

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, welcome to Wyckoff Reformed Church!

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If you need to use a restroom, they are available through the right-hand door at the front of the sanctuary. A quiet room is available through the left hand door as well.

### Masks are required for all those in attendance. Note that all those singing and leading from the front are fully vaccinated.

Infants and children (birth-3 years old) may be taken to the nursery in the blue room of our Education Building upon your arrival and before heading to the sanctuary for worship. Once in the sanctuary, families should check in their children using our iPad check-in system before taking a seat. After the family moment, children ages 3 years old through 8th grade will be escorted by their teachers to their classroom in the Education Building. Kids and teachers will wear masks. Parents will pick up their child from their classrooms following worship.

Bold sections will be read aloud together

\* Invites you to rise in body or in spirit

# GATHERED BY GOD

GATHERING MUSIC "ARISE SHINE FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME"

# 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.

### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

ISAIAH 9:2,6 ISAIAH 60:1-3 NRSV

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness– on them light has shined.
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

### **\*SONG OF PRAISE**

### "DAWNING LIGHT OF OUR SALVATION"

Long in darkness Israel wandered; Long in mortal shadows, we Walked in bondage and self-pity, Trod in paths of sin and grief. In the prophets' words He told us, Long the God of Israel spoke; He alone in strength would save us From the hands of all our foes.

Refrain:

Every valley be exalted! Every mountain be made plane! Crooked ways repent and straighten; All creation bend in praise!

He shall raise a mighty Savior; Born of David's lineage, He Comes in cov'nant love to claim us From our sins to set us free. Light to those who dwell in darkness Life to those from death who flee Joy unto the earth, and gladness, To your pathways dawning peace! *Refrain* 

Jesus, Lord, and mighty Savior, David's Son and yet his King, Dawning light of our salvation, Of your saving pow'r we sing! Stand, Oh lame, and dance ye broken, Know the Savior's healing grace; Come, Oh deaf and hear him singing; Turn, Oh blind, behold his face! Refrain

# PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you and against our neighbors. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are sorry for all we have done to hurt and dishonor you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Amen.

# **PROMISE OF GRACE**

"But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-by grace you have been saved- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus!"

# **\*SONG OF PRAISE**

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my songthis cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on fleshfullness of God in helpless babe!this gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save. 'Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied. For every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ Llive.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain; then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again! And as he stands in victory,

"IN CHRIST ALONE" #770

EPHESIANS 2:4-6 NRSV

sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no human plan, can ever pluck me from his hand; 'til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

### FAMILY MOMENT

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 <u>www.wyckoffreformed.org/give</u> or feel free to mail your offering.

### OFFERTORY

"ON A SILENT HOLY NIGHT" By Becky Mayo Duet: Carly DaSilva and Mary Demona

### \*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

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

"BUT GOD" John Dyksen

Sara Christie

# **RESPONDING TO GOD**

# **\*SONG OF RESPONSE**

I once was lost in darkest night Yet thought I knew the way The sin that promised joy and life Had led me to the grave I had no hope that You would own A rebel to Your will And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race Indifferent to the cost You looked upon my helpless state And led me to the cross And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place You bore the wrath reserved for me Now all I know is grace

Refrain: Hallelujah all I have is Christ Hallelujah Jesus is my life

Now Lord I would be Yours alone And live so all might see The strength to follow Your commands Could never come from me O Father use my ransomed life In any way You choose And let my song forever be My only boast is You *Refrain* 

## \*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.

"ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST"

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.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **\*SONG OF SENDING**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou artthou 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. "BE THOU MY VISION"

### NUMBERS 6:24-26

## \*SENT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

"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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