

ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 145

Leader: All your works praise you, LORD, All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you. They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Leader: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE “O God beyond all praising” (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

SILENT CONFESSION

SONG OF CONFESSION “God be merciful to me” (see insert)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 130:5-8

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

SONG OF RESPONSE “Bless the Lord”

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship his holy name.*

*Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore.

Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

“Blessed be your name”

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name,
When I'm found in the desert place.
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be your name.

Ev'ry blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say:

*Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be your glorious name.*

Blessed be your name,
When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be,
Blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name on the road marked with
suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be your name.

You give and take away,
You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say,
Lord, blessed be your name. Matt and Beth Redman

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Samuel 11:1-15

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. 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, 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." 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. The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant." So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. 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. But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house. 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?" 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!" Then David said to him, "Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. 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."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM READING Psalm 14

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."
They are corrupt, their deeds are vile;
there is no one who does good.
The LORD looks down from heaven
on all mankind

to see if there are any who understand,
any who seek God.

All have turned away, all have become corrupt;
there is no one who does good, not even one.

Do all these evildoers know nothing?

They devour my people as though eating bread;
they never call on the LORD.

But there they are, overwhelmed with dread,
for God is present in the company of the righteous.

You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,
but the LORD is their refuge.

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!

When the LORD restores his people,
let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE "Make a way"

Come, Son of God, and make us new;

Light of the world, our hearts renew.

Hope in our inner darkness lies:

Oh, healing sun of justice rise!

Come, promised since our Eden's end;

Child of the woman, come defend.

Long have we felt the serpent's sting:

Come, strike his head, and mercy bring!

O make a way! open wide the gates.

O make a way! through the sorrow and the pain.

O make a way! though the road is dark and winding.

O come, come!

Come, Son of Man, to show the way.
O, through the tears, may we see the day.
So long did we in darkness dwell.
Come down to break the chains of hell!

Bluett, Wardell, Zach

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:9-14 *NIV*

⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ ¹⁴I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“The parable of the pharisee and the tax collector”
Jim Fredere

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.

“Out of my bondage, sorrow and night”

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into your freedom, gladness and light
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my sickness and into your health,
Out of my wanting and into your wealth,
Out of my doubting and into yourself,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of your cross,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of earth’s sorrows and into your balm,
Out of life’s tempest and into your calm,
Out of earth’s clamor and into your song;
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into your blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of self-seeking to dwell in your love,
Out of despairing to raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove;
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of your home,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of the deepest of ruin untold,
Into the peace of your sheltering fold,
Ever your glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to thee. Thompson; Sleeper

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

“On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand” (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 to ACC, please email admin@astoriachurch.org to be added to our email list. Or fill out a communication card at the Hospitality Table (hard copy or QR code). We send out a weekly electronic newsletter and other announcement emails.

VACATION BIBLE CLUB RECAP: We had over 60 kids throughout the week and over 20 volunteers from ACC throughout the week. There were lots of returning families, about 50% of attendees, and several were Muslim families. Each night we had 20-30 kids, many attending consistently throughout the week. The real hit each night was the memory verse and running with the torch! Please pray for the seeds that were planted and that there is Gospel ready soil in the hearts of the children and their parents. Check out our social media pages and the newsletter for photos.

PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE: Come join us for an encouraging time of fellowship, sharing and prayer twice a month. **The August dates are the 11th and 18th.** The Chapel is open on the other Sundays for those that would still like to gather for prayer. If you have questions, prayer requests and/or would like to be added to the email list, please email Christine Hamel at chrissyhamel19@gmail.com.

PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE: If you need prayer for anything, the Elders and Diaconate members will be up front in the sanctuary after the announcements **every Sunday**. Please come forward for prayer!

MOMS' CG UPDATE: The ACC Moms' community group will still be meeting virtually over the summer, switching back to **Wed mornings 9:30 - 11am**. We'll be watching 30 min videos via Zoom from the 2023 Rise Up Parenting Conference, with some time afterwards to discuss and pray together--it will be low key, moms can drop in and out as they are able, and no need to read anything in advance! Please contact Julie for more info or to be added to the group email: julia.sandy@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: Please join us for a Bible Club prayer walk and orientation on **September 8th after the service**. If you are interested in joining the team but are not sure and want to learn more, this event is for you! More details to come.

WAYS TO GIVE FINANCIALLY:

- * **Cash and Check** in the offering basket on Sundays
- * **Simple donations** (giving through our website.)
- * **Zelle:** admin@astoriachurch.org
- * **Venmo:** [@astoriachurch](https://www.venmo.com/astoriachurch)
- * **PayPal:** admin@astoriachurch.org
- * **Mail:** PO Box 2102, Astoria, NY 11102

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR: We started a new plan to read through the Bible in a year on January 1st. The Word of God is our primary means of knowing God's will, character, and ways. This can be a great time to grow and learn together. It's not too late to join! Sign up in the newsletter.

WELCOME TO ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Our mission is to glorify God by learning of God, living in Christ, and loving God and our neighbors.

WORSHIP: Sundays, 10:30AM (Mixed Style) MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2102, Astoria, NY 11102

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27-35 Crescent Street, Astoria, NY 11102

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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 (Ages 3- Grade 5): During worship Sunday School class. Annette Scattoni, acckids@astoriachurch.org.

Youth Group - Grades 6 - 12: JC Cha, 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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