

# Bulletin for Worship

## YouTube Service

### July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### **Call to Worship**

*Carol Wetzel*

Let us lift up the name of our God!  
Let us praise the faithfulness of the Lord!  
For just as the Lord's greatness fills the heavens,  
The Lord's love embraces the earth,  
Preserving our life in the midst of trouble.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

#### **Hymn Glory to God Hymnal #163 *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice***

Wild and lone the prophet's voice  
echoes through the desert still,  
calling us to make a choice,  
bidding us to do God's will:  
"Turn from sin and be baptized;  
cleanse your heart and mind and soul.  
Quitting all the sins you prized,  
yield your life to God's control.

"Bear the fruit repentance sows:  
lives of justice, truth and love.  
Trust no other claim than those;  
set your heart on things above.  
Soon the Lord will come in power,  
burning clean the threshing floor:  
then will flames the chaff devour;  
wheat alone shall fill God's store."

With such preaching, stark and bold,  
John proclaimed salvation near,  
and his timeless warnings hold  
words of hope to all who hear.  
So we dare to journey on,  
led by faith through ways untrod,  
till we come at last like John  
to behold the Lamb of God.

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## Prayer of Adoration

### Prayer of Confession

**Patient Lord, you know how we are. We let the frustrations and worries of our lives overcome us. Our hearts seem to buckle under the weight of anger and confusion. And we turn away from you, sure that you can do nothing to alleviate our strife. How foolish we are! How faithless we are! Please forgive us. Help us to learn that you are actively involved in our lives, not as a “puppet master” but as a creative co-worker, seeking healing and hope not only for each of us, but for the whole world. Make us into disciples of peace and compassion; for we ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.**

*Take a few moments for your own silent confession*

### Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

Let go of your fears and doubts. God pours God’s love on you, in you and through you to others. Be at peace.

**Through the love of God and grace of Jesus our Savior, we have been forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### The Presbyterian Hymnal #579 “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.

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*Glory Be to the Father*

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### Scripture Readings: Amos 7:7-15

<sup>7</sup> This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb-line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; <sup>9</sup> the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.’

<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, ‘Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, “Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.”’ <sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, ‘O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.’

<sup>14</sup> Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Mark 6:14-29

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' <sup>15</sup>But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

**Message:** "The Role of Elijah"

**Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Sending Hymn Glory to God Hymnal #748 *Go With Us Lord***

Go with us, Lord,

and guide the way  
through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true  
our lives may be our gift to you.

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## **Benediction**