



Washington Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

WPCA

September 13, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Missions Moment – Compassion International

*Calling upon God in Prayer

*Call to Worship – Psalm 146:1-2, 7c; 118:5; 146:1-2

*Song of Worship – Break Every Chain (My Chains Are Gone)

(see below)

Responsive Reading – Romans 8:31-39

Congregational Prayer

Assurance of Pardon – 1 Peter 2:24

*Hymn – Jesus, with Thy Church Abide (see below)

Message – **Parting Words, Dear Church Family**

Acts 20:17-32

Pastor Don Waltermeyer

*Hymn – Great is Thy Faithfulness (#139)

*Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Please scroll down for announcements, songs, and readings.

WELCOME members and guests. We're glad you joined us!

Today we continue public worship at the church building with full awareness that you are also worshipping with us at home. Even though we're not under the same roof, we are still worshipping the one true God with one another.

While viewing the worship service, we encourage you to sing along with the hymns, participate in the responsive reading, bow your head in prayer when we pray, etc. Also, share the link to the service with others if you can—it's a great way to get the gospel out to the world!

Children's sermon note sheets to help both older and younger children learn from the sermon at an age-appropriate level are available to print at washingtonpres.org/worship-bulletins.

Sermon recordings are available on Apple Podcasts under WPCA Sermons or on the Resources page of our website, washingtonpres.org. A **video recording** of today's live-streamed service is on our YouTube channel.

Sunday School

Adults – 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, led by Cory Goehring. The same guidance for social distancing and masks during the worship service applies. Attendees are asked to sit in the same seat for both Sunday school and the service.

Children – 9:15-10 a.m. on the church lawn. Please bring chairs or a blanket to sit on. Masks are not required, but social distance between households is encouraged. Children must be accompanied by an adult. In case of poor weather, we will move to the fellowship hall, to be announced via email by 8:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS – Several key dates are approaching in our church’s pastoral nomination process.

- **Today, 4 p.m.** – Informal meeting, in the sanctuary and on Zoom, to discuss the responsibilities of the Pastoral Nomination Committee (PNC) and open nominations for committee members.
- **September 23** – Nominations close.
- **September 27** – Congregational meeting beginning 15 minutes after the service to vote on members of the PNC. If you intend to stream the meeting, contact an elder regarding how to vote.

MEN’S RETREAT – The Pittsburgh Presbytery 2020 Men’s Retreat is this weekend, September 18-19, at Ligonier Camp and Conference Center. For additional details, including RSVP information, see the flyer on the information table.

PHOTOS – A board of photos of members from almost 10 years ago, recently recovered from storage, is in the narthex.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY is canceled for September 15. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

FINANCES (as of 8/30/20)

Due to summer travel, financial updates may not be available every week.

Budget for the year	\$ 171,004.00
Offering year through 8-23-20	\$ 85,316.58
Offering for 8/16 and 8/23 General	\$ 5,591.00
Offering for 8/16 and 8/23 Capital Bldg.	\$ 170.00

Call to Worship – Psalm 146:1-2, 7c; 118:5; 146:1-2

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

² I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

^{7c} The Lord sets the prisoners free;

⁵ Out of my distress I called on the Lord;

the Lord answered me and set me free.

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² I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Responsive Reading – Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What then shall we say to these things?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all,

how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?

It is God who justifies.

³⁴ Who is to condemn?

Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon – 1 Peter 2:24

²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Scripture Reading – Acts 20:17-32

¹⁷ Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks

of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

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Break Every Chain (My Chains Are Gone)

Chorus

There is power in the name of Jesus **(3x)**

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

Chorus

There's an army rising up **(3x)**

To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain

To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain

My chains are gone, I've been set free

My God, my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy rains

Unending love, amazing grace

(Repeat)

Chorus

Break Every Chain: written by Will Reagan – ©2009 Capitol CMG Genesis, United Pursuit Music

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone): Written by J. Newton, C. Tomlin, & L. Giglio – ©2006 sixsteps Music, Vamos Publishing, worshiptogether.com songs

Arranged by Cliff Durren - CCLI #822586

Jesus, with Thy Church Abide

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The church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth. 1 Tim. 3:15

1. Je - sus, with thy church a - bide, be her Sav - ior, Lord, and Guide,
 2. Keep her life and doc - trine pure; grant her pa - tience to en - dure,
 3. May she one in doc - trine be, one in truth and char - i - ty,
 4. May she guide the poor and blind, seek the lost un - til she find,

while on earth her faith is tried: we be - seech thee, hear us.
 trust - ing in thy prom - ise sure: we be - seech thee, hear us.
 win - ning all to faith in thee: we be - seech thee, hear us.
 and the bro - ken - heart - ed bind: we be - seech thee, hear us.

5. Save her love from growing cold,
 make her watchmen strong and bold,
 fence her round, thy peaceful fold:
 we beseech thee, hear us.

6. May her lamp of truth be bright,
 bid her bear aloft its light
 through the realms of heathen night:
 we beseech thee, hear us.

7. Arm her soldiers with the cross,
 brave to suffer toil or loss,
 counting earthly gain but dross:
 we beseech thee, hear us.

8. May she holy triumphs win,
 overthrow the hosts of sin,
 gather all the nations in:
 we beseech thee, hear us.

139 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The Lord's compassions are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God, my Fa - ther;
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
 Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 Thy own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

Thou chang - est not; Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not.
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row -

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 Bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm
 MUSIC: William M. Runyan

FAITHFULNESS
 11.10.11.10. with Refrain

WORSHIP THE LORD

morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Optional last refrain setting Broader

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have

need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness,

rit. Soprano divisi Slowly

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!