

ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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REFLECTION

“The Good News for you and for me is that there is only one sacrifice that counts for eternity and this is not one that you or I can make. It is the sacrifice of Christ for us that frees us to live lives without unnecessary burdens on our shoulders, experiencing the joy of giving ourselves to others in His work.”

– Juan Gómez

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 89:1-4; 15-18

Leader: I will sing of the LORD’s great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

People: **I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

Leader: You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant,

People: **‘I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.’”**

Leader: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, LORD.

People: **They rejoice in your name all day long; they celebrate your righteousness.**

Leader: For you are their glory and strength, and by your favor you exalt our horn.

People: **Indeed, our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“O worship the King”

O worship the king all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
Has established it fast by a changeless decree,

And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
Your humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

LYONS, Grant

CALL TO CONFESSION Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us according to your great goodness; according to the multitude of your mercies, do away our offenses; wash us thoroughly from our wickedness, and cleanse us from our sins; for Jesus Christ’s sake. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 130:3-4

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Your grace is enough”

Great is your faithfulness, O God.
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy,
And nothing can keep us apart.

(So) remember your people.
Remember your children.
Remember you promise, O God.

Your grace is enough.
Your grace is enough.
Your grace is enough for me.

Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob.
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,
And all you people sing along.

Yeah, your grace is enough.
Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I sing. Your grace is enough.
I'm covered in your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me.

Matt Maher CCLI#20219511

EPISTLE READING Romans 6:12-23

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING Matthew 10:40-42

“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
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SONG OF RESPONSE

"Speak, O Lord"

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you,
To receive the food of your holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness;
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All your purposes for your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise,
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
As the earth is filled with your glory.

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SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 22:1-18 (NIV)

¹ Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

² Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of

Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

⁸ Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

¹² “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

¹⁵ The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE “The Test” J. David Ellis

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

“The wonderful cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

O, the wonderful cross!
O, the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live.

O, the wonderful cross!
O, the wonderful cross!
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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BENEDICTION Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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. We send out a weekly electronic newsletter.

PASTORAL CARE: Pastor David is available for Zoom meetings if you need to connect with him. Give him a call or text him at 917-992-7062 to set up a meeting.

VACATION SCHEDULES FOR STAFF: Andrea will be away from June 27th - July 12th. Please contact David during this time if needed. David will be away from July 18th - August 1st. Please contact Andrea during this time if needed. Linnea will be away July 9th - 23rd. Please pray for refreshment and restoration during their times away.

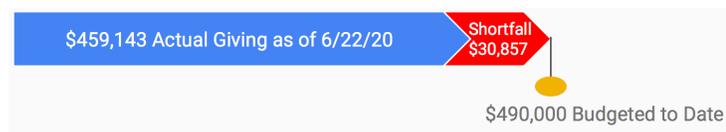
SUMMER BOOK STUDY: Join Pastor David and Andrea as they co-lead a summer book study. We will be reading and discussing the book *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* by Peter Scazzero. **Mondays, 7-8:30PM, on July 6 & 20, August 3, 16 & 31 on Zoom. There is still time to sign up. Please email david@astoriachurch.org to sign up and receive further details.**

FELLOWSHIP TIME OVER ZOOM: Please join us for some fellowship time over Zoom right after the service from 12:30PM - 1:30PM. We've been having some great times of connecting! You should have received an email this morning with the link and phone number to join.

OTHER WAYS TO CONNECT! PRAYER MEETINGS: We are meeting every Tuesday and Thursday at 7PM and every Thursday at noon for a devotional by Pastor David followed by a prayer time.

MEALS MINISTRY: Sign up to receive email opportunities to help out your ACC community by providing a meal for a family with a newborn baby or for others who might be blessed by meals due to illness, surgery, injury, or loss -- whether home-cooked, purchased, or a Seamless gift card. Email Lisa Taylor at accmeals@gmail.com to be added to the email list.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Thank you to all who are giving online and sending in checks to our PO Box while we are not meeting in person. **Our fiscal year ends on June 30th. There is still time to give to help us close the gap.** We're so thankful for your generosity! Our mailing address is Astoria Community Church to PO Box 2102, Astoria, NY. 11102. Thank you!



DIACONATE ASSISTANCE: If you are sick and in quarantine at home and have any practical needs such as groceries, medications to be picked up etc. please call Andrea at 917-605-4040 or email her at diaconate@astoriachurch.org. We have a Healthy Helps Team ready to meet your practical needs.

DIACONATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: If you have a financial need due to loss of income because of the COVID-19 NYS pause or any other reason, please call Andrea at 917-605-4040 or email her at diaconate@astoriachurch.org.

MEMBER NEWS: Email David@astoriachurch.org or Andrea at admin@astoriachurch.org with your news!

WELCOME TO

ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

WORSHIP: Sundays, 9:30AM (mixed style) & 11:15AM (contemporary)

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*Our mission is to proclaim the good news of
Jesus Christ to our neighbors,
to welcome them into loving community,
and to equip them to glorify God.*

Helpful Information:

Children and Youth Ministries

Programs are available on Sundays for babies through 5th grade. Our Youth Group meets on Fridays. See below for more info.

Babies - Toddlers: Laurel Daniels (both services)
(acckids@astoriachurch.org)

Pre-K - Grade 2: Laurel Daniels (11:15 service only, no class on the 1st Sunday of the Month) (acckids@astoriachurch.org)

Grades 3 - 5: Bryan Taylor (in between services)
(bryantaylor@astoriachurch.org)

Grades 6 - 12: Jeffrey Choi (Fridays, Sept - June)
(jeffrey@astoriachurch.org)

Community Groups

Small groups that meet in homes for fellowship, 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 accmeals@gmail.com

English as a Second Language Classes

(Saturdays) Info: QueensESL@gmail.com

Outreach Ministries

For info on service opportunities in Queens:
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Men's and Women's Ministry

Info for women, contact: women@astoriachurch.org

Info for men, contact: mensministry@astoriachurch.org