

Astoria Community Church

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CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 149

Leader: Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

People: Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

Leader: Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp.

People: For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.

All: Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“O God beyond all praising” (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION Ezekiel 33:10-11

“Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?”’ Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Turn us, O Lord, and we shall be turned. Be favorable, O Lord, be favorable to your people, who turn to you in weeping, fasting and praying. For you are a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering and of great pity. You spare us when we deserve punishment, and in your wrath, you remember mercy. Spare your people, O Lord, spare them, and let not your heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for your mercy is great, and after the multitude of your mercies look upon us; through the merit and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON I Peter 3:18a

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE “Heal us”

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are,
We long to feel thy touch.
Deep wounded souls to thee we fly,
O Savior, hear our cry.*

Our faith is feeble, we confess;
We faintly trust thy word.
But will you pity us the less?
Be that far from you, Lord.

Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief.
“Lord, I believe,” with tears, he cried,
“O, help my unbelief!”

She, too, who touched you in the press,
And healing virtue stole
Was answered, “Daughter, go in peace,
Thy faith has made thee whole.”

Like her, with hopes and fears we come
To touch you, if we may.
O, send us not despairing home;
Send none unhealed away.
Twit, Morton; Cowper

PASSING THE PEACE

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but

roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover. On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Romans 13:8-14

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE "I shall not want"

From the love of my own comfort,
From the fear of having nothing,
From a life of worldly passions,
Deliver me, O God.

From the need to be understood,
And from a need to be accepted,
From the fear of being lonely,
Deliver me, O God.
Deliver me, O God.

*And I shall not want,
No, I shall not want.
When I taste your goodness,*

*I shall not want.
When I taste your goodness,
I shall not want.*

From the fear of serving others,
Oh, and from the fear of death or trial,
And from the fear of humility,
Deliver me, O God.
Yes, deliver me, O God. Assad and Brown

"Only a holy God"

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a holy God.

*Come and behold him, the one and the only.
Cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God.
Come and worship a holy God.*

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer his only Son?
Who else invites me to call him, Father?
Only a holy God.
Only my holy God.

Farren, Robinson, Smith, Thompson

MINISTRY UPDATE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:16-20 *NIV*

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "The Mission of Making Disciples"

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.*

"Come as you are"

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been;
Come, broken-hearted, let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy, O sinner, come kneel;
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

*So, lay down your burdens, lay down your shame;
All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home; you're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart;
Come as you are.*

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed.
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.

Come as you are, fall in his arms;
Come as you are.

There's joy for the morning; O sinner, be still.
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

Glover, Crowder, Maher

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

"How sweet and awesome is the place" (see insert)

BENEDICTION from Revelation 1

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come. Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him!

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 or see the QR code below. We send out a weekly electronic newsletter and other announcement emails.

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

INTRODUCTION TO ACC: 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. Today and Sept. 13. 5pm until 6:15pm.** Sign up link will be in the Tuesday newsletter. Questions? Email Jim@astoriachurch.org.

FALL COMMUNITY GROUPS: At ACC, deep connection happens in our Community Groups. This is where real friendships are formed, faith is strengthened, and we learn to follow Jesus together. CGs will start up again **the week of September 20th. The sign up link is in the Tuesday newsletter.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: This Fall, our Sunday School will embark on an exciting journey through the Creeds and Confessions of the Faith. This is more than simply reading through a series of questions, answers, and theological statements. These historic documents give us a window into what the Church has believed, taught, and confessed across generations. They help us connect the truths of Scripture with the faith of the wider Church and with our own lives as followers of Christ today. This introductory study is an opportunity to learn, ask questions, discover, and deepen your faith. It will start on **Sunday, September 20 from 12:30 - 2pm in the chapel and lunch will be served! The sign up link is in the Tuesday newsletter.**

BIBLE CLUB RETURNS!: We are excited to be starting up Bible Club again on **Tuesday, September 22nd from 6-6:30pm.** This is a fun and easy way to love our neighbors and bring the word and Gospel to eager and young hearts! Orientation will be **Sunday, September 13th** from 11am – 1pm at Astoria First Art House. Lunch will be provided. The sign up link is in the Tuesday 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 microwavable 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

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Helpful Information:

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

God's Seedlings (4K – 2nd 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