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-Genesis 37:5

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 84:1-2

Leader: How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts!

All: My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

*Gloria Patri**

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

Irreg. H.W. Greatorex, 1851

“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: LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.

“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”

Based on Psalm 103. Joachim Neander, 1680

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 • dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 • might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

CONFession of FAITH*

Apostle's Creed

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.

CONFESSiON OF SiN

All: Father, no one can forgive sins except You alone. No one can determine what is a sin except You alone. We confess that, according to Your law, we have all fallen short in many ways. We have sinned against You in this last week, and we seek Your cleansing and forgiveness now. Particularly, we have not loved You as we ought. We have neglected to glorify You in thought, word, and deed, and we have sought our own interests without reference to You. For these sins, we ask Your pardon. Mercy and truth go before Your face. You love righteousness and hate wickedness. And yet, through the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, to You belongs great mercy. We come to You now, Father, seeking Your free pardon in Christ. 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

Psalm 14

TUNE: MUNICH 76.76.D

"O Word of God Incarnate"

The fool in heart is saying, "There surely is no God."
Corrupt and vile their deeds are; Not one of them does good.
The LORD looks down from heaven On sons of men abroad
To see which one has wisdom, If any seeks for God.

All far astray have wandered; They all to vileness run.
Not one of them is righteous, No, not a single one.
Have they of truth no knowledge, These evilworkers all,
Who eat like bread my people And on GOD do not call?

There shall they be in terror For God is with the just;
You would confound one struggling; Jehovah is his trust.
Salvation out of Zion Who will to Isr'el bring?
The LORD brings back His captives. Joy, Jacob! Isr'el, sing

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 20:1-9

Leader: May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble; May the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

All: May He send you help from the sanctuary, And strengthen you out of Zion;

Leader: He remember all your offerings, And accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah

All: May He grant you according to your heart's desire, And fulfill all your purpose.

Leader: We will rejoice in your salvation, And in the name of our God we will set up our banners! May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

All: Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven With the saving strength of His right hand.

Leader: Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

All: They have bowed down and fallen; But we have risen and stand upright.

Leader: Save, LORD! May the King answer us when we call.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:16-42

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. ¹⁷"But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. ¹⁸"You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹"But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; ²⁰"for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. ²¹"Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. ²²"And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. ²³"When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴"A disciple is not above *his* teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵"It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *will they call* those of his household!"

²⁶"Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. ²⁷"Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. ²⁸"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹"Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. ³⁰"But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹"Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. ³³"But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. ³⁴"Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵"For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; ³⁶and 'a man's enemies will be those of his *own* household.' ³⁷"He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁸"And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹"He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it. ⁴⁰"He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. ⁴¹"He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. ⁴²"And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold *water* in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 18:18-28

So Paul still remained a good while. Then he took leave of the brethren and sailed for Syria, and Priscilla and Aquila *were* with him. He had *his* hair cut off at Cenchrea, for he had taken a vow. ¹⁹And he came to Ephesus, and left them there; but he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. ²⁰When they asked *him* to stay a longer time with them, he did not consent, ²¹but took leave of them, saying, "I must by all means keep this coming feast in Jerusalem; but I will return again to you, God willing." And he sailed from Ephesus. ²²And when he had landed at Caesarea, and gone up and greeted the church, he went down to Antioch. ²³After he had spent some time *there*, he departed and went over the region of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples. ²⁴Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man *and* mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. ²⁵This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. ²⁷And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace; ²⁸for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

Psalm of Preparation*

TUNE: ST. FLAVIAN CM

"Psalm 62:1-7"

"In Sweet Communion, Lord"

My soul in silence waits for God; He's my salvation proved.
He is my stronghold and my rock; I'll not be greatly moved.

How long will ye a man assail And seek to make him fall
As though he were a tott'ring fence Or like a leaning wall?

They plot to bring his glory down; In lies they take delight;
And while they bless him with their mouth, They curse with inward spite.

My soul, in silence wait for God, For He my hope has proved.
He's my salvation, stronghold, rock, And I shall not be moved.

In God alone my glory is and my salvation sure;
My rock of strength is found in God, My refuge most secure.

SERMON

Genesis 37:1-11

"Joseph's Story Starts"

Pastor Marc Miller

- ¹ Now Jacob dwelt in the land where his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.
- ² This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, *being* seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad *was* with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.
- ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he *was* the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of *many* colors.
- ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.
- ⁵ Now Joseph had a dream, and he told *it* to his brothers; and they hated him even more.
- ⁶ So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed:
- ⁷ "There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf."
- ⁸ And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.
- ⁹ Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me."
- ¹⁰ So he told *it* to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What *is* this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?"
- ¹¹ And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter *in mind*.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response*

TUNE: TRUST IN JESUS 8.7.8.7.ref.

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Louisa M.R. Stead, 1862



1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at his word;
2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his cleans-ing blood;
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and self to cease;
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;



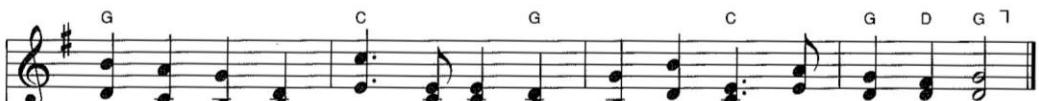
just to rest up - on his prom-ise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans-ing flood!
just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing life and rest, and joy and peace.
and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.



REFRAIN



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!



BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able

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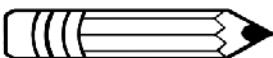
Prayer requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: Kawachi Family
- Pray for our country's leaders
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our Elders and Deacons.
- Pray our Sunday School Teachers and Students
- Please pray for the for a church plant ongoing in Cranberry Township, PA.
- Pray for our Church remodel/expansion planning

Announcements

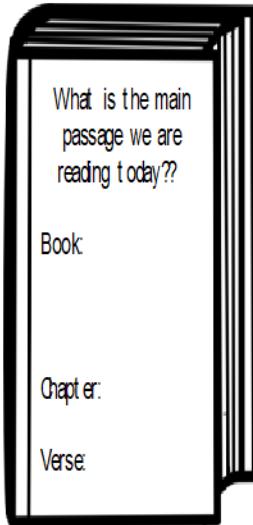
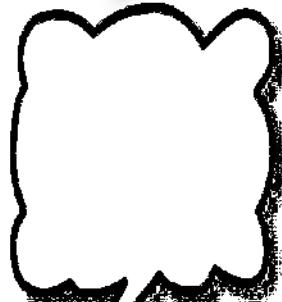
- Prayer meeting: Wednesday Evenings at 8:30 p.m. over Zoom. All are encouraged to attend. Please see Pastor Miller if you would like to attend and are not already on the email list.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, May 6, at 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM. Please read chapter 3 in the 1st Samuel study book.
- Sunday School Starts at 10 a.m. We have a class for Pre-K to 1st Grade, 2nd to 4th grade, 5th to 8th grade, and an adult class. The Adults are studying a Ligonier DVD on the New Testament Canon.
- The ladies and girls of the church are invited to a bridal shower for Debbie Fiscus on Sunday, May 21 following the worship service. Please RSVP to Natalie Miller.
- The session is getting ready to send the church directory out. Please let us know if you would not like your information shared in a digital format.
- The session would like to form a youth committee to lead and organize middle/high school youth events in the future. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Miller.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

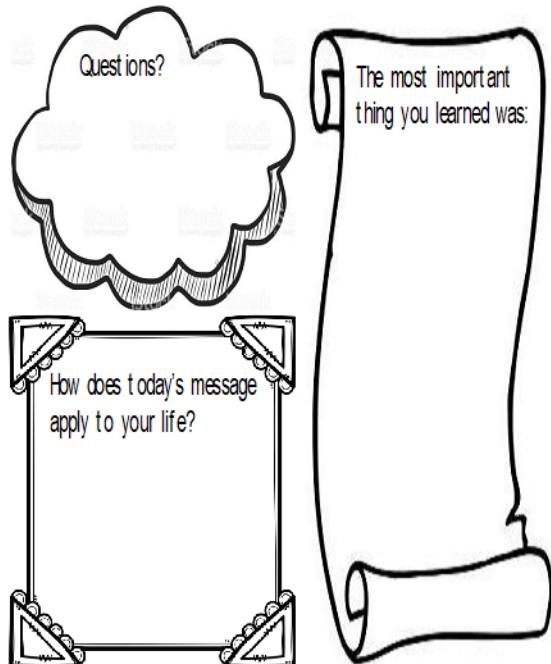
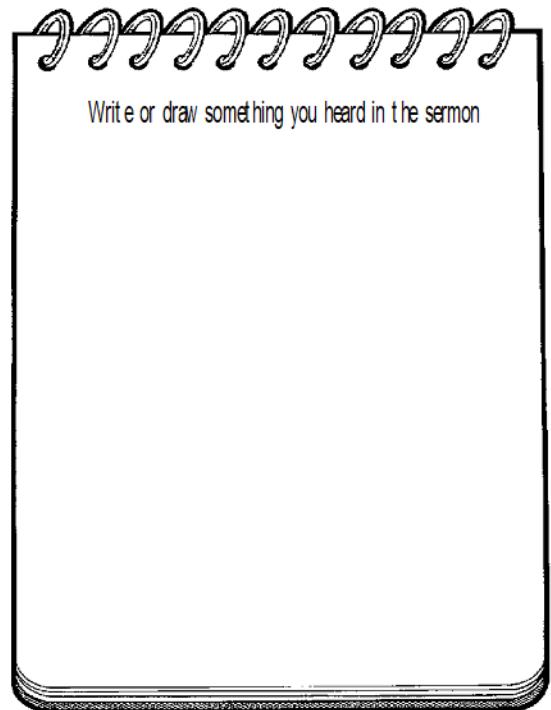
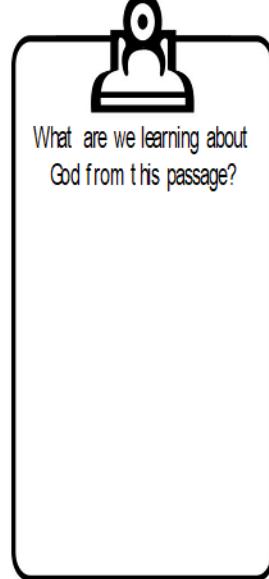


Date: _____

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.



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.**

- We believe in the inspired and inerrant Word of God.
- We believe in the absolute sovereignty of God.
- We hold to a covenantal framework of Scripture.
- 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 Apostle's 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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