Astoria Community Church

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CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 90

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

People: You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals." A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

Leader: Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—they are like the new grass of the morning:
In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.

People: We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.

Leader: You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

All: Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE

"Our God, our help in ages past" (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION Acts 3:19-20

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 6:18

You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Psalm 126 (Although we are weeping)"

Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;
Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!
Although we are weeping,
Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of your Kingdom
For the day you will reap them!
Your sheaves we will carry;
Lord, please do not tarry!
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy!

The nations will say, "He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord! **Isaac Wardell**

PASSING THE PEACE

Ages 4K - 2nd grade released for Seedlings Children's Worship. They will be met at the back of the sanctuary.

EPISTLE READING I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.
But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Establish the work of our hands"
If you don't build it, we labor in vain.
Without your Spirit, we stand with no strength.
I know my life is passing away,
But the works of your hands
Are what will remain.
Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us...

O Lord, establish the work of our hands!
O Lord, establish the work of our hands!

Teach us to number the length of our days,
Pour out your power, we pour out your praise.
Teach us to run, to finish the race,
For only what's done in love will remain.
Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us...

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Porter's Gate**

"Come down"
Death is ended! Oh Lord, come down!
Gospel extended. Oh Lord, come down!
Your kingdom come, your will be done!
The kingdom is now, come down.

Here we stand, Oh Lord, come down.
Your feet and hands, Oh Lord, come down.
Give us this day our daily bread!
The kingdom is now, come down.

How will he do his work
With no hands and feet but ours?
Will justice and peace be restored?
He's making all things new,
He is our spirit's food,
His kingdom is now, come down.

Our strength and shield, Oh Lord, come down.
The Spirit, our seal, Oh Lord, come down.
Forgive our debts, help us forgive!
The kingdom is now, come down.

Your grace is saving, Oh Lord, come down.
All else is failing, Oh Lord, come down.
Yours is the power, forever, amen!
The kingdom is now, come down. **Michael Kendall**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING

II Samuel 11:1-11, 14-17, 27b, 12:1-14 *NIV*
In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem. [2]One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, [3]and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." [4]Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. [5]The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant." [6]So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David. [7]When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. [8]Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. [9]But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house. [10]David was told, "Uriah did not go home." So he asked Uriah, "Haven't you just come from a military campaign? Why didn't you go home?" [11]Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!"... [14]In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. [15]In it he wrote, "Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die." [16]So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were. [17]When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David's army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died....[27b]But the thing David had done displeased the Lord. [12:1]The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. [2]The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, [3]but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. [4]"Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him." [5]David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! [6]He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity." [7]Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. [8]I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. [9]Why did you despise the word of the

Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. [10]Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.' [11]"This is what the Lord says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. [12]You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'" [13]Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan replied, "The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. [14]But because by doing this you have shown utter contempt for the Lord, the son born to you will die."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "David's Sin" Pastor Jim Fredere

OFFERTORY

THE LORD'S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts!
People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
Leader: It is always right and proper, and our moral duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the inhabitants of heaven, we honor and adore your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:
People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts!**
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to you, O Lord, most high. Amen

The Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

Leader: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**
Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come eat and drink with thanksgiving.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Bread is gluten-free. Outer cups - juice. Inner rings - wine.
Pews will be released from the back by ushers to come forward.

"Come, all ye pining, hungry, poor"
Lord, we adore thy boundless grace,
The heights and depths unknown,
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace,
In thy beloved Son.
Come, all ye pining, hungry, poor,
The Saviour's bounty taste;
Behold a never-failing store
For every willing guest.

O wondrous gifts of love divine,
Dear Source of every good;
Jesus, in thee what glories shine!
How rich thy flowing blood!

Here shall your numerous wants receive
A free, a full supply;
He has unmeasured bliss to give,
And joys that never die.
Brian Murphy; Anne Steele

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT
"Jesus, what a friend for sinners" (see insert)

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26
The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITORS: We are so glad that you joined us for worship. If you are a visitor, please email admin@astoriachurch.org to be added to our email list or see the QR code below. We send out a weekly electronic newsletter and other announcement emails.

NEED PRAYER?: Leaders will be available up front after the service.

CREEDS AND CONFESSIONS: Class resumes today after worship in the chapel.

ADVENT TOGO OFFERING: During the whole month of November, we're taking up a special offering for two of the missionaries we support - Macklann and Rose Basse in Togo, West Africa. Our goal is $3,000 and anything raised beyond the $3,000 will go towards our missionary budget. **42% has already been donated. Help us get to 100%!** This donation will allow them to provide for the orphans that they minister to, to buy a printer and photocopier for the school, and to convert and furnish an unfinished house that will be used as a school for the nursery and preschool students scheduled to open in January 2027. Thank you ACC for faithfully supporting these dear friends who are working for the Kingdom in their country. Please pray about making a donation above and beyond your normal giving. Please earmark your gift for Togo - cash, check, Zelle, Venmo, Paypal or Simple Donations.

THANKSGIVING DAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Looking for a fun way to serve our community this Thanksgiving? Look no further! The United Methodist Korean Church is hosting a Thanksgiving Potluck Open House sponsored by Astoria Safe & Sober and are looking for volunteers on **Thursday, November 26!** Assistance is needed from setting up in the morning, distributing food during the different meeting times (12pm, 2pm, and 4pm), and cleaning up afterwards. Whether you are available to help for an hour or four, anytime is welcome! Come help spread some holiday cheer and make Thanksgiving a little brighter for our neighbors! For more information please contact Vakas Grey (443-985-4019) or the event coordinator Neeta Ramkissoon (917-450-3313) directly who can help assign you based on how you would like to help.

2nd ANNUAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR: Saturday, December 5 from 11am - 5pm. The Diaconate in partnership with Hope Astoria Church Community Partners at Connected Chef's space will be bringing organizations and community members together for a day of resources, services, and connection. The goal is to provide holistic resources to our neighbors - health, education, legal advocacy, food justice, vaccinations. To volunteer to help execute the event, set up, serve food, clean up etc. sign up link is in the newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE! ❄️ Children's Holiday Party on **Saturday, December 19** in Long Island City. We need your help to make this party a success! 🎁 Come help us decorate, play games, lead crafts, and serve the holiday meal. You can choose volunteer shifts between 9:00am – 3:30pm. Link coming soon! Any questions contact Miriam at mtielmann@ymail.com

HELP SUPPORT NEIGHBORS WITHOUT KITCHENS: The Hour Children Food Pantry is more than just a source of groceries—it's a lifeline for many families in our community. We are accepting donations of microwaveable items every Sunday for the pantry. Items may be dropped off in the box in the lobby. We need pouches – beans/lentils, salmon, chicken, tuna and noodle soups. NO CANS, NO PEANUT BUTTER & NO COLD CEREAL please. Questions? Please speak to Miriam or email her at mtielmann@ymail.com. Thank you for your continued generosity and compassion!

WELCOME TO ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Helpful Information:

Seeds: During worship. Nursery is provided for **newborns – 3K.** Andrea Mungo, admin@astoriachurch.org.

Seedlings Children's Worship (4K – 2nd Grade): Our younger children are dismissed during the Passing of the Peace as they grow into participating in corporate worship. The last Sunday of each month is Family Sunday when we all worship together. Carin Fredere, acckids@astoriachurch.org. (Sept – June)

Youth Group - Grades 6 - 12: Jim Fredere, youth@astoriachurch.org, on Fridays (Sept – June)

Community Groups
Small groups that meet on Zoom and in person for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. Email jim@astoriachurch.org for info.

Financial Need
Members of the Diaconate team are available to meet with you if you have a financial need. Please email Diaconate@astoriachurch.org or call 718-721-3440.

English as a Second Language Classes
Saturdays 10-11:30AM (on zoom) and Wednesdays 6:30 – 8PM (in person) Info: QueensESL@gmail.com

Outreach and Helps Ministries
If you have a practical need, email **Helps@astoriachurch.org**. For the **Meals Ministry**, email **accmeals@gmail.com**. For info on service opportunities email **Diaconate@astoriachurch.org**.

Men's and Women's Ministry
Info for women, contact: women@astoriachurch.org
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