



WYCKOFF

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WORSHIP GUIDE
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Thanks for joining us for Home Worship! As you gather, we invite you to take a moment to set up your space differently. Sit at your dining room table or arrange chairs in your living room. Set out a candle, a bowl, and a small pitcher of water before you. If you've gathered with a group, you can take turns reading and praying so that everyone has a chance to help lead us in worship. The sections in bold can be read aloud together.

These resources are also available at www.wyckoffreformed.org/home-worship.

GATHERED BY GOD

GATHERING SONG

WELCOME

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth, **Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

One: Jesus Christ

All: is the Light of the World.

One: The Light shines in the darkness,

All: and the darkness did not overcome it.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

PSALM 103:1-5 CEB

"Let my whole being bless the Lord!

Let everything inside me bless his holy name!

Let my whole being bless the Lord

and never forget all his good deeds:

how God forgives all your sins,

heals all your sickness,

saves your life from the pit,

crowns you with faithful love and compassion,

and satisfies you with plenty of good things."

*SONG OF PRAISE

"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

To join us in singing, click this link: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=5ieuc6qnX0Q>

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

PSALM 33:13-15

"The Lord looks down from heaven;
he sees every human being.
From his dwelling place God observes
all who live on earth.
God is the one who made all their hearts,
the one who knows everything they do."

Faithful God, you see all of us. You see the anxiety and worry, even the impatience that moves us outside of your peace, outside of your faithful love and care. We are eager to know, eager to control and measure our future, so that we might seize it or hide from it. Forgive us, Lord. You, God, promise us a different life. You offer us rest and peace. You offer us joy and flourishing right where we are if we have eyes to see and ears to hear your good news. Keep our hearts and minds fixed on you so that we might live wise and faithful lives right here, right now. Christ, it's in your name we pray, Amen.

PROMISE OF GRACE

BASED ON ROMANS 8:1-9

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the power of sin and death. God sent his own Son, in the likeness of sinful flesh, to deal with our sin and therefore redeem us. And we now, do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. We do not set our minds on things of the flesh, which is to die, but on the things of the Spirit, which is to live and have peace. This is so because we are in the Spirit since the Spirit of God dwells in us. Thanks be to God.

OFFERING

We respond to the love and grace of Jesus by giving back our whole lives to God in worship. In this offering, we give our financial gifts as a symbol that all we have comes from God and is to be used for God's glory. Please continue to support us! To give your gift online visit www.wyckoffreformed.org/give.

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

based on Psalm 25:4-5, NRSV

Lord God,
help us to know your ways;
teach us your paths.
Lead us in your truth, and teach us,
for you are the God of our salvation;
for you we wait all day long.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

LUKE 2:41-52

SERMON

"FOCUS ON WHAT'S ABOVE, NOT JUST WHAT'S AHEAD"
Sara Christie
Director of Family Ministries

This week's sermon can be found online by clicking this link: <https://youtu.be/nL8RHtg1A5k>

RESPONDING TO GOD

*APOSTLES' CREED

We join our voices together with Christians throughout the ages and across the world to proclaim these words:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SONG OF RESPONSE

"BE THOU MY VISION"

To join us in singing, click this link: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=0KK6B3w77Gc>

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art-
thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, we've begun a new season of our life together in worship: Epiphany. In love, you revealed yourself as the long-awaited messiah, the promise of God's word finally coming into fulfillment. Christ, by your Spirit continue to reveal the fullness of God's promises as we seek you in prayer:

Jesus Christ, bring your peace to the anxious and worried in our community and in our nation...

Jesus Christ, lavish your love to the lonely and ashamed in our community and our nation...

Jesus Christ, mend strained relationships and societal partnerships in our community and our nation...

Jesus Christ, strengthen our first responders and essential workers who labor to serve our community and our nation...

For these and so many other concerns on our hearts
We ask you to act with love and mercy, with peace and justice.

We also pray that you deepen our faith and grow us in wisdom that we would discern your will and abide in your love as we hope for the future. Let us see your mighty hand at work. And Christ, equip us to join you in that work. As the body of Christ, may our love, our word, and actions reveal your glory and everlasting light to the world.

And let it begin with the words you taught us:

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.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

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

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

SENT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

NUMBERS 6:24-26

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift up his presence to you and give you his peace,

Now and always, Amen.

POSTLUDE

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