

## The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: Ordinary Time 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 His glory as King of all.

# Preparation for Worship & Communion

#### WHY ARE YOU SO ANXIOUS?

"It is only when we want to take our lives out of the Father's hands and have them under our own control that we find ourselves gripped with anxiety. The secret of freedom from anxiety is freedom from ourselves and abandonment of our own plans. But that spirit emerges in our lives only when our minds are filled with the knowledge that our Father can be trusted implicitly to supply everything we need." --Sinclair Ferguson

"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." -- I Peter 5:7

## Call to Worship

Psalm 104:1-2, 27-31

#### The First Word

We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His Word: His invitation to us to gather in His name. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

#### O Lord my God, You are very great!

You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering Yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

All look to You, to give them their food in due season.

When You give it to them, they gather it up; when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

When You hide Your face, they are dismayed; when You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

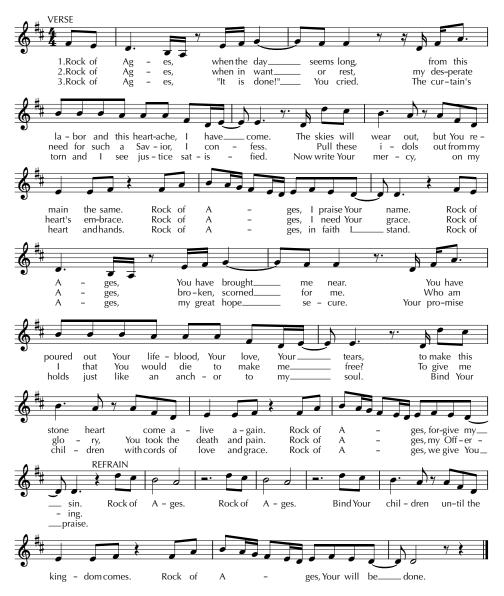
When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in His works.

## Invocation

## Song of Adoration

#### **ROCK OF AGES (WHEN THE DAY SEEMS LONG)**



#### Invocation

Asking God to be with us.

#### Adoration

The God who meets with us in worship is good and powerful. We recognize His greatness and remember His amazing works together in song.

"He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken." Psalm 62:2

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## Welcome

We are glad you have joined us this morning! If you are visiting our church for the first time, or are a regular attender or church member, we encourage you to use our online or paper <u>Keep in Touch form</u> to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church. Following the service, please introduce yourself to Pastor Steve Shelby either in the Gallery or on the front sidewalk.

## Presentation of New Members (10:30am)

Isaac, Kristin, Sam, Eben, Grant & Abraham DeRegibus Luke & Kirby Jackson

## Sacrament of Baptism (10:30am)

Sam, Eben, Grant & Abraham DeRegibus

## OLD Testament Reading

Lamentations 3:22-27, 40-41

Read by WEPC Youth Intern Caroline Daugherty The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases: His mercies never come to an end: they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him." The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord! Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven.

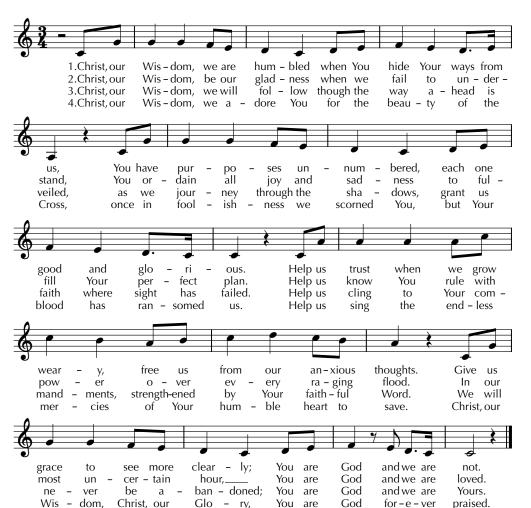
## Ministry of Prayer

## Offering

You can place your offering and/or tear-off as the plates pass. Please visit <a href="www.wepc.org/giving">www.wepc.org/giving</a> or scan the QR code for online giving options, or mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229).



#### CHRIST OUR WISDOM



"And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God." 1 Corinthians 1:30a

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## CHILDRen's WORSHIP (10:30am)

Children, age 4 through 1st grade, will be dismissed prior to the sermon for a Bible Lesson, activity, and fellowship. Pick up from Room 121. www.wepc.org/grow/children

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:25-34

<sup>25</sup>"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

## Sermon

A Worship Guide with sermon questions is posted each Sunday at <a href="https://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media">https://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media</a>. You can also find the sermon audio on <a href="Apple Podcasts">Apple Podcasts</a> and <a href="https://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media">Spotify</a> under "West End Presbyterian Church RVA."

## Preparation for the Lord's Supper

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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." Luke 22:7-8, 14, 19-20, 29-30

When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. 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."

## Confession of Sin

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Silent Confession of Sin

Psalm 139:1-2, 7, 23-24

#### Confession & Encouragement

Often we find that our hearts worship 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

Heidelberg Catechism 1 (1563) Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong-- body and soul, in life and in death-to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with
His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my
head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work
together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy
Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly willing
and ready from now on to live for Him.

## THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

#### **First Communion**

Sam, Eben, Grant & Abraham DeRegibus (10:30 AM)

Sam, Eben, Grant, & Abraham recently met with the Elders, who heard their testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. We invite the DeRegibus family 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. The Elders presiding over the Supper are praying for you as the congregation participates in the sacrament.

At each communion station, grape juice is served in purple cups, wine is served in clear cups, and gluten-free bread is served in a separate tray. For a list of ingredients in the wafers, see <a href="www.wepc.org/communion">www.wepc.org/communion</a>.

If your child is ready to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, please contact the WEPC office.

## Songs of Response to God's Grace

#### **NOTHING TO FEAR**



"Fear not, for I am with you." Isaiah 41:10

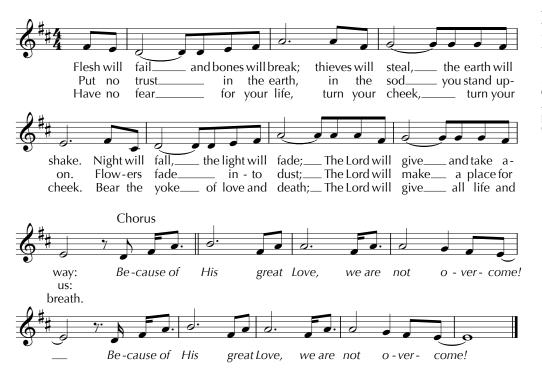
©2019 Integrity Worship/ PG Songs and Hymns/ ASCAP. Paul Zach Publishing Designee/ ASCAP, Fortunate Fall Music. Used by permission. CCLI #708363 "I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow." Jeremiah 31:13

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#### O COME TO THE ALTAR



#### WE ARE NOT OVERCOME (LAMENTATIONS 3)



"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed" Lamentations 3:22

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"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 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-inone) nature.

## praise the DOXOLOGY



# 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.

## Benediction

A team is available for prayer at the front of the Sanctuary following the 9 AM & 10:30 AM services.

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon and administered the Lord's Supper. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Elder Mark Crutcher, Rebecca Crutcher, Jamison Taggart, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered and Jake Bruning led this morning's congregational singing. Tim Drummond and Aaron Sutten managed today's audio and video live stream. Michael Whitman managed the inhouse video system.

## Sermon Notes

## **announcements**

### **ADULT MINISTRY**

www.wepc.org/adults

Adult Sunday School: 9AM / Room 810

Walking at a Different Pace (through 8/24)
 Do you always feel in a hurry? You are not alone, many of us feel this way. Yet a life of hurry seems to be incompatible with the life Jesus desires for us. Join us over the next six weeks as we step into this tension together, learn that we can slow down, and in so doing experience freedom when we start to walk at a different pace. Contact: Matt Bouknight (matt@wepc.org)

August 31: Hymn Sing
 (\*meeting in the Chapel)
 Join us in singing hymns of praise together,
 followed by food and fellowship.

## Wednesday Night Summer Fellowship: Forgiveness

www.wepc.org/WNF

Wednesdays through August 20 / 6:30-8 PM WEPC Chapel

What does God say about forgiving and being forgiven? Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Outspoken skeptics, new Christians and long-time believers are encouraged to attend. Feel free to bring others, and drop in whenever you are in town! Led by Kevin & Kim Greene and Becca Wethered. Contact: Kevin (kevin@wepc.org)

Women's Ministry Summer Women's Fellowship

Mondays through July 28 / 6:30-8 PM / FH Join other women as we share a simple meal and consider a passage of Scripture together. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Heather Oberle (hoberle@wepc.org).

Feels Like Home: Marriage & Household Packets

Feels like Home desires to provide families/ households and couples the opportunity to have intentional conversations around important topics at home. There will be three conversations specific for families/households and three specific for couples. There is a short info meeting today in the Chapel after the 10:30 service. You may pick up a hard copy version at a table out in the gallery after each service or find it on our website under "Adults." Contact: Matt Bouknight (matt@wepc.org) **Young Adult Ministry** 

Young Adults at WEPC is for those looking for a space to grow in their faith and connect with others. Want to know what's going on this summer? Contact: Matt (matt@wepc.org)

#### 1823 College-Aged Ministry

Thursdays / July 31, August 7 7-8:30 PM / Varying locations ALL younger adults (post high school, approx. ages 18-23, in college, working, taking a gap year) are invited to join us for some summer gatherings as we enjoy light snacks & fellowship, study Scripture, and pray together. Visit our website for more information or join the 1823 GroupMe HERE. Contact: Kristin Tetterton (kristin@wepc.org).

#### Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Neighborhood Outreach Info Luncheon

July 27 / 12 PM / WEPC Library Join us for a great opportunity to hear about how Neighborhood Outreach connects with our neighbors. We hope to offer information that encourages you to pray about joining in on the fun! Bring your appetite and questions, we would love to spend time with you!

Ready, Set, Learn Camp

August 4-8 / 9 AM - 12 PM / WEPC Library WEPC Neighborhood Outreach is excited to offer a back-to-school readiness camp for our ESL families. Please consider serving alongside us by providing school supplies or volunteering. Visit our table in the gallery or <a href="click here">click here</a> to learn about donating. Contact Talya (<a href="talya@exepc.org">talya@exepc.org</a>) to learn about volunteering.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/children

#### Sundays

- 9 ÁM: Nursery (infant-3 years old)
- 10:30 AM: Núrsery (infant-3 years old) & Children's Message or Worship (4 years-1st grade; Children's Worship does not meet on the 1st Sunday of the month.
- Nursing Mom's Room (service audio available during both services)

#### Youth Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

• Youth Sunday School: July 20

Youth Group: July 23Game Night: July 28Worship Night: July 29

#### Gospel & Race

www.wepc.org/resources/gospel-race

Gospel & Race Book Discussion Swing Low: A History of Black Christianity in the United States (vol. 1), by Walter Strickland Sundays through August 17 / 12:30-2 PM Room 810

The dynamic witness of the Black church in the United States is an essential part of Christian history. In this history of African American Christianity, we'll explore five theological anchors of Black Christianity. Author Walter Strickland will join WEPC in September to lead a conference on this same material. Please BYOL. To register for the study, contact Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org).

#### General information

#### **Deacons of the Week**

Bryan Meeks, Rick McMahon, Chris May, & Matt Mailloux

**Questions Jesus Asked Spotify Playlist** 

Check out the <u>Questions Jesus Asked Spotify</u>
<u>Playlist</u> to sing along to songs that remind
us of Jesus' power over death, care for His
people, and kingdom reign. You can find it by
searching "Questions Jesus Asked" or "West End
Presbyterian Church RVA + playlists."

#### Inquirer's Weekend

July 25-27

The Pastors of WEPC extend a warm invitation to those interested in learning about our church and the possibility of membership in the future. Inquirer's Weekend is a wonderful time to meet our pastors in a group setting and learn some foundations of Christianity, foundations for our church's worship, and opportunities for connection and service with others. (Please note that the Friday and Saturday sessions serve as the first step towards membership.)

**Friday**: 6:30–9 PM (dinner included) **Saturday**: 9 AM–12 PM (breakfast included) *No childcare provided for Friday & Saturday*. **Sunday**: 7 PM: Dessert at the Shelbys' home. *Children welcome*.

**RSVP by MON, July 21** to Karen Howe (<u>karen@wepc.org</u>) or mark your tear-off.

#### WEPC Fall 2025 Conference Swing Low: The Story of the Black Church in the United States

September 27, 2025 / 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM WEPC Fellowship Hall

The history of African American Christians tells the story of followers of Jesus compelled to pursue spiritual and social change to God's glory. Join us to be encouraged by the dynamic witness of the Black church in the United States. Led by author Walter Strickland.

#### WEPC is on Instagram!

Follow us on Facebook and now on Instagram @wepcrva.

## WCPC Community Preschool

**WEPC Community Preschool is hiring!** 

Do you love Jesus and love working with young children? The Preschool is looking to hire 2 Preschool Assistants for the 2025-26 school year. For more information, please visit our website or reach out to the preschool director, Casey Zollinhofer (casey@wepc.org). Please help us spread the word!

### FOOD Pantry

www.wepc.org/mercyministry

#### Volunteers/Families Needed

Our food pantry rotating teams are in need of additional volunteers to serve our neighbors on Sundays after worship from 12-1PM. This is a great opportunity for families to serve together. Contact: Jim and Chris Black (jim black@verizon.net)

#### **Food Items Needed**

Please continue to check our weekly list or join a Food Item Team to help keep the shelves stocked for our neighbors.

## Keep in Touch

## Especially if this is your first Sunday with us —welcome!



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- ♦ Adult Classes
- ♦ Home Groups
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- ♦ Becoming a member of WEPC
- ♦ Other:\_\_\_\_\_
- ♦ Please include me on the WEPC email list.
- ♦ I am interested in learning more about becoming a Christian.

## Prayer Requests:

## Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment, and forgiving me. I run from my sins—my old life living for myself—and receive you as Savior. Amen.