

# ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

May 10, 2026  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
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## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People:** He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**Leader:** Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:** He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

**Leader:** God has claimed us as his own.

**People:** He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

**Leader:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People:** He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## SONG OF PRAISE

“Let us of Christ” (see insert)

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

## PRAYERS OF PRAISE

## EASTER READING Acts 17:22-31

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’ Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

**Reader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## SONG OF RESPONSE

“All things shall perish” (see insert)

## CALL TO CONFESSION Lamentations 3:40-42a

Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord. Let us lift up our hearts and our hands to God in heaven and say, “We have sinned and rebelled.”

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, all that prevents me taking delight in you. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 5:8-10

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

## SONG OF RESPONSE “Nothing but the blood”

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing this I see--  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my pardon this my plea--  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone--  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done--  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace—  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness—  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Stewart; Lowery

## PASSING THE PEACE

*\*\*Children 4K - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade are dismissed for Sunday school.\*\**

## PSALM READING Psalm 66:8-20

Praise our God, all peoples,  
let the sound of his praise be heard;  
he has preserved our lives  
and kept our feet from slipping.  
For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver.  
You brought us into prison  
and laid burdens on our backs.  
You let people ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water,  
but you brought us to a place of abundance.  
I will come to your temple with burnt offerings  
and fulfill my vows to you—  
vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke  
when I was in trouble.  
I will sacrifice fat animals to you  
and an offering of rams; I will offer bulls and goats.  
Come and hear, all you who fear God;  
let me tell you what he has done for me.  
I cried out to him with my mouth;  
his praise was on my tongue.  
If I had cherished sin in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened;  
but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer.  
Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer  
or withheld his love from me!

**Reader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## SONG OF RESPONSE “All the poor and powerless”

All the poor and powerless,  
And all the lost and lonely,  
And all the thieves will come confess  
And know that you are holy,  
And know that you are holy.

*And all will sing out hallelujah,  
And we will cry out hallelujah.*

All the hearts who are content  
And all who feel unworthy,  
And all who hurt with nothin' left  
Will know that you are holy.

Shout it, go on and scream it from the mountains;  
Go on and tell it to the masses, that he is God.

We will sing out hallelujah  
And we will cry out hallelujah.  
We will sing out hallelujah  
And shout, shout! **Jordan and Leonard**

## “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 Philemon 1:1-25 NIV

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker—<sup>2</sup>also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home: <sup>3</sup>Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people. <sup>8</sup>Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, <sup>9</sup>yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—<sup>10</sup>that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to

me. <sup>12</sup> I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. <sup>13</sup> I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup> But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary.

<sup>15</sup> Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever—<sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup> I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask. <sup>22</sup> And one thing more: Prepare a guest room for me, because I hope to be restored to you in answer to your prayers.

<sup>23</sup> Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. <sup>24</sup> And so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke, my fellow workers. <sup>25</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

**Reader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE** “Radical Reconciliation” Graham Girard

### **OFFERTORY “Teach us your ways”**

Teach us your ways,  
Teach us your ways as we learn from one another,  
Learn to love each other, teach us your ways.

Teach us to give,  
Teach us to give, give ourselves for one another,  
Learn to love each other, teach us to give.

Teach us to weep,  
Teach us to weep, learn to weep with one another,  
Learn to love each other, teach us to weep.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Let us learn from one another,  
Learn to love each other, teach us your ways.

Wardell, Palmer, Jordan, Zach

### **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.*

**“The blood will never lose its power”**

The blood that Jesus shed for me,  
Way back on Calvary;  
The blood that gives me strength from day to day,  
It will never lose its power.  
*It reaches to the highest mountain.  
It flows to the lowest valley.  
The blood that gives me strength from day to day,  
It will never lose its power.*

It soothes my doubts and calms my fears,  
And it dries all my tears.  
The blood that gives me strength from day to day,  
It will never lose its power. **Andrae Crouch**

### **MUSIC OF COMMITMENT**

**“We are God’s people” (see insert)**

### **BENEDICTION** Romans 15:5-6

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VISITORS:** We are so glad that you joined us for worship. If you are a visitor, please email [admin@astoriachurch.org](mailto:admin@astoriachurch.org) to be added to our email list. We send out a weekly electronic newsletter and other announcement emails.

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

**VOLUNTEER AT HOUR CHILDREN:** Join us **THIS Saturday, May 16th from 10:00am – 12:30pm** for a warm, fun-filled morning at Hour Children. We'll be demonstrating God's love by distributing care items to mothers and children in our community. Volunteers 13+ are welcome. And if you speak languages other than English, we especially invite you to join — no need to be fluent. Can you do face painting or balloon art? Please contact Miriam at [Mtielmann@hourchildren.org](mailto:Mtielmann@hourchildren.org) ASAP. Have children's clothes to donate? Bring them when you volunteer or drop them off at the Synagogue by Friday, May 15th. Sign up link is in the Tuesday newsletter.

**SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER MEETING:** Starting in May, Sunday morning prayer will be moving to once a month from **9:45 - 10:15AM**. We warmly invite you to join us for our first gathering on **May 17th** as we pray together for ACC, our world, and one another. We hope to see you there!

**COMMUNITY PRAYER WALK:** We will be participating in a prayer walk with other churches in Western Queens on **Saturday, May 23rd from 10-11AM**. Email [hopejustice@hopeastoria.org](mailto:hopejustice@hopeastoria.org) to RSVP.

**PIZZA PARTY:** Right after worship on **May 31st**, we're gathering for a pizza party, and we'd love for you to join us! It's a wonderful opportunity to slow down, share a slice, and get to know the people around you. Come as you are, bring your smile, and let's enjoy some good food and even better company. We can't wait to see you there! Sign up link is in the newsletter.

**SAVE THE DATE:** This summer's Vacation Bible Club will be **August 24th-28th**. This year's theme is space, and we'll be exploring the cosmos while talking about God's incredible act of creation. We'll be sharing more details and ways to volunteer in the coming weeks.

**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 microwavable items every Sunday for the pantry. Items may be dropped off in the box in the lobby. **We need pouches – bean/lentil, 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](mailto:mtielmann@ymail.com). Thank you for your continued generosity and compassion!

**MEMBER AND REGULAR ATTENDER NEWS AND NETWORKING:** This is a place for ACC Members and Regular Attenders to update one another on our lives and to network and share resources. Please email Andrea at [admin@astoriachurch.org](mailto:admin@astoriachurch.org) with any news or networking you have to share!

## WELCOME TO ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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### Helpful Information:

**God's Seeds: During worship.** Nursery is provided for **newborns – 3 year olds**. Andrea Mungo, [admin@astoriachurch.org](mailto:admin@astoriachurch.org).

**God's Seedlings (4K – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade):** Sunday School class happens 30 minutes into the worship service. Carin Fredere, [acckids@astoriachurch.org](mailto:acckids@astoriachurch.org). (Sept – June)

**Youth Group - Grades 6 - 12:** Jim Fredere, [youth@astoriachurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:QueensESL@gmail.com)

**Outreach and Helps Ministries**  
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