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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 90:1-2*

Leader: LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

*All: Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.*

## *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\*

### *Psalm of Praise\**

TUNE: RIPLEY 87.87.D

### *“Psalm 146”*

Based on the Book of Psalms, 1871, and The Psalter, 1912

Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah! O my soul, Jehovah praise!  
I will sing the glorious praises Of my God through all my days.  
Put no confidence in princes, Nor for help on man depend;  
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Jacob’s God to be his aid;  
He is blessed whose hope of blessing On the LORD his God is stayed.  
He has made the earth and heaven, Seas, and all that they contain;  
He will keep His truth forever, Rights of those oppressed maintain.

Food Jehovah gives the hungry, Sight Jehovah gives the blind,  
Freedom gives He to the pris’ner, Cheer to those bowed down in mind.

Well Jehovah loves the righteous To the stranger is a stay,  
Helps the fatherless and widow, But subverts the sinner’s way.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises Of my God through all my days.  
Over all GOD reigns for ever, Through all ages He is King;  
Unto Him, thy God, O Zion, Joyful hallelujahs sing.

## 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 86:6-8, 11-13*

*All: "Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me. Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; Nor are there any works like Your works. Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore. For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 6:23*

*Leader: Hear the good news! "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

## **Psalm 71:1-12**

TUNE: ST. CHRISTOPHER 76.86.86.86

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

O LORD, in Thee I'm trusting; Ashamed let me not be;  
O save me in Thy righteousness, Give ear, and rescue me.  
Be Thou my rock, my dwelling place, My constant safe resort.  
Thou my salvation hast ordained; Thou art my rock and fort.

From wicked hands, God, free me, Hands cru-el and unjust;  
Thou, Lord Jehovah, art my hope; From youth Thou art my trust.  
For I have been sustained by Thee Through birth and early days;  
Brought from my mother's womb by Thee, I'll give Thee constant praise.

To many I'm a wonder; Thou art my refuge strong.  
My mouth is brimming with Thy praise And honor all day long.  
Do not reject me in the time When old age I shall see;  
And in my days of failing strength Do not abandon me.

My enemies with hatred Against me evil speak;  
Those who are watching for my life United counsel seek.  
They say, "God has forsaken him! Pursue him! None will save!"  
O God, do not be far from me; My God, Thy help I crave.

### **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 12:1-8*

Leader: Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.

*All: They speak idly everyone with his neighbor; With flattering lips and a double heart they speak.*

Leader: May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, And the tongue that speaks proud things,

*All: Who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail; Our lips are our own; Who is lord over us?"*

Leader: "For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, Now I will arise," says the LORD; "I will set him in the safety for which he yearns."

*All: The words of the LORD are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times.*

Leader: You shall keep them, O LORD, You shall preserve them from this generation forever.

*All: The wicked prowled on every side, When vileness is exalted among the sons of men.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Numbers 16:1-40*

Now Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men; <sup>2</sup>and they rose up before Moses with some of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, representatives of the congregation, men of renown. <sup>3</sup>They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?" <sup>4</sup>So when Moses heard it, he fell on his face; <sup>5</sup>and he spoke to Korah and all his company, saying, "Tomorrow morning the LORD will show who is His and who is holy, and will cause him to come near to Him. That one whom He chooses He will cause to come near to Him. <sup>6</sup>"Do this: Take censers, Korah and all your company; <sup>7</sup>"put fire in them and put incense in them before the LORD tomorrow, and it shall be that the man whom the LORD chooses is the holy one. You take too much upon yourselves, you sons of Levi!" <sup>8</sup>Then Moses said to Korah, "Hear now, you sons of Levi: <sup>9</sup>"Is it a small thing to you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself, to do the work of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to serve them; <sup>10</sup>"and that He has brought you near to Himself, you and all your brethren, the sons of Levi, with you? And are you seeking the priesthood also? <sup>11</sup>"Therefore you and all your company are gathered together against the LORD. And what is Aaron that you complain against him?" <sup>12</sup>And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, but they said, "We will not come up! <sup>13</sup>"Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, that you should keep acting like a prince over us? <sup>14</sup>"Moreover you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up!" <sup>15</sup>Then Moses was very angry, and said to the LORD, "Do not respect their offering. I have not taken one donkey from them, nor have I hurt one of them." <sup>16</sup>And Moses said to Korah, "Tomorrow, you and all your company be present before the LORD -- you and they, as well as Aaron. <sup>17</sup>"Let each take his censer and put incense in it, and each of you bring his censer before the LORD, two hundred and fifty censers; both you and Aaron, each with his censer." <sup>18</sup>So every man took his censer, put fire in it, laid incense on it, and stood at the door of the tabernacle of meeting with Moses and Aaron. <sup>19</sup>And Korah gathered all the congregation against them at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. Then the glory of the LORD appeared to all the congregation. <sup>20</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, <sup>21</sup>"Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment." <sup>22</sup>Then they fell on their faces, and said, "O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and You be angry with all the congregation?" <sup>23</sup>So the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>24</sup>"Speak to the congregation, saying, 'Get away from the tents of

Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.' " <sup>25</sup>Then Moses rose and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him. <sup>26</sup>And he spoke to the congregation, saying, "Depart now from the tents of these wicked men! Touch nothing of theirs, lest you be consumed in all their sins."<sup>27</sup>So they got away from around the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram; and Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the door of their tents, with their wives, their sons, and their little children. <sup>28</sup>And Moses said: "By this you shall know that the LORD has sent me to do all these works, for I have not done them of my own will. <sup>29</sup>"If these men die naturally like all men, or if they are visited by the common fate of all men, then the LORD has not sent me. <sup>30</sup>"But if the LORD creates a new thing, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the pit, then you will understand that these men have rejected the LORD." <sup>31</sup>Now it came to pass, as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground split apart under them, <sup>32</sup>and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the men with Korah, with all their goods. <sup>33</sup>So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit; the earth closed over them, and they perished from among the assembly. <sup>34</sup>Then all Israel who were around them fled at their cry, for they said, "Lest the earth swallow us up also!" <sup>35</sup>And a fire came out from the LORD and consumed the two hundred and fifty men who were offering incense. <sup>36</sup>Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>37</sup>"Tell Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, to pick up the censers out of the blaze, for they are holy, and scatter the fire some distance away. <sup>38</sup>"The censers of these men who sinned against their own souls, let them be made into hammered plates as a covering for the altar. Because they presented them before the LORD, therefore they are holy; and they shall be a sign to the children of Israel." <sup>39</sup>So Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers, which those who were burned up had presented, and they were hammered out as a covering on the altar, <sup>40</sup>to be a memorial to the children of Israel that no outsider, who is not a descendant of Aaron, should come near to offer incense before the LORD, that he might not become like Korah and his companions, just as the LORD had said to him through Moses.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*2 Corinthians 12:1-21*

It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: <sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago -- whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows -- such a one was caught up to the third heaven. <sup>3</sup>And I know such a man -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- <sup>4</sup>how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. <sup>5</sup>Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. <sup>6</sup>For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me *to be* or hears from me. <sup>7</sup>And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. <sup>8</sup>Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. <sup>9</sup>And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in

reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong. <sup>11</sup>I have become a fool in boasting; you have compelled me. For I ought to have been commended by you; for in nothing was I behind the most eminent apostles, though I am nothing. <sup>12</sup>Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds. <sup>13</sup>For what is it in which you were inferior to other churches, except that I myself was not burdensome to you? Forgive me this wrong! <sup>14</sup>Now for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be burdensome to you; for I do not seek yours, but you. For the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. <sup>15</sup>And I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved. <sup>16</sup>But be that *as it may*, I did not burden you. Nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you by cunning! <sup>17</sup>Did I take advantage of you by any of those whom I sent to you? <sup>18</sup>I urged Titus, and sent our brother with *him*. Did Titus take advantage of you? Did we not walk in the same spirit? Did *we* not *walk* in the same steps? <sup>19</sup>Again, do you think that we excuse ourselves to you? We speak before God in Christ. But *we do* all things, beloved, for your edification. <sup>20</sup>For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and *that* I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest *there be* contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, tumults; <sup>21</sup>lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and I shall mourn for many who have sinned before and have not repented of the uncleanness, fornication, and lewdness which they have practiced.

### Hymn of Preparation\*

TUNE: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.

### "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153

1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down;  
 2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:  
 3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend,

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
 for this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;  
 O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
 look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

## SERMON

*John 18:39-19:4*

*“Taking the Place of a Criminal” Pastor Marc Miller*

- <sup>39</sup> “ But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”
- <sup>40</sup> Then they all cried again, saying, “Not this Man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.
- <sup>1</sup> So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged *Him*.
- <sup>2</sup> And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put *it* on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe.
- <sup>3</sup> Then they said, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they struck Him with their hands.
- <sup>4</sup> Pilate then went out again, and said to them, “Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him.”

*Sermon Notes:*

- Point 1

- Point 2

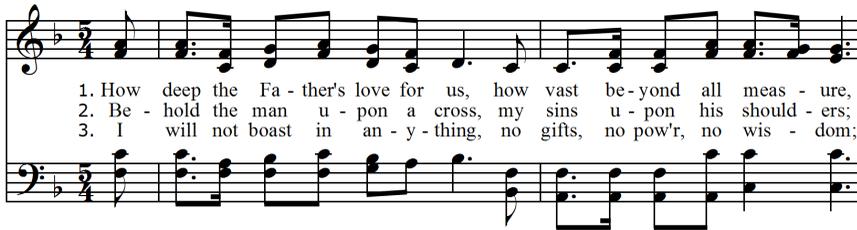
- Point 3

# Hymn of Response\*

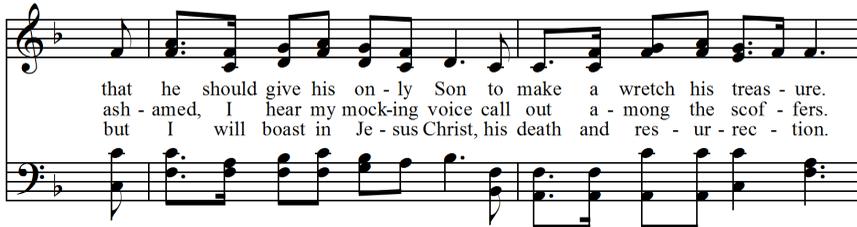
Stuart Townend

# "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

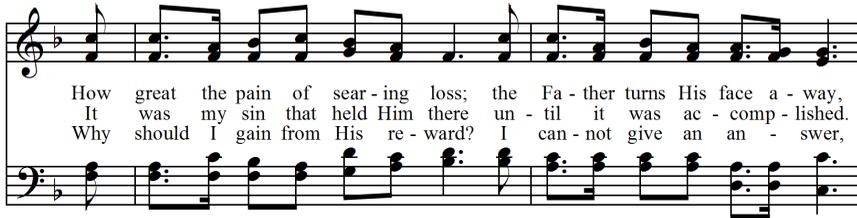
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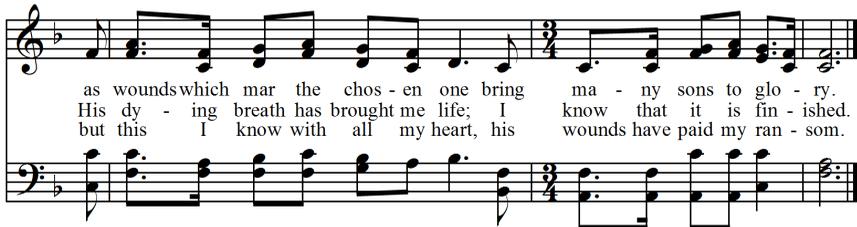
1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure,  
2. Be - hold the man u - pon a cross, my sins u - pon his should - ers;  
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom;



that he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his treas - ure.  
ash - amed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers.  
but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his death and res - ur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss; the Fa - ther turns His face a - way,  
It was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - comp - lished.  
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer,



as wounds which mar the chos - en one bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.  
His dy - ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.  
but this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ran - som.

## BENEDICTION\*

\* --Please stand if able

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## **Prayer Requests**

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams 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](http://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 7 at 8 a.m., at the IHOP on West 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

# 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](http://www.pcanet.org)).

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