



Service of Worship for the Lord's Day



August 7, 2022 Ordinary 19C

*The prayers today were written by Pastor Stuart.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us come before our Creator, to praise and glorify our God.

People: The Lord is almighty and everlasting, and we are blessed by God's presence.

Pastor: May the prayers from our lips and the songs from our hearts honor the Maker of us all. Amen.

HYMN #815 "Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Guide: Eternal God, whose power sustains this incredible universe and whose will brings forth life, we celebrate Your wonderful works and acknowledge Your godly ways. You formed our planet long ago and allowed humanity to live on the Earth. We praise Your mighty deeds and are honored to serve Your Holy Son.

People: Gracious Lord, we sometimes set aside Your words and question Your decisions about our lives. We sometimes ignore Your counsel and find it difficult to accept Your commands. We think too much of ourselves and let pride diminish our humble faith. Forgive us for obstructing Your guidance and ignoring Your wisdom. Hear us now as we confess our regrets and repent of our sinful ways.

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: Loving Father, without Your Son Jesus Christ, there would be no forgiveness or restoration, as well as no possibility of repentance or reconciliation. We thank You for His supreme sacrifice and renew our lives to Him. You have heard our confessions in Christ's Name and so through His holy words, we further pray, saying, "***Our Father, Who art in heaven...THE LORD'S PRAYER***" (*debts/debtors*)

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Guide: Every day we break God's Law and foolishly separate ourselves from God's favor and love. Only Jesus can save us from our sins and restore us to God's Kingdom. Let us therefore rejoice and be glad in our Redeemer's Name. Amen.

ANTHEM "Be Thou My Vision" Janice James, piano

PRAYER FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

Pastor: O Lord, You have searched our spirits and You know us completely. You see everything we do and understand our thoughts, worries and concerns. You are familiar with all of our ways; You understand all that we experience. Before we voice these prayers, You know what we are about to ask.

People: Living God, when we are under pressure or suffer from stress, You lay Your loving hand upon us. Your presence can be wonderful and comforting. We ask for Your healing and peace to come upon us, and also to our loved ones. Heal all that is broken within us and strengthen our bodies, hearts, minds, and souls. Hear us now as we quietly pray.

- Silent prayer for others and ourselves. A candle is lit. -

Pastor: We are never out of God's reach, and we always belong to the Lord. In Jesus' Name, we thankfully pray. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Holy Spirit, let God's Word effectively penetrate our hearts and minds, so that we may grow spiritually and remain obedient to Christ Jesus in faith, hope, and love. In His Name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 34:15-22

15-16 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to blot out their name from the earth.

17-18 The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

19-20 The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all; he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.

21-22 Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned.

The Lord will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned. ALL: This is the Word of the Lord. Amen.

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

3-5 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through

Christ.

6-7 If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

8-9 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.

10-11 He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE “Deliver Us From Evil” Rev. John Stuart, Pastor

COMMUNION

At this moment in our service, we will break bread and share juice together. May we be blessed through this sacred act of worship and commemoration.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with You.

Pastor: Let us lift up our hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Lord God, who grants us the Cup of Hope and the Bread of Life, allow the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread, the juice, and all the people gathered here. May we know of Your peace and may we pledge to support one another in Christ's love throughout this critical time.

The Words of Communion

We may now eat the bread and drink the juice to honor Christ's sacrificial love.

- A moment of silent prayer -

Pastor: O Glorious God, may Your blessings of grace and peace be known in our hearts and with one another. In Christ's Name, we gratefully pray. Amen.

Vision & Mission

Pastor: Unified in Christ, we actively seek to create harmony in a diverse community.

People: We will do this through compassion, mutual respect, and love.

Pastor: The mission of Erin Church is to belong to the diverse family in Christ;

People: We will seek to show love and accept all as God's children.

Pastor: We will work to become disciples who embody and share the gospel.

People: We will do this by serving our church and beyond.

ALL: With God's help and in Christ's Name. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #509 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

BENEDICTION ***May Christ embrace us every day, filling us with His love; may the Father send us into the world with His wisdom and strength; and may the Holy Spirit guide and encourage us to faithfully worship the One, Triune, and Living God, both now and forever. Amen.***

POSTLUDE "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" by Janet Linker

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

Unified in Christ, we actively seek to create harmony in a diverse community through compassion, mutual respect and love.

Pray for one another....

If you need prayer email us at admin@erinpresbyterian.org

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FOLLOW-UP READINGS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Isaiah 37:1-20	Isaiah 37:21-38	Isaiah 38:1-22	Isaiah 39:1-8
Romans 15:17-33	Romans 16:1-27	1 Corinthians 1:1-17	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
FRIDAY		SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Isaiah 40:1-17		Isaiah 40:18-31	1 Chronicles 29:10-20
1 Corinthians 2:1-16		1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Luke 11:1-4

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Psalm 34:19 "The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all."

No matter how faithful we are, we are still going to have troubles in our lives. Faith does not shield us from sad, painful, or tragic events, but rather faith is meant to support us during troubled times. We rely on God to give us the strength to endure suffering, so that one day we can look back and see where we faced our problems and realize how much we have changed since then. God delivers us from despair and constantly leads us with love.