

ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 42

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

People: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

Leader: My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

People: These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

All: Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE "Send out your light"

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
Against the deceitful man, O deliver us.
For you are the God in whom I take refuge.
Why have you rejected me?
I walk around confused.

*Send out your light and truth,
Let them lead me.*

*Bring me to your holy hill,
To your dwelling.*

*Then I will go to the altar of God,
To God, my exceeding joy.*

*Then I will praise him with all my heart,
Oh my joy, my joy!*

Why are you cast down low, O my soul?
Why are you cast down low, and in turmoil?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him.
Hope in God, for he is my salvation.

Sandra McCracken, from Psalm 43

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

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

"Jesus, what a friend for sinners!" (see insert)

PASSING THE PEACE

Children ages 3-Grade 5 are dismissed for Sunday school.

OLD TESTAMENT READING I Kings 19:1-15
Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them." Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected

your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.” The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Galatians 3:23-29

Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE “Yes! we are sons”

We can be—as many as the Spirit will lead—
In God’s family—and struggle though we may
He has made a way,
For he took the curse of the law for us,
Bringing us to him who in faith we trust
We became the seed of his covenant
Made in Christ Jesus.

*Yes! we are sons! Yes! we are daughters,
We are heirs of the promise of his glory,
Yes! we are sons! Yes! we are daughters,*

*We receive what he’s prepared
For us to share eternally.*

He gave all, obedient to death on the cross,
And if it should be, that for this present time,
Mountains we must climb,
Jesus over sin was victorious,
Now he at the throne intercedes for us,
That together we may be glorified
And bring him glory!

James Ward

“How great is your love”

No eye has seen and no ear has heard,
And no mind has ever conceived,
The glorious things that you have prepared
For everyone who has believed;
You brought us near and you called us your own,
And made us joint heirs with your Son.

*How high and how wide, how deep and how long,
How sweet and how strong is your love;
How lavish your grace, how faithful your ways,
How great is your love, O Lord!*

Objects of mercy, who should have known wrath,
We’re filled with unspeakable joy,
Riches of wisdom, unsearchable wealth,
And the wonder of knowing your voice;
You are our treasure and our great reward,
Our hope and our glorious King.

Mark Altrogge

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING Revelations 3:7-13 NIV

“To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. ⁸ I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹ I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. ¹¹ I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. ¹² The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from

my God; and I will also write on them my new name. ¹³ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "An Open Door" 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.

"Jerusalem"

See him in Jerusalem walking where the crowds are.
Once these streets had sung to him,
Now they cry for murder.
Such a frail and lonely man,
Holding up the heavy cross.
See him walking in Jerusalem,
On the road to save us.

See him there upon the hill,
Hear the scorn and laughter.

Silent as a lamb he waits
Praying to the Father.
See the King who made the sun
And the moon and shining stars,
Let the soldiers hold and nail him down
So that he could save them.

See him there upon the cross,
Now no longer breathing.
Dust that formed the watching crowds,
Takes the blood of Jesus.
Feel the earth is shaking now,
See the veil is split in two.
And he stood before the wrath of God,
Shielding sinners with his blood.

See the empty tomb today,
Death could not contain him.
Once the servant of the world,
Now in vict'ry reigning.
Lift your voices to the One
Who is seated on the throne.
See him in the New Jerusalem,
Praise the One who saved us.
Robinson, Thompson, Tranter

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

"Glorious things of thee are spoken" (see insert)

BENEDICTION I Thessalonians 3:12-13

May the Lord cause you to increase and overflow with love for one another and for everyone, just as we do for you. May he make your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Amen.

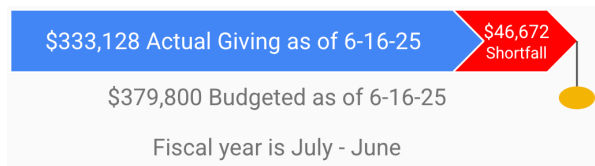
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. We send out a weekly electronic newsletter and other announcement emails.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT: Join the women of ACC for a fun time of dumpling making (and eating!) **Saturday June 28th, 11:00 am** at Irene's house. To RSVP, please email Anne Rojas at anne.rojas@gmail.com. Space is limited!

NURSERY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are in need of 3 more nursery volunteers and 2-3 more Sunday School volunteers. Once a month commitment and you must be a member. Please see Andrea for details at admin@astoriachurch.org.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Please see below for our progress towards meeting our budget. Please pray about your end of the FY giving.



VACATION BIBLE CLUB: Plan to join us for our biggest outreach of the year. This summer it will be the week of **July 7th-11th** in the **evening from 6:30 – 8 pm at Van Alst Playground**. Sign up using the link in the newsletter.

CRAFT PREPPING PARTY: Please come help prepare for our VBC crafts on **Sunday, June 22nd** after the service in the Chapel. Pizza and salad will be served! Sign up using the link in the newsletter.

VBC OUTREACH DAYS: Join us in handing out fliers for VBC on **Thursday, June 26 from 7-8PM and/or Wednesday, July 2 from 7-8PM**. Sign up using the link in the newsletter.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER GATHERING: Join us each Sunday evening **beginning July 13th** from 6:00 – 6:45PM as we come together to pray for one another and for the life of our church. A zoom link will be provided.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY - Praying The Lord's Prayer: Join Pastor Jim for a 6-week Bible study **beginning July 15th** from 7:00 – 8:00PM as we explore how Jesus taught his disciples to pray. Sign up using the link in the newsletter.

THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER GATHERING: Start your day in prayer from 8:00 – 8:30AM, **beginning July 17th**, as we seek personal and church-wide revival together. A zoom link will be provided.

WELCOME TO ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

WORSHIP: Sundays, 10:30AM (Mixed Style)
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Helpful Information:

Children and Youth Ministries

We provide nursery during our worship service. Two Sunday School classes happen on Sunday mornings. Our Youth Group meets on Fridays Sept - June. The last Sunday of every month is Family Sunday (no classes provided) and a children's bulletin is provided. See below for more info.

God's Seeds: During worship. Nursery is provided for **newborns – 3 year olds**. New Parents must register in advance. Link is in the newsletter. Andrea Mungo, admin@astoriachurch.org.

God's Seedlings (Age 3- Grade 5): During worship Sunday School class. Annette Scattoni, acckids@astoriachurch.org.

Youth Group - Grades 6 - 12: Pastor 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

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