

ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 116

Leader: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

People: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Leader: What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

People: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

Leader: O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

All: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Rejoice, the Lord is King” (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION II Corinthians 5:15

And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

SPOKEN CONFESSION

All: O Lord, this week I have lived for myself and not for you. I have not loved the things you love and hated the things you hate. Forgive me, for your mercy’s sake.

SILENT CONFESSION

SONG OF CONFESSION

“From out of the depths” (see insert)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON II Corinthians 5:17, 21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

SONG OF RESPONSE “All ye refugees”

I am the One, the earth is my handmade work
The skies, I laid them wide, beauty unfurled
Horizon to horizon,
Creation to creation sings you home.

*Welcome home, gather round
All ye refugees, come in.*

O refugee, I did not cast you out
In death and broken ground, salvation springs
My body and my blood, the healing that you need
Come and receive.

Watch and wait and see, what is yet to be.
Watch and wait and see, for the morning.

Go out in joy and join the great procession
The mountains and the heav’ns all will rejoice
Horizon to horizon, creation to creation,
Horizon to horizon,
Creation to creation with one voice. Scott; Haddock; Paris

PASSING THE PEACE

Children 4K - 3rd Grade are dismissed for Sunday school.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7
The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.” “Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.” So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.” Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. “Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him. “There, in the tent,” he said. Then one of them said, “I will surely

return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.” Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?” Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.” Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.” But he said, “Yes, you did laugh.”... Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Sarah said, “God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.” And she added, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE

“What the Lord has done in me”

Let the weak say, "I am strong."
 Let the poor say, "I am rich."
 Let the blind say, "I can see,"
 What the Lord has done in me.

*Hosanna, hosanna
 To the Lamb that was slain.
 Hosanna, hosanna
 Jesus died and rose again.*

To the river I will wade,
 There my sins are washed away.
 From the heavens mercy streams
 Of the Savior's love for me.

I will rise from waters deep
 In the saving arms of God.
 I will sing salvation songs.
 Jesus Christ has set me free. **Reuben Morgan**

“What a beautiful name”

You were the Word at the beginning,
 One with God the Lord Most High.
 Your hidden glory in creation
 Now revealed in you our Christ.
*What a beautiful name it is,
 What a beautiful name it is,
 The name of Jesus Christ my King.
 What a beautiful name it is,
 Nothing compares to this.
 What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

You didn't want heaven without us,
 So Jesus, you brought heaven down.
 My sin was great, your love was greater;
 What could separate us now?
*What a wonderful name it is,
 What a wonderful name it is,
 The name of Jesus Christ my King.
 What a wonderful name it is,
 Nothing compares to this.
 What a wonderful name it is,
 The name of Jesus.
 What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you
 You silenced the boast of sin and grave.
 The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory
 For you are raised to life again.
 You have no rival, you have no equal,
 Now and forever, our God reigns.
 Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory,
 Yours is the name, above all names.
*What a powerful name it is,
 What a powerful name it is,
 The name of Jesus Christ my King.
 What a powerful name it is,
 Nothing can stand against.
 What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.*
Brooke Ligertwood, Ben Fielding

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 6:5-9 *ESV*

⁵ Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, ⁶ not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷ rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, ⁸ knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. ⁹ Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE “Slaves, masters and Lord of all”

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.

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

“We are God’s people” (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. We send out a weekly electronic newsletter and other announcement emails.

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

BIBLE CLUB UPDATE: We could use help **TODAY after the service** wrapping the gifts for the students. Please join us in the Chapel after the service is over. Thanks!

QUEENS NIGHT MARKET OUTING: Join ACC for an evening at the Queens Night Market on **Saturday, June 27th from 6-8 p.m.** Come for food, fellowship and fun. Sign in link is in the newsletter.

COMMUNITY PRAYER WALK: The prayer walk with other churches in Western Queens has been rescheduled for **Sunday, June 28th at 2:30. Go have lunch after church and join the prayer walk after!** Please meet at 36th Avenue and 12th Street. Please RSVP to hopejustice@hopeastoria.org by June 26th.

SUMMER BOOK STUDY: Join us this summer and read *"Everything Is Never Enough: Ecclesiastes' Surprising Path to Resilient Happiness"* by Bobby Jamieson. It can be purchased on Amazon or borrowed from the Queens library. Winner of the Christianity Today book award and the Gospel Coalition Book Award. Sign in link is in the newsletter.

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 – 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. 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 with any news or networking you have to share!

WELCOME TO ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

WORSHIP: Sundays, 10:30AM
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Helpful Information:

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

God's Seedlings (4K – 3rd Grade): Sunday School class happens 30 minutes into the worship service. 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
Info for men, contact: jim@astoriachurch.org