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REFORMED CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE
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Thanks for joining us for worship! We're all spending too much time on screens and on Zoom lately, and it's easy to only half-heartedly engage. Do whatever you need to in order to show up fully. Maybe set up your space differently. Sit at your dining room table or arrange chairs in your living room. Maybe just take a moment to prepare yourself for worship.

If you have a candle, have it near you and ready to light. This worship guide will lead you through the service and includes the words we will speak and sing together. The sections in bold will be read out loud together.

Here's this week's Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87291556729?pwd=SGhBOWhERmJoTTZrMVA5SnB3enI5Zz09>

When you join us, you'll first enter a waiting room and then be let into the meeting where you can see everyone. If you arrive early, feel free to unmute and say hello to everyone. Once the service starts, we'll ask everyone to mute themselves so that everyone else can hear the leaders clearly. We encourage you to leave your camera on, if possible, so that we can see each other. We also encourage you to read and sing aloud, even if it feels weird to do so alone at home. Worship isn't something we watch others do; it's something we are called to offer to the King of the Universe: Jesus. We're so glad you've joined us!

GATHERED BY GOD

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 145 (NRSV)

readers, Ellen DeMaria, Carson Walker, Beth Walker

SONG OF PRAISE

"O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES"

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

He breaks the power of canceled sin
He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

Refrain:

O for a thousand tongues to sing
O for a thousand years to praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace
My great Redeemer's name

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb
Your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind, behold your Savior come
And leap, ye lame, for joy
Refrain

Glory to God, and praise and love
Be ever, ever given
By saints below and saints above
The church in earth and heaven
Refrain

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

WORSHIP SOURCEBOOK

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

**The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Break our hearts as we return to you Lord, that we might know the depths of your mercy and the joy of your salvation. Amen.

PROMISE OF GRACE

JOEL 2:13

"Rend your heart
and not your garments.
Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love,
and he relents from sending calamity.

He will not turn his face from you if you return to him.
He will show you mercy."

SONG OF GRACE

"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

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

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 or feel free to mail your offering.

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

LUKE 18:9-14

SERMON

TRAVEL STORIES: "TWO SINNERS"
Rev. Andy Kadzban

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.

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.

SONG OF SENDING

"BE THOU MY VISION"

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.

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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