

ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 30

Leader: I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

People: O LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me. You, O LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit.

Leader: Sing the praises of the LORD, you his saints; praise his holy name.

All: For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may linger for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Thou hidden source of calm repose” (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION Revelation 3:19-20

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: I am not worthy, Lord and Master, that you should come under the roof of my soul; nevertheless, since you desire, O lover of mankind, to dwell within me, I am bold to draw near. You bid me open the door which you alone have made, that you may bring light into my darkened mind; I do believe that you will do so. For you did not cast out the harlot when she came to you with tears, nor reject the tax collector when he repented, nor cast out the robber when he confessed, nor forsake the persecutor of the church when he repented; but you reckon all who come to you with broken hearts among the number of your friends, you alone who are blessed, forever and ever. Amen.

prayer of John Chrysostom

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hebrews 8:10-12

“This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his

brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

SONG OF RESPONSE “He will hold me fast”

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life’s fearful path;
For my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.*

Those he saves are his delight,

Christ will hold me fast;

Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.

He’ll not let my soul be lost, his promises shall last;
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

For my life he bled and died, he will hold me fast;

Justice has been satisfied, he will hold me fast.

Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last!

Ada Habershon and Mathew Merker

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Question One from

The Heidelberg Catechism

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself, but to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins, and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;

I believe he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

SONG OF RESPONSE

“None other lamb” (see insert)

PASSING THE PEACE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 66:10-14

“Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her,
all you who love her;

rejoice greatly with her,
 all you who mourn over her.
 For you will nurse and be satisfied
 at her comforting breasts;
 you will drink deeply
 and delight in her overflowing abundance.”
 For this is what the LORD says:
 “I will extend peace to her like a river,
 and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream;
 you will nurse and be carried on her arm
 and dandled on her knees.
 As a mother comforts her child,
 so will I comfort you;
 and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.”
 When you see this, your heart will rejoice
 and you will flourish like grass;
 the hand of the LORD will be made known to his
 servants, but his fury will be shown to his foes.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Galatians 6:1-16

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand! Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new

creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE “Highs and lows”

When it feels like the dark
 Lingers longer than the night;
 When the shadows feel like giants,
 Are you chasing me down?

Tell me where could I run?
 From your light, where could I hide?
 Hemmed within your precious thoughts,
 There's no hiding from your love.

*Highs and lows,
 Lord, you're with me either way it goes,
 Should I rise or should I fall.
 Even so, Lord, your mercy is an even flow.
 You're too good to let me go.*

Should I dance on the heights
 Or make my bed among the depths,
 Your mercy waits at ev'ry end,
 Like you planned it from the start.

Should the dawn come with wings,
 Or find me far-side of the sea,
 There your hand still fastens me
 Ever closer to your heart.

*Highs and lows,
 Lord, you're with me either way it goes.
 Should I rise or should I fall,
 Even so, Lord, your mercy is an even flow.
 Should I rise or should I fall,
 You are faithful through it all.
 You're too good to let me go.*

*Highs and lows,
 You surround me either way it goes,
 Should I rise or should I fall,
 Lord, you're with me through it all.
 Highs and lows, in the rhythms of your grace I know,
 Should I rise or should I fall,
 You are faithful through it all.
 And you're too good to let me go.*

King, Tan and Houston

“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*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING Revelations 3:15-22 *ESV*

¹⁵“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. ¹⁹Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. ²⁰Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ²¹The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²²He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE “Faith that’s fervent” *Brandon Doyle*

OFFERTORY “How can I keep from singing?”

My life flows on in endless song
Above earth’s lamentation;
I hear the real, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul:
How can I keep from singing?
Although the tempest loudly roars,
I hear the truth, it liveth
But though the darkness ‘round me close,
Songs in the night it giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that rock I’m clinging;
Since love is lord of heav’n and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin;
I see the blue above it,
And day by day this pathway smooths
Since first I learned to love it.
The peace I find within my heart,
A fountain ever springing,
Is mine to love and mine to give;
How can I keep from singing? *Lowry, arr. Cook*

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.

“All things together” (see insert)

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

“Spirit of God, descend upon my heart” (insert)

BENEDICTION 2 Peter 1:2-3

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

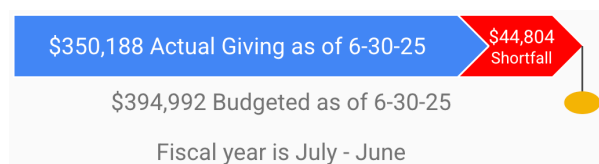
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

VACATION BIBLE CLUB: Please PRAY this week for VBC! We start tomorrow evening and go through Friday evening. **And bring you kids one or more evenings!**

METS GAME: Join us for an unforgettable night of baseball as the New York Mets take on the Cincinnati Reds on Friday, July 18 at 7PM! Secure your spot and cheer on the Mets in person! ACC will reserve a block of tickets so we can sit together. Tickets are \$38

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Please see below for the **ALMOST** final numbers for our 2024-2025 fiscal year. There may be some final donations that came in June 30.



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. 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 **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.

PRAYER WALK: Saturday, July 19th at 10:30am Meet at the synagogue. Join us as we pray for ACC, our neighbors and the City. If you can stay, we'll plan to have lunch together after the walk. No need to sign up, just show up!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday school for ages 3 - Grade 5 takes a hiatus during the month of August. So there are 2 more Sundays in July before the break - July 13 and 20th. Sunday School will be back in September.

NURSERY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

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

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**.

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, acckids@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

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