments
- Pray for our Nation's leaders
- Pray for God's all sufficient grace to be known in all our lives

Announcements

- The session has decided to cancel the formal church meetings for the time being given the current circumstances. We are planning to livestream the worship service starting at 11 a.m. Sunday mornings until further notice. The livestream link can be found at www.wepca.org. We will still record the sermon and upload it on the website too.
- The session wants to exhort the church family to continue to lift one another up in prayer, check on one another, and if you need anything please call Pastor Marc or one of the elders. This is a great opportunity to show our love for one another in real ways!
- We will be having a prayer meeting over Zoom on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

Gym Volunteers

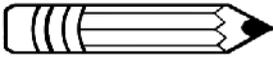
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Nursery/Childcare

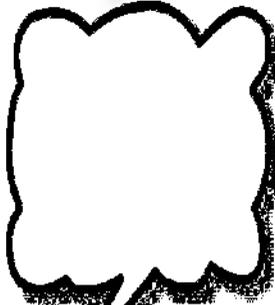
- If at all possible, we want families to worship together. But, at times, it may be necessary, for the orderliness and edification of the church, to utilize the nursery in the library, which is equipped with chairs and a sound system

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

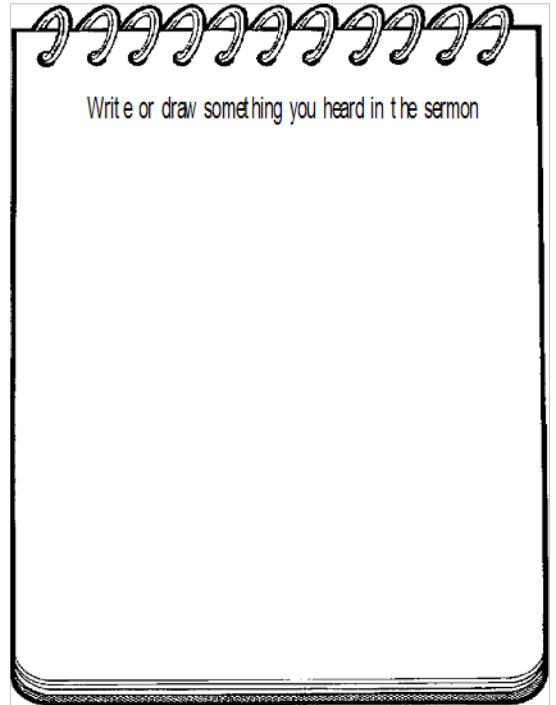
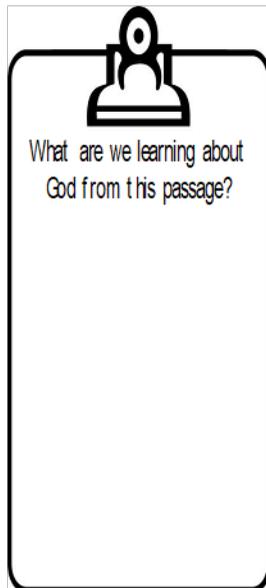
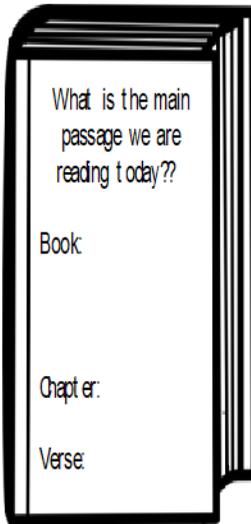
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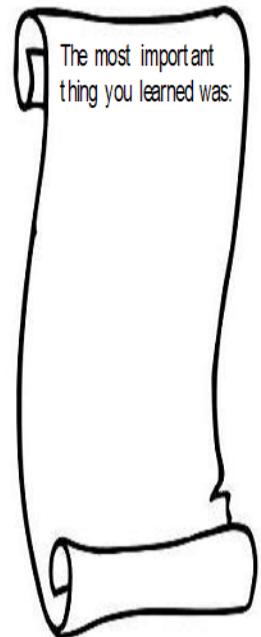
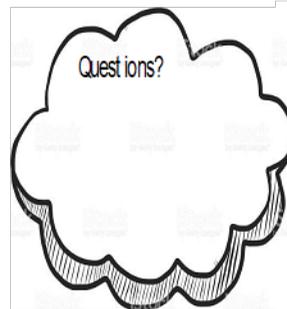
As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Words you heard but don't know...



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon



Favorite song today was:



How does today's message apply to your life?

WELCOME!

If you are visiting our church today we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. There are a few things that we would like you to know about West Erie Presbyterian Church.

- We are Historically Reformed.
 - This means that we believe in the inspired and inerrant Word of God.
 - This means we believe in the absolute sovereignty of God.
 - This means we hold to a covenantal framework of Scripture.
 - This means that we believe that salvation is a free gift of God.
- We are Community Oriented.
 - We seek to share the only hope that this world has: that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - We seek to be a church that is salt and light to the community around us and fulfill the Great Commission.
- We are Confessional.
 - As a Christian church, ancient statements such as the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed help us to confess certain basic and essential truths of the Christian faith.
 - As a Presbyterian church, our confessional or doctrinal standards consist of the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms (copies of these documents are available from the church).
 - All of these statements are under the authority of Scripture.

We thank you for visiting today! If you have any questions regarding our style of worship please feel free to ask the pastor or one of our elders. We would be happy to talk with you. Also, we would ask you to stay after and enjoy the fellowship of our Christian community. West Erie Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org).

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