

ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 107

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

People: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

All: Let those who are wise pay attention to these things and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Come, thou Almighty King” (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION Luke 12:15-21

And Jesus said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

“Hallowed be the name of Jesus”

Hallowed be the name of Jesus.

Holy is the Lamb, Lord Jesus.

Other kingdoms rise and fall
But you reign over all.
Hallowed be the name of Jesus.

Precious is the blood of Jesus.
Blessed Son of God, Lord Jesus.
You have washed away our sin,
Given grace to enter in. Precious is the blood of Jesus.

Worthy is the Lamb, Lord Jesus.
Righteous I can stand in Jesus.
We were chained to death but then
You raised us up again.
Worthy is the Lamb, Lord Jesus. Lilly Green

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Question 102 and 103 from *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*

Leader: What do we pray for in the second petition?

People: In the second petition, which is, Thy kingdom come,” we pray, that Satan’s kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

Leader: What do we pray for in the third petition?

People: In the third petition, which is, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven,” we pray, that God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE “All glory be to Christ”

Should nothing of our efforts stand,
No legacy survive;
Unless the Lord does raise the house,
In vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain,

Tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn; All glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!*

His will be done, his kingdom come,
On earth as is above,
Who is himself our daily bread;
Praise him the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price;
We'll take a cup of kindness yet; All glory be to Christ!

When on the day the great I Am,
The faithful and the true,
The Lamb, who was for sinners slain,
Is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light.
And we shall ere his people be; All glory be to Christ!
AULD LANG SYNE; Dunstin Kensrue

PASSING THE PEACE

OLD TESTAMENT READING Hosea 11:1-11
“When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. But the more they were called, the more they went away from me. They sacrificed to the Baals and they burned incense to images. It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them. Will they not return to Egypt and will not Assyria rule over them because they refuse to repent? A sword will flash in their cities; it will devour their false prophets and put an end to their plans. My people are determined to turn from me. Even though they call me God Most High, I will by no means exalt them. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I treat you like Admah? How can I make you like Zeboyim? My heart is changed within me; all my compassion is aroused. I will not carry out my fierce anger, nor will I devastate Ephraim again. For I am God, and not a man—the Holy One among you. I will not come against their cities. They will follow the LORD; he will roar like a lion. When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west. They will come from Egypt, trembling like sparrows, from Assyria, fluttering like doves. I will settle them in their homes,” declares the LORD.

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

EPISTLE READING Colossians 3:1-11
Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

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

SONG OF RESPONSE “Rise up”
For the lonely and forgotten,
For the weary and distressed,
For the widow and orphan,
For the poor and the oppressed,
For the stranger who has nothing
Does their sorrow reach your ears?
Do you hear? Do you hear?
*Rise up, rise up! The earth will fear the Lord
When you avenge the poor.
May your kingdom come . . . O rise up!*

Hear how Rachel, she is weeping.
How she will not be consoled.
And the children in our keeping,
Are their bodies bought and sold?
And the watchmen, he is sleeping.
Do you now avert your eyes?
Will you rise? Will you rise?

As your will is done in heaven,
Let it now be done below
Let your daily bread be given,
Let your kingdom seed be sown.
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us, we cry!
Will you rise? Will you rise?
*Rise up, rise up! The earth will fear the Lord
when you avenge the poor.
Rise up, rise up! And bare your holy arm
to keep them safe from harm!
May your kingdom come. O rise up!* Isaac Wardell

“The Lion and the Lamb”

He's coming on the clouds,
Kings and kingdoms will bow down.
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare his praise.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah.
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles.
And every knee will bow before him.
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain.
For the sins of the world,
His blood breaks the chains.
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb,
Every knee will bow before him.*

So, open up the gates,
Make way before the King of kings.
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord? **Brown, Johnson and Mooring**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:9-13 *ESV*

⁹ Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,

¹² and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. {For yours is the kingdom and
the power and the glory, forever. Amen.}

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE “The One Where Heaven Breaks In”
Pastor Jim Frederic

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.*

"Psalm 46"

God is our refuge, our strength and our shield,
An ever present help.

We will not fear though the earth gives way,
And the mountains crash into the sea.

*There is a river whose streams will make glad
The city of our most High King.*

God is within her, and she will not fail;

He helps her at break of the day.

Be still, and know that I am God (2x).

Nations in uproar, men's kingdoms, they fall,
He speaks and the earth melts away.

The worst we imagine, the strongest of storms,
Our fortress, it will still remain.

Come, let us see what the Lord has done,
The ruins he brings to the earth.

He makes wars to cease to the ends of the earth,
He shatters the bow and the spear.

*There is a river whose streams will make glad
The city of our most High King.*

God is within her, and she will not fail;

Listen and hear the Lord say:

Be still, and know that I am God (2x).

Crawford and Wardell

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

“A mighty fortress is our God” (see insert)

BENEDICTION II Timothy 4:18

May the Lord rescue you from every evil attack and
bring you safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him 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. We send out a weekly electronic newsletter and other announcement emails.

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

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER GATHERING: Join us each **Sunday evening from 6:00 – 6:45PM** as we come together to pray for one another and for the life of our church. The Zoom link is in the newsletter.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY - Praying The Lord's Prayer: Join Pastor Jim for a 6-week Bible study on Tuesdays 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 on Thursdays as we seek personal and church-wide revival together. The Zoom link is in the newsletter.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday school for ages 3 - Grade 5 takes a hiatus during the month of August.

NURSERY CLOSED UNTIL AFTER LABOR DAY WEEKEND: Due to the slow months of summer, not many little ones coming to the nursery, and needing to build our team back up, we will be closing the nursery through Labor Day weekend and opening it back up on **Sunday, September 7th.**

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 green bin in the lobby. NO CANS please. See the newsletter for a list of suggested food items and to visit their Amazon Wish List. Questions? Please speak to Miriam or email her at mtielmann@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued generosity and compassion!

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. Carin Fredere, ackids@astoriachurch.org.

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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