Astoria Community Church

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CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 78
Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.
People: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD and his might and the wonders that he has done.
Leader: He established a decree in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children,
All: that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE
"My hope is built on nothing less" (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION Jeremiah 2:11-13
"But my people have exchanged their Glory for worthless idols. Be appalled at this, O heavens, and shudder with great horror," declares the Lord. "My people have committed two sins: they have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water."

CORPORATE CONFESSION Jeremiah 14:20-22
We acknowledge our wickedness, LORD, and the guilt of our ancestors; we have indeed sinned against you. For the sake of your name do not despise us; do not dishonor your glorious throne. Remember your covenant with us and do not break it. Do any of the worthless idols of the nations bring rain? Do the skies themselves send down showers? No, it is you, LORD our God. Therefore our hope is in you, for you are the one who does all this.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Ezekiel 36:25-26
"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

SONG OF PRAISE **"Thy mercy, my God"**
Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy, I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But through thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by thy goodness I fall to the ground,
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found.
Hallelujah!

Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own;
And the covenant love of thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine,
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.
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Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.
Hallelujah! **Sandra McCracken; John Stocker**

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 4:13-18
Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

SONG OF RESPONSE **"Goodness of God"**
I love you, Lord. Oh, your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life you have been faithful.
All my life you have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, you are close like no other.
I've known you as a father, I've known you as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now;
I give you everything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Fielding, Johnson, Cash, Ingram

"I will rise"
There's a peace I've come to know,
Though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul--
I can say, "It is well."

Jesus has overcome,
And the grave is overwhelmed;
The victory is won, he is risen from the dead.
And I will rise when he calls my name;
No more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagle's wings,
Before my God, fall on my knees,
And rise. I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near,
When this darkness breaks to light,
And the shadows disappear,
And my faith shall be my eyes.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing,
"Worthy is the Lamb!"
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart,
"Worthy is the Lamb!" **Giglio, Tomlin, Reeves and Maher**

MINISTRY UPDATE

SCRIPTURE READING II Samuel 7:1-17 *NIV*
After the king was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, [2]he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent." [3]Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the Lord is with you." [4]But that night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying: [5]"Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? [6]I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. [7]Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"' [8]"Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. [9]I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. [10]And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning [11]and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. "'The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: [12]When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. [13]He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. [14]I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. [15]But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. [16]Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.'"[17]Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation.

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

MESSAGE "David and the Promise of God"
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.

"Alas! and did my Savior bleed"

Alas! and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?
Thy body slain, sweet Jesus, thine,
And bathed in its own blood,
While all exposed to wrath divine
The glorious Sufferer stood?

Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!
Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut his glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died
For man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While his dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness
And melt my eyes in tears.
But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give my self away,
'Tis all that I can do. **Traditional Irish; Watts**

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

"Hail to the Lord's anointed" (see insert)

BENEDICTION Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

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. 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. If you would like to make a donation above and beyond your normal giving, we will be taking donations through Sunday, November 29. 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! Can't volunteer but still want to contribute? Donations of desserts, snacks, and trays of food are also 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

WORSHIP: Sundays, 10:30AM
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2102, Astoria, NY 11102
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ESL and YOUTH GROUP LOCATION: Astoria First Art House
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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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