



*“They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31*

THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

All: The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

Leader: He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,

All: But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint. *Isaiah 40:28-31*

*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 – Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

From Psalm 90, Isaac Watts, 1719 Alt, 1990, mod.

ST. ANNE C.M. Attr. To William Croft, 1678-1727

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Our God, Our Help in Ages Past'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major/D minor) and the time signature is 4/4. Above the treble staff, the following chords are indicated: G, C, F, C, Am, Dm, G, C, Am, Em, Am, D, G. Below the treble staff, the lyrics are written in four lines, corresponding to the four verses of the hymn. The bass staff contains a simple harmonic accompaniment.

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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Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

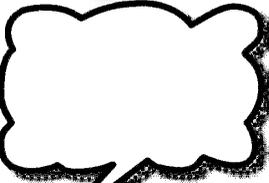


As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.

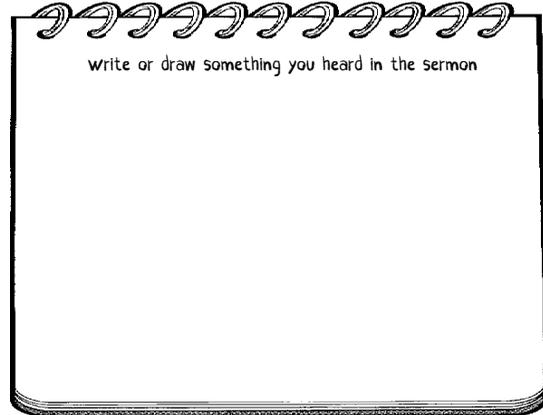
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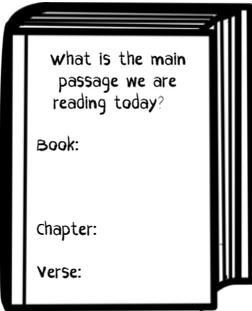
who is speaking?



words you heard but don't know...



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon



What is the main passage we are reading today?

Book: _____

Chapter: _____

Verse: _____



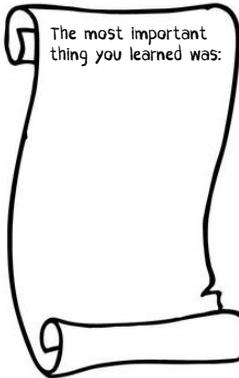
What are we learning about God from this passage?



Questions?



How does today's message apply to your life?



The most important thing you learned was:



Favorite song today was:



5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood,
and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.
7. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

CONFESSON OF FAITH*

All: *"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen." Apostles Creed*

CONFESSON OF SIN

All: *"Holy god, Lord most gracious! Rebuke us not in your anger, nor chasten us in your wrath! Holy you have called us to come to you. We are unworthy, for we have failed you again and again. We feel like running away, yet you keep calling us. Have mercy on us, O God.*

Holy God, Father most gracious! Rebuke us not in your anger, nor chasten us in your wrath! Heal us from our sin, for we are troubled.

Deliver us for the sake of your steadfast love. Our sins trouble us, O God. We are troubled

by how they have hurt others. We are troubled by how they have hurt us. Your ways are right! O righteous God! And whenever we have refused to follow them we have found out how right they are. Have mercy on us, O God.

Holy God, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us for the sake of your Son, who died to free us from our sins. To you be honor and glory!" Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the Good News! "Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. Isaiah 55:6-7

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 3

TUNE: NEW BRITAIN CM ("Amazing Grace")

Based on *Scottish Psalter*, 1650

O LORD, how are my foes increased! Against me many rise.
How many say, "In vain for help He on his God relies!"

I lay down, slept, and woke again The LORD is keeping me.
I will not fear ten thousand men Entrenched surrounding me.

Arise, O LORD! Save me, my God! You punish all my foes.
You smite the face of wicked men, Their teeth break with your blows.

Deliverance is from the LORD, Salvation His alone!
O let Your blessing evermore Be on Your people shown!

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

Leader: The Lord reigns; Let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; Let the earth be moved!

All: *The Lord is great in Zion, And He is high above all the peoples.*

Leader: Let them praise Your great and awesome name-- He is holy.

All: *The King's strength also loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.*

- The school is going through some major renovations which in turn should help us too. It does mean that this summer we will be meeting in the library which is a smaller space. We ask that you please be patient with the construction and the smaller meeting space.
- Pastor Miller will be on vacation the next three weeks. If you need anything please contact any of the ruling elders. We will also be welcoming Rev. Earl Fair to fill the pulpit on July 7 and 14 along with RE Jonathan Moser on July 21.
- We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper next week. Please take some time this week to prepare your hearts through prayer and the reading of Scripture.

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.

In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief,
 With such I has - ten to the place where God, my Sav - ior, shows his face,
 and since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve his Word, and trust his grace.

and oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare, by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.
 and glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.
 I'll cast on him my ev - 'ry care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

Leader: Exalt the Lord our God, And worship at His footstool-- He is holy.

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 Sunday school and our Sunday school teachers

Announcements

- The men of the church are invited to attend a breakfast fellowship to be held the first Saturday of the month. The next one will be on Saturday, August 7, at 8 a.m. at IHOP on West 12th St. For More information see Pastor Miller. Please note what we will taking the month of July off.

All: Moses and Aaron were among His priests, And Samuel was among those who called upon His name; They called upon the Lord, and He answered them.

Leader: He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar; They kept His testimonies and the ordinance He gave them.

All: You answered them, O Lord our God; You were to them God-Who-Forgives, Though You took vengeance on their deeds.

Leader: Exalt the Lord our God, And worship at His holy hill; For the Lord our God is holy. Psalm 99

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."

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear

• Point 2

• Point 3

Hymn of Response – Sweet Hour of Prayer*

William W. Walford, ca. 1842

SWEET HOUR L.M.D., William B. Bradbury, 1859

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Sweet Hour of Prayer'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system includes three verses of lyrics: 1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care, 2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, the joys I feel, the bliss I share 3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear. The second system includes the lyrics: and bids me at my Fa-ther's throne, make all my wants and wish - es known! of those whose anx - ious spir - its burn with strong de - sires for thy re - turn! to him, whose truth and faith - ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless:

SERMON

I Peter 1:13 – 2:3

“The Secret of the New Life”

Rev. Earl Fair

- ¹³ Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;
- ¹⁴ as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;
- ¹⁵ but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,
- ¹⁶ because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."
- ¹⁷ And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;
- ¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,
- ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.
- ²⁰ He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you
- ²¹ who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.
- ²² Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,
- ²³ having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,
- ²⁴ because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away,
- ²⁵ But the word of the Lord endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.
- ¹ Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,
- ² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,
- ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Sermon Notes

- Point 1

God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided." Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son - "blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice." So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba. Genesis 22:1-19

GOSPEL READING

And it happened, as He was alone praying, that His disciples joined Him, and He asked them, saying, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" So they answered and said, "John the Baptist, but some say Elijah; and others say that one of the old prophets has risen again." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God." And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one, saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day." Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels. "But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God." Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" - not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

Luke 9:18-36

Hymn of Preparation* – Holy, Holy, Holy!

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

NICEA 11.12.12.10., John B. Dykes, 1861

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!