

ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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REFLECTION

“I have sometimes heard Christian people talk as though, having done what he's done in Jesus, God now wants us to do our part by getting on with things under our own steam. But that is a tragic misunderstanding, and leads either to arrogance or to burnout, or both. Without God's Spirit, there is nothing we can do that will count for God's kingdom. Without God's Spirit, the church simply can't be the church.”
– N.T. Wright

PRELUDE

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 36:5-10

Leader: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

All: **For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“How firm a foundation” (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: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in

your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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.

SONGS OF RESPONSE

“I love the Lord”

I love the Lord; he heard my cry
And pitied every groan.
Long as I live and troubles rise,
I'll hasten to his throne.

I love the Lord; he heard my cry
And chased my grief away.
O let my heart no more despair
While I have breath to pray.

Samllwood; Watts

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
till her vindication shines out like the dawn,
her salvation like a blazing torch.
The nations will see your vindication,
and all kings your glory;
you will be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You will be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,

a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
No longer will they call you Forsaken,
or name your land Desolate.
But you will be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD will take delight in you,
and your land will be married.
As a young man marries a young woman,
so will your Builder marry you;
as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,
so will your God rejoice over you.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING John 2:1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his

disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Surely goodness, surely mercy"

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In green pastures he makes me lie down.
He restores my soul and leads me on
For his name, for his great name.

*Surely goodness, surely mercy
Right beside me all my days.
And I will dwell in your house forever
And bless your holy name.*

You prepare a table right before me
In the presence of my enemies.
Though the arrow flies and the terror of night
Is at my door, I'll trust you, Lord.

And even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death I will fear no evil.
And even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death you are on my side.

Shane Barnard

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 12:1-11 *NIV*

¹ Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. ³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "The Spirit in the Church" J. David Ellis

MUSIC OF RESPONSE

"Once and for all"

God I give you what I can today,
These scattered ashes that I hid away,
I lay it all at your feet.

From the corners of my deepest shame,
The empty places where I've worn your name,
Show me the love I say I believe.

Help me to lay it down;
O Lord, I lay it down.

*O let this be where I die;
My Lord, with Thee, crucified.
Be lifted high, as my kingdoms fall,
Once and for all, once and for all.*

There is victory in my Savior's loss,
In the crimson flowing from the cross,
Pour over me, pour over me.
Daigle, Mabury and Duncan

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 (#735)

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.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

"Yet not I, but through Christ in me"

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior, he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
Robinson, Thompson and Farren

BENEDICTION 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITORS: We are so glad that you joined us for worship. If you are a visitor to ACC, please email admin@astoriachurch.org to be added to our email list. Or fill out a communication card at the Welcome Table (hard copy or QR code). We send out a weekly electronic newsletter and other announcement emails.

CHURCH FINANCES: *Thank you for giving to God's church and the building of His kingdom.* See the bar graph below for a financial update. Please continue to give as the Lord leads you.



GOD'S TREASURES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: We will be launching our 3rd - 5th grade Sunday school class on **Sunday, January 30th, 2022 from 9:30 - 10:20AM.** We still need a few more volunteers to serve once a month. If you are interested in joining the team, please attend a training meeting on **Sunday, January 23rd** right after the service upstairs in the children's room (room at the end of the hall). Snacks will be provided. **RSVP to Annette Scattoni at acckids@astoriachurch.org.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, February 5th at 9AM. Join the men of ACC at the Belaire Diner (Broadway & 21st St). We will each pay for our own meal. Sign up link is in the Tuesday newsletter.

NEW COMMUNITY GROUPS: It's not too late to sign up! We've just begun a 7-week series on the sermon passages. Zoom and in-person groups available. Sign up information is in the Tuesday newsletter. Questions? Please reach out to David at david@astoriachurch.org.

****VIRTUAL** TUTORS NEEDED:** Hillside Center for Education is still needing 2-3 more **virtual** tutors. Each tutor has the opportunity to invest in the life of a student, building confidence by helping them with homework, academic skills, and affirming their gifts. **Tutors will meet virtually with students *one or two times* each week for an hour and fifteen minutes each session. *NO experience needed!* Training provided. HS students can be tutors as well!** Tutoring sessions are M – Th from 5:00 – 6:15 PM. This is a valuable experience and the Frederes would love for you to be a part of it! Questions or to sign up email Carin at cfredere@gmail.com.

FOOD PANTRY: Many are still very food insecure and the need for food is great. Please bring nonperishable food on Sundays and place in the green bin. Thank you!!

MEMBER AND REGULAR ATTENDER NEWS: Email admin@astoriachurch.org with your news!

WELCOME TO ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Our mission is to glorify God by learning of God, living in Christ, and loving God and our neighbors.

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Helpful Information:

Children and Youth Ministries

Currently we are only offering nursery services on Sundays. We provide a children's/youth bulletin for Pre-K and up. Our Youth Group meets on Fridays Sept - June. See below for more info.

Babies - Toddlers: Nursery is provided for newborns – 4-year olds. New Parents must register in advance. Link is in the newsletter (acckids@astoriachurch.org)

Pre-K - Grade 2: We hope to relaunch soon. Annette Scattoni, acckids@astoriachurch.org

Grades 3 - 5: We hope to relaunch soon. Annette Scattoni, acckids@astoriachurch.org

Youth Group - Grades 6 - 12: JC Cha, 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 admin@astoriachurch.org for info.

Physical, Financial, or Emotional Need

Church leaders are available to meet with you if you have a need. Please email Diaconate@astoriachurch.org or call 718-721-3440. For the **Meals Ministry**, email acmeals@gmail.com.

English as a Second Language Classes

(Saturdays) Info: QueensESL@gmail.com

Outreach Ministries

For info on service opportunities in Queens: Diaconate@astoriachurch.org.

Men's and Women's Ministry

Info for women, contact: admin@astoriachurch.org **We are currently praying for new leadership.**

Info for men, contact: mensministry@astoriachurch.org