

Astoria

Community Church

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CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 105

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

People: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE

"Come, my soul, thou must be waking" (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord.

"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

People: Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.

Leader: Lord, you said, "You may ask for anything in my name."

People: Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems.

Leader: Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

People: We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.

Leader: Lord, you said, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

People: Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.

Leader: Lord, you said, "You must testify, for you have been with me."

People: We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.

Leader: Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

People: In this and in so many other ways, we confess our failures and shortcomings. Amen.

SONG OF CONFESSION

"We have not known thee as we ought" (see insert)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON I Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

SONG OF RESPONSE "By his wounds"

By his wounds, his wounds will we be healed.

And for our transgressions, his passion,
Has made us well.

Let us come again and feed on him,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

Traditional; Wardell

PASSING THE PEACE

EPISTLE READING Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE "O for a thousand tongues to sing"

O, for a thousand tongues to sing

My great Redeemer's praise

The glories of my God and King,

The triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.

*O, for a thousand, O, for a thousand,
O, for a thousand tongues to sing!*

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears.
'Tis life and health and peace.
He breaks the power of reigning sin,
He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me

He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,
New life the dead receive
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.
Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosen'd tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy! James Ward; Charles Wesley

"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

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 20:1-20, Matthew 22:34-40 *NIV*

And God spoke all these words:

² "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

¹⁸ When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die."

²⁰ Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning."

³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And

the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

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People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Obeying from your heart" Pastor Robert Tanzie

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.*

"Come, all ye pining, hungry, poor"

Lord, we adore thy boundless grace,
The heights and depths unknown,
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace,
In thy beloved Son.

*Come, all ye pining, hungry, poor,
The Saviour's bounty taste;
Behold a never-failing store
For every willing guest.*

O wondrous gifts of love divine,
Dear Source of every good;

Jesus, in thee what glories shine!
How rich thy flowing blood!

Here shall your numerous wants receive
A free, a full supply;
He has unmeasured bliss to give,
And joys that never die.

Brian Murphy; Anne Steele

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

"All hail the power of Jesus' name" (see insert)

BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom 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.

CHANGE IN WORSHIP LOCATION AND TIME: The synagogue is undergoing renovations this summer. As a result, the building is closed from August 1 through August 16. During this time, ACC is meeting at the Korean United Methodist Church at 30-44 Crescent St. Astoria, NY 11102. The church is located approximately one block from ACI. Our plan is to worship there one more Sunday, on **August 16**.

****Please note that worship begins at 2:30 p.m.****

OUTREACH FOR VACATION BIBLE CLUB: We will be posting and handing out flyers around the neighborhood near Van Alst playground where VBC is happening Tuesday, August 11th from 6:30 - 8 p.m. If you can help, please text Andrea at 917-605-4040 for our meeting spot.

VACATION BIBLE CLUB: Thanks to all who have signed up to help! However, we still need more volunteers. Please see the newsletter to sign up to volunteer and for more details. It is the week of **August 24, every evening from 6-8** at Van Alst playground. Come for one or more evenings! It is a lot of fun!! This year, we're planning to distribute backpacks with school supplies to attendees on the final evening of VBC. Each backpack costs \$8 if you would like to donate to cover that expense. If you have any questions, reach out to judith.newlin@gmail.com.

INTRODUCTION TO ACC: We hope to see you this fall! This class is designed to help you discover who we are as a church and how you can become part of what God is doing through our community. Together, we'll explore our **mission, vision, and core values**, learn what **church membership** means and why it matters, and discover the many opportunities to **serve** using your gifts to make a difference. Whether you're new to the faith or looking to make this your church home, this class is your next step toward belonging and serving with purpose. The class will meet **via zoom over 2 Sundays, September 6 and 13, 5pm until 6:15pm**. Sign up link will be in the Tuesday newsletter. Questions? Email Jim@astoriachurch.org.

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 – beans/lentils, 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!

WELCOME TO ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

WORSHIP: Sundays, 10:30AM

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WORSHIP and OFFICE LOCATION: Astoria Center of Israel
27-35 Crescent Street, Astoria, NY 11102

ESL and YOUTH GROUP LOCATION: Astoria First Art House
23-35 Broadway, Ground Floor Offices, btw 23rd and Crescent
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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
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