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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“BUT YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER WHEN
THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU;
AND YOU SHALL BE WITNESSES TO ME...”

-ACTS 1:8A

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalms 146:5-6

Leader: Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

All: Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever.

*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*

*Psalm of Praise**

TUNE: RIPLEY 8.7.8.7.D

“Psalm 146”

The Psalter, 1912.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence in D. The lyrics are arranged in four verses, with the first two verses being a paraphrase of Psalm 146 and the last two being a personal prayer. The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/2. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the melody, with line breaks corresponding to the musical phrasing. The score is titled "Psalm of Praise*" and "Psalm 146". The tune is identified as "RIPLEY 8.7.8.7.D".

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;
2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;
3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - ner free,
4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.
he is blessed whose hope of bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed.
rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.
I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends,
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King;

he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
 he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 81

Leader: Are all true believers at all times assured of their present being in the estate of grace, and that they shall be saved?

All: *Assurance of grace and salvation not being of the essence of faith, true believers may wait long before they obtain it; and, after the enjoyment thereof, may have it weakened and intermitted, through manifold distempers, sins, temptations, and desertions; yet are they never left without such a presence and support of the Spirit of God as keeps them from sinking into utter despair.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

PSALM 5:1-5, 7

All: *"Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation. Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray. My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up. For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 1st John 1:9-10

Leader: Hear the good news! "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

"Psalm 8"

"Elements from the Psalter, 1912"

LORD, our Lord, in all the earth How excellent Your name!
You above the heav'ns have set The splendor of Your fame.
From the mouths of infants young You the power of praise compose
In the face of enemies To stop avenging foes.

When I view the skies above Which Your own fingers made,
When I see the moon and stars Which You in order laid,
What is man so frail and weak That You should remember him?
What can be the son of man That You should care for him?

Next to God You have made man, With light and honor crowned.
You placed him above Your works; Beneath him all is found:
Oxen, sheep, and all wild beasts, Birds, and fish the oceans claim.
LORD, our Lord, in all the earth How excellent Your name!

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 103:1-14

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name!

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,

All: Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

Leader: Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

All: The LORD executes righteousness And justice for all who are oppressed.

Leader: He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.

All: The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

Leader: He will not always strive *with us*, Nor will He keep *His anger* forever.

All: He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

All: As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Leader: As a father pities *his* children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him.

All: For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezra 2:1-35

"Now these *are* the people of the province who came back from the captivity, of those who had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away to Babylon, and who returned to Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to his *own* city. ²Those who came with Zerubbabel *were* Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, *and* Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel: ³the people of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two; ⁴the people of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two; ⁵the people of Arah, seven hundred and seventy-five; ⁶the people of Pahath-Moab, of the people of Jeshua *and* Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve; ⁷the people of Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four; ⁸the people of Zattu, nine hundred and forty-five; ⁹the people of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty; ¹⁰the people of Bani, six hundred and forty-two; ¹¹the people of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-three; ¹²the people of Azgad, one thousand two hundred and twenty-two; ¹³the people of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-six; ¹⁴the people of Bigvai, two thousand and fifty-six; ¹⁵the people of Adin, four hundred and fifty-four; ¹⁶the people of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety-eight; ¹⁷the people of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-three; ¹⁸the people of Jorah, one hundred and twelve; ¹⁹the people of Hashum, two hundred and twenty-three; ²⁰the people of Gibbar, ninety-five; ²¹the people of Bethlehem, one hundred and twenty-three; ²²the men of Netophah, fifty-six; ²³the men of Anathoth, one hundred and twenty-eight; ²⁴the people of Azmaveth, forty-two; ²⁵the people of Kirjath Arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three; ²⁶the people of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one; ²⁷the men of Michmas, one hundred and twenty-two; ²⁸the men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred and twenty-three; ²⁹the people of Nebo, fifty-two; ³⁰the people of Magbish, one hundred and fifty-six; ³¹the people of the other Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four; ³²the people of Harim, three hundred and twenty; ³³the people of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-five; ³⁴the people of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five; ³⁵the people of Senaah, three thousand six hundred and thirty.

GOSPEL READING

John 2:1-25

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. ³And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." ⁴Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do *it*." ⁶Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And He said to them, "Draw *some* out now, and take *it* to the master of the feast." And they took *it*. ⁹When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. ¹⁰And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the *guests* have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!" ¹¹This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him. ¹²After this He went down to Capernaum, He, His mother, His brothers, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days. ¹³Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers doing business. ¹⁵When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. ¹⁶And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" ¹⁷Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up." ¹⁸So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" ²¹But He was speaking of the temple of His body. ²²Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said. ²³Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. ²⁴But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all *men*, ²⁵and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

Hymn of Preparation*

TUNE: REDHEAD 76.7.7.7.7.7.

"Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"

Thomas T. Lynch, 1855



1. Gra - cious Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would gra - cious be;
2. Truth - ful Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would truth - ful be;
3. Might - y Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would might - y be;
4. Ho - ly Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would ho - ly be;

and with words that help and heal would thy life in mine re - veal;
and with wis - dom kind and clear let thy life in mine ap - pear;
might - y so as to pre - vail where un - aid - ed man must fail;
sep - a - rate from sin, I would choose and cher - ish all things good,

and with ac - tions bold and meek would for Christ my Sav - ior speak,
and with ac - tions broth - er - ly speak my Lord's sin - cer - i - ty,
ev - er by a might - y hope press - ing on and bear - ing up,
and what - ev - er I can be, give to him who gave me thee!

SERMON

Acts 1:4-11

"Witnesses to Me"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 4 And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "*which*," *He said*, "you have heard from Me;
- 5 "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
- 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

- ⁷ And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.
- ⁸ "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
- ⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.
- ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,
- ¹¹ who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response*

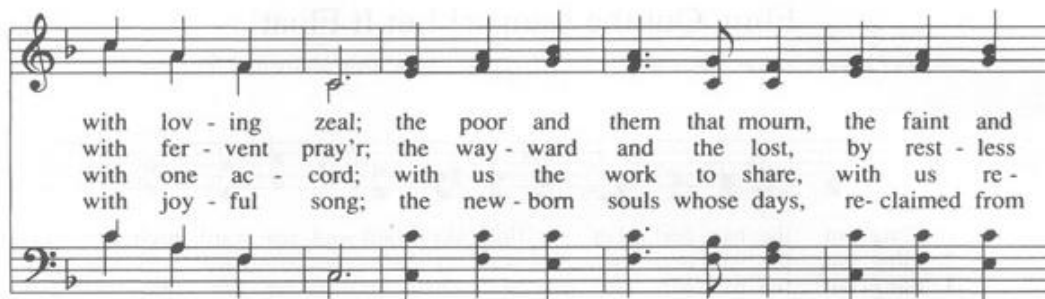
TUNE: ITALIAN HYMN 6.6.4.6.6.6.4.

"Christ for the World We Sing"

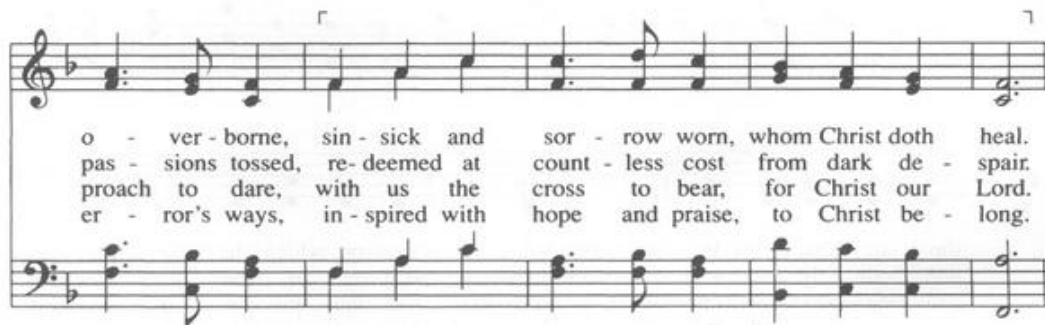
Samual Wolcott, 1869.



1. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
2. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
3. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
4. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring



with lov - ing zeal; the poor and them that mourn, the faint and
with fer - vent pray'r; the way - ward and the lost, by rest - less
with one ac - cord; with us the work to share, with us re -
with joy - ful song; the new - born souls whose days, re - claimed from



o - ver - borne, sin - sick and sor - row worn, whom Christ doth heal.
pas - sions tossed, re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
proach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
er - ror's ways, in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

BENEDICTION*

Prayer requests

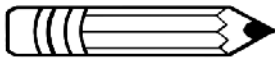
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Nachtergaele Family
- Pray for our country's leaders and those who serve us.
- Pray for our elders and deacons.
- Pray for our covenant children.

Announcements

- Prayer meeting: Wednesdays, at 8:30 p.m. over zoom. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Miller.
- Youth Group for Grades 6-12: Sunday, March 1 from 6-7:30 p.m. Invite your friends!
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, March 7 at 8 a.m. Please read chapter 2 in the Romans study book.
- Sunday School: Sunday at 10 am. We have classes for ages 4 to adults. Please talk to Pastor Miller if you have any questions. We will not have Sunday School on Sunday February 15 to help facilitate the luncheon.
- Fellowship Luncheon: Sunday, February 15, after church at the LEAF center located at 1501 W 6th St, Erie, PA 16505. The church will provide the main dish of ox roast and rolls we ask that you bring a dish or two to pass. You can drop off your dishes prior to the morning worship service between 10 and 10:45 if needs be. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church to help us plan.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

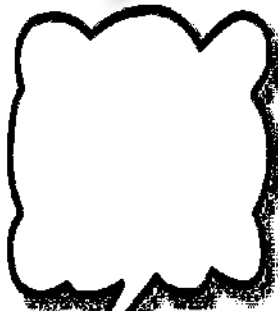
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



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:



Favorite song today was:

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:

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 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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