



West End
presbyterian church

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

Jesus was often at parties and dinners. In today's passage he tells a parable at a dinner, about a dinner. It is too bad that we often view parties as simply gatherings that are optional.

All of history is moving toward a giant party. It would be an enormous disaster to miss it.

Don't.

Don't let busyness or self-righteousness or your own self-importance keep you from the party.

Warmly,
Steve

Sunday Worship Services: 9 AM and 10:30 AM
Children's Sunday School: 9 AM

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

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“Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come... Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”

– *Revelation 19:7,9*

“The Bible calls spiritual preparation warfare. Radically ordinary hospitality is indeed spiritual warfare.... Engaging in radically ordinary hospitality means we provide the time necessary to build strong relationships with people who think differently than we do, as well as build strong relationships from within the family of God. It means we know that only hypocrites and cowards let their words be stronger than their relationships.”

–*Rosaria Butterfield*

Ordinary Time

The Christian year, anchored in the main events of the New Testament, provides a pattern for understanding the Christian life. We are now in the season after Pentecost, known as “Ordinary Time.” Having celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost, Ordinary Time signals the interim of the Church until Christ comes again in glory. Jesus is faithfully advancing His Kingdom in the power of His Spirit in this season. We anticipate the consummation of all things when Christ comes in glory as King of all.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,

Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;

Your judgments are like the great deep;

Man and beast You save, O LORD.
How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

**The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.
They feast on the abundance of Your house,
and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

For with You is the fountain of life;
in Your light do we see light.

Psalms 36:5-9

The First Word

Because we believe God initiates with sinners, we begin worship with His Word: His invitation to us to gather in His name.

INVOCATION

SONGS OF ADORATION

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Text: Joachim Neander (1680),
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1863)
Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

*“Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise His
holy name.” – Psalm 103:1*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love he befriend thee!

4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Welcome

Visitors, we are glad you are
here. Following the service,
please join Steve Shelby for
coffee in the Gallery.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

Isaiah 25:6-9

And He will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever;
and the LORD God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for Him;
let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

OFFERING

If you missed today's offering and wish to give, or if you would like to submit your tear-off, the elders at the front of the sanctuary who are available for prayer following the service will be glad to receive them.

The offering isn't just about money. Our response to the Gospel goes much deeper—God demands our whole selves. The act of giving in worship is a part of offering ourselves as “living sacrifices” to God (Rom. 12:1).

SONG OF PRAISE

JESUS, I AM RESTING, RESTING

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." – Hebrews 12:2

1. Jesus, I am resting, resting,
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,
And Thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power,
Thou hast made me whole.

*Jesus, I am resting, resting,
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.*

2. O, how great Thy loving kindness,
Vaster, broader than the sea!
O, how marvelous Thy goodness,
Lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved,
Know what wealth of grace is Thine,
Know Thy certainty of promise,
And have made it mine.

*Text: Jean S. Pigott (1876) Music: David B. Hampton
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3. Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
I behold Thee as Thou art,
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless,
Satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings,
Meets, supplies its every need,
Compasseth me round with blessings:
Thine is love indeed!

4. Ever lift Thy face upon me
As I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus,
Earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory,
Sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting,
Fill me with Thy grace.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:30 AM)

*During the 10:30 AM service, children (pre-K to second grade) are dismissed for Children's Worship.
See p. 14 for more information.*

SCRIPTURE READING

¹⁵ When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" ¹⁶ But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. ¹⁷ And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.'¹⁹ And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.'²⁰ And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'²¹ So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.'²² And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.'²³ And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

Luke 14:15-24

Sermon

A Worship Guide with sermon notes and recordings is posted each Sunday at wepc.org/sermons.

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Luke 22:7-8, 14-20, 29-30

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover..."

When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

After taking the cup, He gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you..."

"And I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we confess that we have been preoccupied with self, blind to your Your providence, and doubted Your love for sinners. You are the Great Physician, giving new life to all who come; but we cling to our familiar sickness. You are the Bridegroom, inviting us to feast on new wine; but we are slow to come to Your table. You said You came not to call the righteous, but sinners. Lord, forgive us our sins against You and our neighbor. Forgive our pride and unbelief. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Confession & Encouragement

Often we find that our hearts are worshipping something other than God. In confessing our sins, the Holy Spirit probes our hearts and minds and graciously shows us what we mistakenly believe will give us life. Jesus is good to lead us from sorrow over our sin to the sweetness of His grace.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

God, who has called you into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful...The message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:9,18

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

West End Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and heart-idols, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the Gospel to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us.

Wine is in the outer ring of the communion tray, grape juice is in the inner rings. All bread is gluten-free.

Please come forward as you are ready to participate in the Lord's Supper individually, with a friend, or as a family.

If you need special assistance and are not able to come forward for Communion, raise your hand and we will come to you at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper.

Elders & Deacons are glad to pray for your children who have not yet become communing members. If your child is ready to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, please mark today's tear-off or contact the WEPC office.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

PSALM 121 (I LIFT MY EYES UP)

I lift my eyes up
To the mountains.
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from You,
Maker of heaven,
Creator of the earth.

Oh, how I need You, Lord;
You are my only Hope,
You are my only prayer.
So I will wait for You
To come and rescue me,
Come and give me life.

"He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber." – Psalm 121:3
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WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

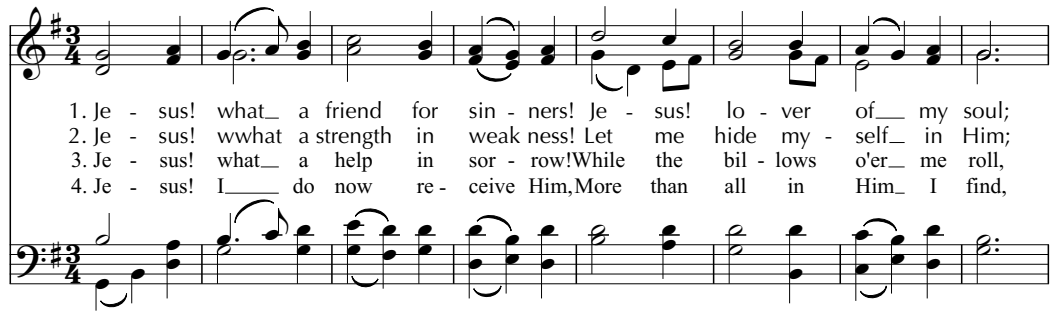
*We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored!
"He has done great things," we will say together—
We will feast and weep no more.*

1. We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord our God!
We are not consumed, by the flood—
Upheld, protected, gathered up.
2. In the dark of night, before the dawn—
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength!
3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed;
You are the Faithful One.
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom.

*"For a people shall dwell
in Zion, in Jerusalem; you
shall weep no more." –*
– Isaiah 30:19

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JESUS, WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS



1. Je - sus! what_ a friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lo - ver of_ my soul;
2. Je - sus! wwhat a strength in weak ness! Let me hide my - self_ in Him;
3. Je - sus! what_ a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er_ me roll,
4. Je - sus! I_ do now re - ceive Him, More than all in Him_ I find,



Friends may fail_ me, foes as - sail_ me, He, my Sa - vior, makes me whole.
Temp - ted, tried, and some - times fail - ing, He, my strength, my vict' - ry wins.
E - ven when_ my heart is break - ing, He, my com - fort, helps my soul.
He hath gran - ted me for - give - ness, I am His, and he_ is mine.



Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sa - vior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a friend!



Sa - ving, hel - ping, keep - ing, lo - ving, He is with_ me to the end.

"A friend of tax collectors and sinners" – Luke 7:34

Text: J. Wilbur Chapman (1910) Tune: HYFRYDOL (Prichard, 1830)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures
here be - low Praise Him a - bove ye heavn - ly host; Praise
Fa - ther Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD."
– Psalm 150:6*

Text: Thomas Ken (1709)
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH
(Bourgeois, 1551)

What does "doxology" mean? It's a word derived from two Greek words meaning "glory" and "word." A doxology, then, is a spoken word or song that ascribes glory to God. Today's doxology calls all of creation to praise God as the source of all blessing and acknowledges His Trinitarian (three-in-one) nature.

BENEDICTION

The Last Word

God always has the last word in our worship. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing.

After the service, the Elders are available at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you or for you, and to answer questions about the sermon or West End Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Steve Shelby, preached today's sermon.

WEPC Elder and Neighborhood Outreach Director Changjwok Deng led worship.

Music was led by Trey Wickham, along with Jen Wickham, Becca Wethered, Katie Jensen, Pat Reynolds, and Jason Weippert.