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- *Genesis 39:2*

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 29:1-2*

Leader: Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, Give unto the LORD glory and strength.

*All: Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*

## *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\**

NICEA 11.11.12.10

## *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826



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!

### CONFESSTION 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: Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all who call upon You, hear us as we humbly confess our sins and seek Your forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude; our pride and willfulness; and all our other failures and short comings toward You and toward our fellowmen. Have mercy upon us, Father, and by Your great goodness grant that we may possess the fullness of the Spirit of adoption, freeing us from guilt, and causing us to pursue holiness. By Your gospel, encourage us and save sinners today. We ask expectantly through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Micah 7:18*

Leader: Hear the good news! "Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy."

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

### ***Psalm 23***

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"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

The LORD'S my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, Ev'n for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.

A table Thou has furnished me In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me;  
And in GOD'S house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.

## 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."*

## BAPTISM AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

AKOSH KUMAR

### RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

*Psalm 80:1-9*

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!

*All: Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, Stir up Your strength, And come and save us!*

Leader: Restore us, O God; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!

*All: O LORD God of hosts, How long will You be angry Against the prayer of Your people?*

Leader: You have fed them with the bread of tears, And given them tears to drink in great measure.

*All: You have made us a strife to our neighbors, And our enemies laugh among themselves.*

Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!

*All: You have brought a vine out of Egypt; You have cast out the nations, and planted it.*

Leader: You prepared room for it, And caused it to take deep root, And it filled the land.

### GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 12:22-37*

"Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. <sup>23</sup>And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?" <sup>24</sup>Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. <sup>26</sup>If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? <sup>27</sup>And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. <sup>28</sup>But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>29</sup>Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. <sup>30</sup>He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad. <sup>31</sup>Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. <sup>32</sup>Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come. <sup>33</sup>Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. <sup>34</sup>Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of

the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. <sup>35</sup>"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. <sup>36</sup>"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. <sup>37</sup>"For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Acts 20:17-38*

From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. <sup>18</sup>And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, <sup>19</sup>serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. <sup>24</sup>But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that *I am* innocent of the blood of all *men*. <sup>27</sup>For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. <sup>29</sup>For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. <sup>30</sup>Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. <sup>31</sup>Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. <sup>32</sup>So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' <sup>36</sup>And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. <sup>37</sup>Then they all wept freely, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him, <sup>38</sup>sorrowing most of all for the words which he spoke, that they would see his face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship.

### ***Psalm of Preparation\****

TUNE: ANGEL'S STORY 76.76.D

### ***"Psalm 30"***

"O Jesus I Have Promised"

O LORD, I will exalt You, For You have lifted me;  
My foes You have allowed not To glory over me.  
O LORD my God, I pleaded That You might heal and save;  
LORD, You from death have ransomed And kept me from the grave.

His saints, O praise Jehovah And thank His holy name.  
His anger lasts a moment, His grace a whole life time.  
For sorrow, like a pilgrim, May tarry all the night,  
But then a shout of joy comes When dawns the morning light.

In prosp'rous days I boasted, "Unmoved I shall remain."  
O LORD, You by Your favor My mount in strength maintain;  
For when Your face was hidden, I soon was troubled sore.  
I'll cry to You, Jehovah; The LORD I will implore.

Is there in my blood profit When in the grave I dwell?  
Will dust proclaim Your praises, Your truth and glory tell?  
O hear me now, Jehovah! Be gracious unto me!  
To You I cry, Jehovah! O now my helper be!

You now have turned my sorrow To dancing full of joy;  
You loosened all my sackcloth And girded me with joy.  
To You sing psalms, my glory, And never silent be!  
O LORD my God, I'll thank You Through all eternity

## SERMON

### *Genesis 39:1-10                    "The Lord was With Joseph-Part 1"   Pastor Marc Miller*

- 1 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there.
- 2 The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.
- 3 And his master saw that the LORD *was* with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand.
- 4 So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all *that* he had he put under his authority.
- 5 So it was, from the time *that* he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field.
- 6 Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's hand, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance.
- 7 And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me."

<sup>8</sup> But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what *is* with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand.

<sup>9</sup> "*There is* no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you *are* his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

<sup>10</sup> So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her *or* to be with her.

### Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

## *Hymn of Response\*\**

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

## *"O Church Arise"*

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O Church, arise, and put your armour on; Hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong In the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth, We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold, whose battle-cry is Love, Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, We will fight with faith and valour.

When faced with trials on every side We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, For the Conqueror has risen!

And as the stone is rolled away, And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues till the day Every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come put strength in every stride, Give grace for every hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize Of a servant good and faithful.

As saints of old still line the way, Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day When with Christ we stand in glory.

## **BENEDICTION\***

\* --Please stand if able

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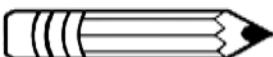
## **Prayer requests**

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: Williams Family 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**

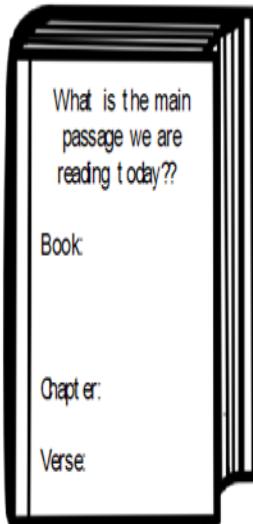
- Prayer meeting: Wednesday Evenings at 8:30 p.m. over Zoom. All are encouraged to attend. Please see Pastor Miller if you would like to attend and are not already on the email list.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, June 3, at 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM. Please read chapter 3 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel study book.
- The session wants to thank all the Sunday School teachers for their hard work! Sunday School will resume the Sunday after Labor Day.
- 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.
- Please mark your calendars for our next church picnic to be held at McKean Park on Sunday, June 4, starting at 4:30 p.m. You can sign up through the church App or on the back bulletin board.

# 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.



What is the main passage we are reading today??

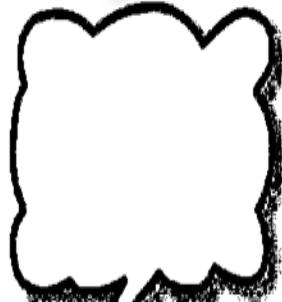
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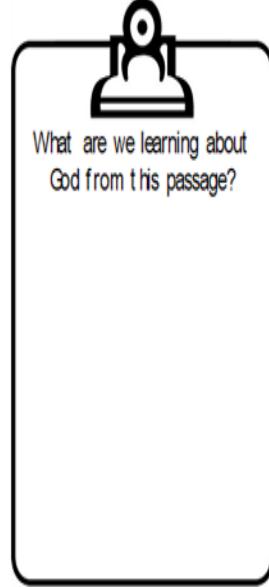
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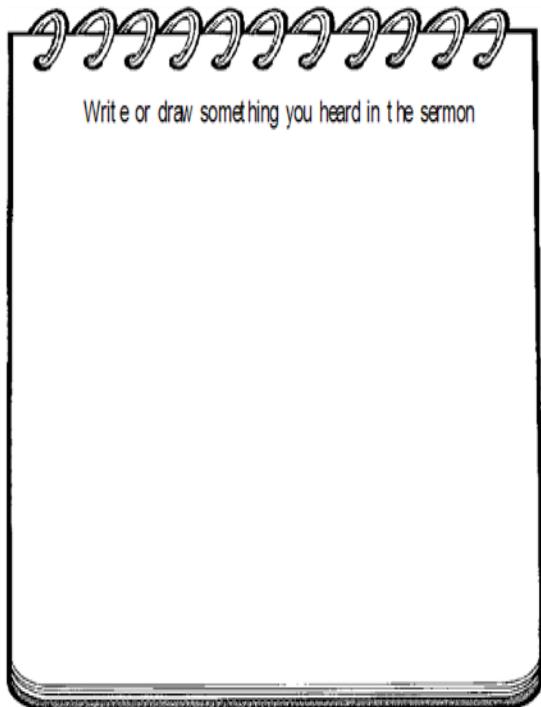
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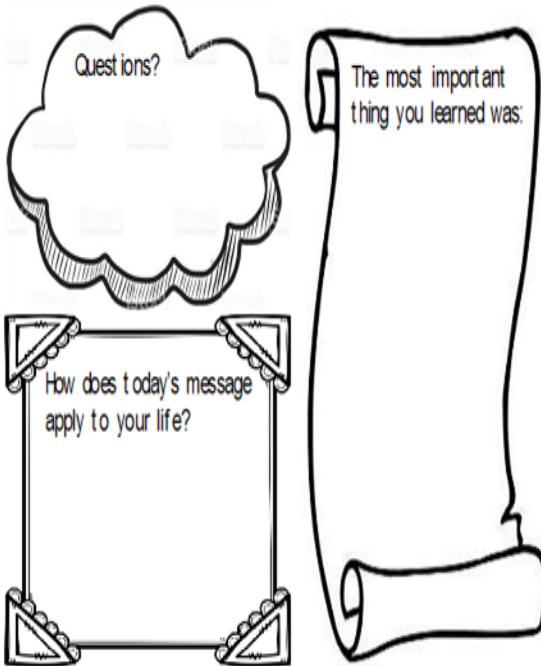
Words you heard but don't know...



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?

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



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