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"You say rightly that I am a king."
--John 18:37a*

THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 113:1-3

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, Praise the name of the LORD!

All: *Blessed be the name of the LORD From this time forth and forevermore!*

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its going down The LORD's name *is* to be praised.

*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: DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Charles Wesley, 1746; alt.

1. Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and
5. Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

REFRAIN

joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 • keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
 bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

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

All: O Lord our God, we are reminded of the Divine purpose for the incarnation: that His name was called Jesus because He would save His people from their sins. We are grieved that our condition was so sinful that it required nothing less than the death of the Son of God. We mourn over our fallen natures and our sins that proceed from it. We confess that in our flesh dwells no good thing. We have broken your commandments in thought, word, and deed. We have committed sins of omission and commission. We have been lazy over Heaven's concerns and selfish over our own. Even in our best efforts we find pride and self. "Wretched man that I am. Who will set me free from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord." O Father, we thank You for His birth, His life, His death, His resurrection, and His ascension for sinners like me. In His redeeming name, we ask Your forgiveness and pardon. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 55:6-7

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."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

Psalm 13

TUNE: PASSION CHORALE 76.76.D

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

How long wilt Thou forget me? Shall it forever be?
O LORD, how long neglect me, And hide Thy face from me?
How long my soul take counsel, Thus sad in heart each day?
How long shall foes, exulting, Subject me to their sway?

O LORD, my God, consider, And hear my earnest cries;
Lest I in death should slumber, Enlighten Thou mine eyes:
Lest foes be heard exclaiming, "Against him we prevailed";
And they that vex my spirit Rejoice when I have failed.

But on Thy tender mercy I ever have relied;
With joy in Thy salvation My heart shall still confide.
And I with voice of singing Will praise the LORD alone,
Because to me His favor He has so largely shown.

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 24:1-10

Leader: The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.

All: For He has founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the waters.

Leader: Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?

All: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.

Leader: He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

All: This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face. Selah

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

All: Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

All: Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 15:22-41

If you sin unintentionally, and do not observe all these commandments which the LORD has spoken to Moses -- ^{23'}all that the LORD has commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day the LORD gave commandment and onward throughout your generations -- ^{24'}then it will be, if it is unintentionally committed, without the knowledge of the congregation, that the whole congregation shall offer one young bull as a burnt offering, as a sweet aroma to the LORD, with its grain offering and its drink offering, according to the ordinance, and one kid of the goats as a sin offering. ^{25'}So the priest shall make atonement for the whole congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them, for it was unintentional; they shall bring their offering, an offering made by fire to the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their unintended sin. ^{26'}It shall be forgiven the whole congregation of the children

of Israel and the stranger who dwells among them, because all the people did it unintentionally. ²⁷And if a person sins unintentionally, then he shall bring a female goat in its first year as a sin offering. ²⁸So the priest shall make atonement for the person who sins unintentionally, when he sins unintentionally before the LORD, to make atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him. ²⁹You shall have one law for him who sins unintentionally, for him who is native-born among the children of Israel and for the stranger who dwells among them. ³⁰But the person who does anything presumptuously, whether he is native-born or a stranger, that one brings reproach on the LORD, and he shall be cut off from among his people. ³¹Because he has despised the word of the LORD, and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt shall be upon him.' " ³²Now while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day. ³³And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation. ³⁴They put him under guard, because it had not been explained what should be done to him. ³⁵Then the LORD said to Moses, "The man must surely be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp." ³⁶So, as the LORD commanded Moses, all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him with stones, and he died. ³⁷Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ³⁸"Speak to the children of Israel: Tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread in the tassels of the corners. ³⁹"And you shall have the tassel, that you may look upon it and remember all the commandments of the LORD and do them, and that you may not follow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are inclined, ⁴⁰"and that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy for your God. ⁴¹"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD your God."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 11:1-33

Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly -- and indeed you do bear with me. ²For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ. ³But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. ⁴For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or *if* you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted -- you may well put up with it! ⁵For I consider that I am not at all inferior to the most eminent apostles. ⁶Even though *I am* untrained in speech, yet *I am* not in knowledge. But we have been thoroughly manifested among you in all things. ⁷Did I commit sin in humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you free of charge? ⁸I robbed other churches, taking wages *from them* to minister to you. ⁹And when I was present with you, and in need, I was a burden to no one, for what I lacked the brethren who came from Macedonia supplied. And in everything I kept myself from being burdensome to you, and so I will keep *myself*. ¹⁰As the truth of Christ is in me, no one shall stop me from this boasting in the regions of Achaia. ¹¹Why? Because I do not love you? God knows! ¹²But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast. ¹³For such *are*

false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. ¹⁴And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. ¹⁵Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works. ¹⁶I say again, let no one think me a fool. If otherwise, at least receive me as a fool, that I also may boast a little. ¹⁷What I speak, I speak not according to the Lord, but as it were, foolishly, in this confidence of boasting. ¹⁸Seeing that many boast according to the flesh, I also will boast. ¹⁹For you put up with fools gladly, since you *yourselves* are wise! ²⁰For you put up with it if one brings you into bondage, if one devours *you*, if one takes *from you*, if one exalts himself, if one strikes you on the face. ²¹To *our* shame, I say that we were too weak for that! But in whatever anyone is bold -- I speak foolishly -- I am bold also. ²²Are they Hebrews? So *am* I. Are they Israelites? So *am* I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So *am* I. ²³Are they ministers of Christ? -- I speak as a fool -- I *am* more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. ²⁴From the Jews five times I received forty *stripes* minus one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; ²⁶*in* journeys often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils of *my own* countrymen, *in* perils of the Gentiles, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren; ²⁷*in* weariness and toil, *in* sleeplessness often, *in* hunger and thirst, *in* fastings often, *in* cold and nakedness -- ²⁸besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. ²⁹Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation? ³⁰If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. ³¹The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³²In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; ³³but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

Psalm of Preparation*

TUNE: HINTZE 7.7.7.7.D

"Psalm 2"

Based on the Book of Psalms, 1871

Why do heathen nations rage? Why do peoples folly mind?
 Kings of earth in plots engage, Rulers are in league combined;
 Then against Jehovah high, And against Messiah's sway,
 "Let us break their bands," they cry, "Let us cast their cords away."

But the Lord will scorn them all; He will laugh Who sits on high,
 Then His wrath will on them fall; Sore displeased He will reply:
 "Yet according to My will I have set My King to reign,
 And on Zion's holy hill My Anointed I'll maintain."

His decree I will make known: Unto Me the LORD did say,
 "Thou art My be-lov-ed Son; I've begotten Thee this day.
 Ask of Me, and Thee I'll make Heir to earth and nations all;
 Them with iron Thou shalt break, Dashing them in pieces small."

Therefore, kings, be wise, give ear; Harken, judges of the earth;
Serve the LORD with godly fear; Mingle trembling with your mirth.
Kiss the Son, His wrath to turn, Lest ye perish in the way,
For His anger soon will burn. Blessed are all that on Him stay.

SERMON

John 18:28-38

"Conspiring Against the King"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 28 Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover.
- 29 Pilate then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?"
- 30 They answered and said to him, "If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you."
- 31 Then Pilate said to them, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law." Therefore the Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death,"
- 32 that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die.
- 33 Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"
- 34 Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?"
- 35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?"
- 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."
- 37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."
- 38 Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail – Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us –
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises, And by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory.

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able

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Prayer Requests

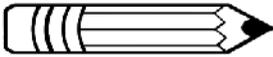
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Knight Family
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our elders
- Pray for those dealing with physical ailments
- Pray for our Nation's leaders
- Pray for God's all sufficient grace to be known in all our lives

Announcements

- We are livestreaming 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.
- The next men's fellowship breakfast will be on November 3 at 8 a.m., at the IHOP on West 12th street.
- We are planning to have a congregational meeting on Sunday November 8, after the morning worship service, in the new building. We are hoping to be in there at that time but if not we will reschedule the meeting.
- We praise God that our offer on the building has been accepted! Please pray for all the details that must be handled as we move towards closing on the property.
- Our website now has a page describing our building need with the option for online giving.

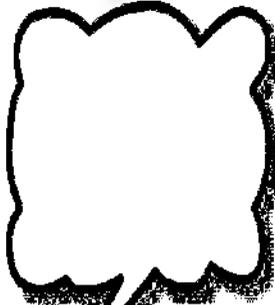
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

Date: _____



Who is speaking?

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.



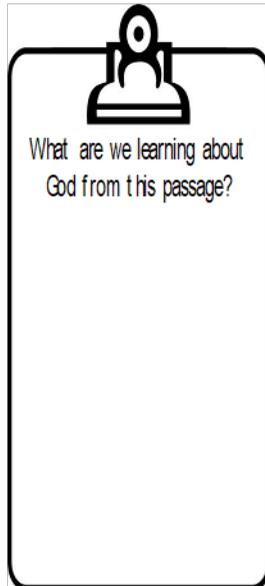
Words you heard but don't know...

What is the main passage we are reading today??

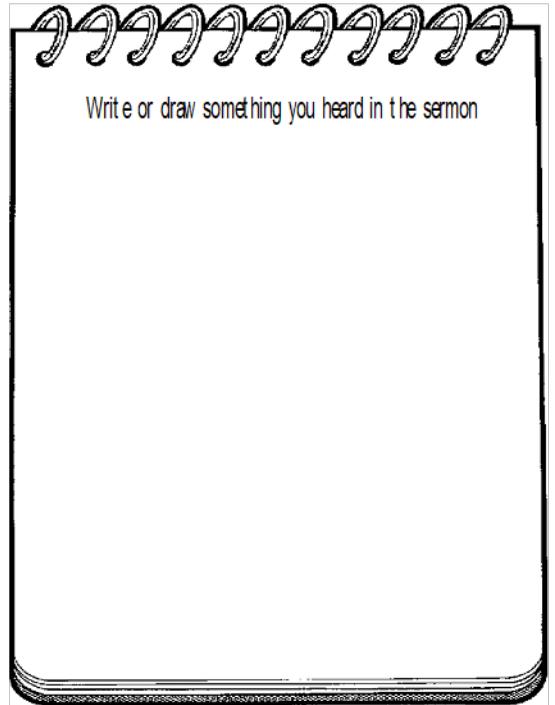
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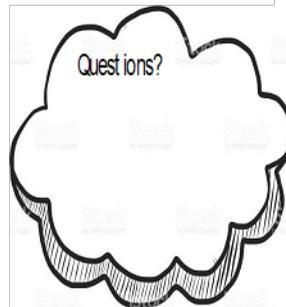
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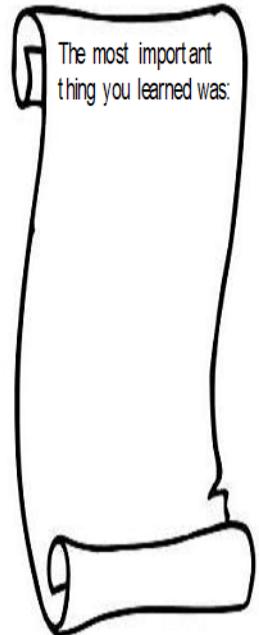
What are we learning about God from this passage?



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon



Questions?



The most important thing you learned was:



How does today's message apply to your life?



Favorite song today was:

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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