



West End
presbyterian church

WEPC Lectionary Project: Union with Christ

In this 25th Anniversary year of West End Presbyterian Church, we are using the Scripture readings recommended by the Revised Common Lectionary as a framework for our corporate worship, and our personal and family devotion. The Lectionary gives us access to the whole counsel of Scripture and these texts are a means for us to grow in our understanding of our union with Christ.

WEPC Weekly Readings

To subscribe to a daily email of these readings, register online at wepc.org/lectionary.

May 19, 2019 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

What God has Made Clean

Psalms 148

Praise the LORD

Revelation 21:1-6

All Things New

John 13:31-35

As I Have Loved

Reflection on Sunday, May 19

Monday

I Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42

The LORD Between

Acts 11:19-26

The Lord was With Them

Tuesday

II Samuel 1:4-27

My Brother, Jonathan

Acts 11:27-30

The Disciples Determined

Wednesday

Leviticus 19:9-18

Love Your Neighbor

Luke 10:25-28

Love Your Neighbor

Daily

Psalms 133

Dwell in Unity

Preparation for Sunday, May 26

Thursday

Proverbs 2:1-5

Incline Your Heart to Understanding

Acts 15:36-41

A Sharp Disagreement

Friday

Proverbs 2:6-8

The LORD Gives Wisdom

Acts 16:1-8

Paul Wanted Timothy to Accompany Him

Saturday

Proverbs 2:9-15

Wisdom Will Come Into Your Heart

Luke 19:1-10

Today Salvation Has Come to This House

Daily

Psalms 67

Let the Nations be Glad

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

I know that some of you spend a lot of time working in your yards to grow lush green grass and destroy weeds and pests. While this will make your neighbors happy and could even be considered good stewardship of creation, even the weeds and the bugs in your yard declare the glory of their (and your) Creator.

All creation sings the glory of God.

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

PRAISE HIM

Fifth Sunday of Easter

We are now in the season of Easter—a celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death. Followers of Christ are called to a life of dying to sin, rising to the life of the Spirit, and participating in His reign as the Sovereign Lord. The Church now lives as those who are "risen with Christ," living under His rule.

"Study God in the creatures as well as in the Scriptures. The primary use of the creatures, is to acknowledge God in them. They were made to be witnesses of Himself in His goodness, and heralds of His glory."

– Stephen Charnock

"The creation of the world seems to have been especially for this end: that the eternal Son of God might obtain a spouse, towards whom He might fully exercise the infinite benevolence of His nature and to whom He might, as it were, open and pour forth all that immense fountain of love and grace that was in His heart, and that in this way God might be glorified."

– Jonathan Edwards

CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 21:3-5

*During the 10:30AM service,
2nd Grade Worship Lab led
this morning's Call to Worship.*

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.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.
He will dwell with them, and they will be His people,
and God Himself will be with them as their God.
He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
and death shall be no more,
neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore,
for the former things have passed away."

And He who was seated on the throne said,

"Behold, I am making all things new."

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

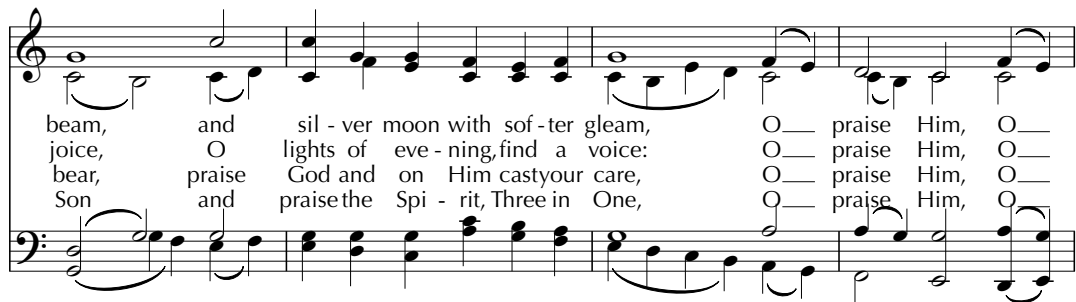
ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING



1 All cre - a - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
2 O ru - shing wind that art so strong, you clouds that sail in heaven a -
3 All you who are of ten - der heart, for - gi - ving o - thers, take your
4 Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



sing Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou bur - ning sun with gol - den
long, O__ praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia! O ri - sing morn in praise re -
part, sing_ prai - ses, Al - le - lu - ia! All you who pain and sor - row
ness, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the



beam, and sil - ver moon with sof - ter gleam, O__ praise Him, O__
joyce, O lights of eve - ning, find a voice: O__ praise Him, O__
bear, praise God and on Him cast your care, O__ praise Him, O__
Son and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One, O__ praise Him, O__



praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

"All You have made will praise You, O LORD!" -Psalm 145:10

Text: Francis of Assisi (1225), trans. William H. Draper (1926) Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN (arr. Vaughan Williams)

Welcome

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

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jude Moliq (9 AM)

Luke Farkas (10:30 AM)

Rebecca MacPhee

Seth Whitman

New Testament Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." But Peter began and explained it to them in order: "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;

from Isaiah 12:2-5

**For the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and He has become my salvation.**

Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon His name,

**Make known His deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that His name is exalted.**

Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

Pray for Our Church, Our City, and the World. This week:

- For West End Presbyterian Church: That the Lord would be glorified in His creation and His redemption.
- For the churches and ministries of Metropolitan Richmond: Pray for schools, programs and ministries that equip believers for ministry; for new church plants, fellowship groups, and para-church organizations.
- For South Asians living in the United Kingdom; and for WEPC Mission Partner A & S, and Matt & Jenn Irvine serving with Serge in that country.

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).

Songs of Praise

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES

1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2 Je - sus the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
3 He breaks the power of reign - ing sin, He sets the pis - oner free;
4 He speaks, and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;
5 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of His grace!
'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
His blood can make the foul est clean; His blood a - vailed for me.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of Thy name.

"My tongue will speak... of Your praises all day long." – Psalm 35:28

Text: Charles Wesley (1739) Tune: AZMON

GLORIA PATRI

Glo - ry be__ to the Fa - ther, glo - ry be__ to the Son,_
Glo - ry be__ to the Spi - rit, Three in One. As it was in the_ be - gin - ing it
will be__ for ev - er A - men, A - men A - men.

"Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness." – Psalm 96:9

Text: 2nd century hymn Tune: Karl Digerness © 2009 Karl Digerness Music Used by Permission. CCLI# 708363

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.15 for more information.*

SCRIPTURE Reading

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!

³ Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were created.

⁶ And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,

⁸ fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!

⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰ Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.

Praise the LORD!

Psalm 148

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

Matthew 22:37-40 & the Book of Common Prayer

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.

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Silent Confession

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

First Communion

Jude Molique (9 AM)

Luke Farkas (10:30 AM)

Seth Whitman

Jude, Luke, and Seth recently met with the Elders, who heard their testimonies of faith in Jesus Christ. We invite the Molique, Farkas, and Whitman families to receive communion first.

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

COME TO THE FEAST

*"Go out to the highways and
hedges and compel people
to come in, that my house
may be filled." – Luke 14:23*

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Go to the highways and hedges,
Go to the farthest of fields,
Go and compel, the sick and the well,
For our Father's house will be filled.

Go to the streets of the city,
Bring in the crippled and blind,
All who would taste this banquet of grace
Must come and waste no more time.

*Come to the Feast, come to the Table,
The great and the least, the rich and the poor,
Come to the Feast, come to the Table,
Come and hunger no more.*

In the robe of the Lamb you'll be covered
Dressed in His pure righteousness
For all of your guilt, His blood—it was spilt
So, come, by your Father be blessed.

BREAK EVERY CHAIN

*"At the name of
Jesus every knee should
bow" – Philippians 2:10*

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There is power in the name of Jesus
There is power in the name of Jesus
There is power in the name of Jesus
To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain
To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain

All sufficient sacrifice
So freely given, such a price
Bought our redemption
Heaven's gates swing wide

O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS!

1 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un - mea - sured,
 2 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, spread his praise from
 3 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, love of ev - ery

bound-less, free! Rol - ling as a migh - ty o - cean in its
 shore to shore! How He loves us, e - ver loves us, chan - ges
 love the best! 'Tis an o - cean vast of bles - sing, 'tis a

full - ness o - ver me! Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,
 ne - ver, ne - ver - more! How He watch - es o'er His loved ones,
 ha - ven sweet of rest! O the deep, deep love of Je - sus,

is the cur - rent of Thy love lead - ing on - ward,
 died to call them all his own; how for them he's
 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me

lead - ing home - ward, to that glo - rious rest a - bove!
 in - ter - ce - ding, watch - ing o'er them from the throne!
 up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to Thee!

"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." – Ephesians 3:18
 Text: Samuel T. Francis (1834-1925) Tune: EBENEZER (Williams, 1890)

DOXOLOGY

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

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures
here below Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise
Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

What does “doxology” mean?

It’s 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. Pastor Joe Brown led worship. Music was led by Pastor Kevin Greene, along with Lori Bowman, Sonya Smith, Rick McMahon, Kim Forquer, Taylor Barnett, Suzie Bird, Donald Smith, Harrison Weippert, and Jason Weippert.

The tapestry at the front of the sanctuary is the traditional liturgical color of white for this 50-day season of Easter. The tapestry will return to its many colors during the season of Pentecost. The piece is entitled “Psalm 148,” and was created by a team of WEPC artists.