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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

GATHERING MUSIC

"ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING"

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, 19-22

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.

You divine messengers,
bless the Lord!
You who are mighty in power and keep his word,
who obey everything he says,
bless him!
All you heavenly forces,
bless the Lord!
All you who serve him and do his will,
bless him!
All God's creatures,
bless the Lord!
Everywhere, throughout his kingdom,
let my whole being
bless the Lord!

SONG OF PRAISE

All hail Christ, hail his name
Christ is sure, Christ is right

All hail Christ, hail his name
Lift your heads, lift your cry

Hail Redeemer, hail
Christ upon the throne
Hail the Lord of Life
Lord of Love Divine

Rejoice the Lord is King
Hail your Lord, adore
Rejoice, the Savior reigns
God of Truth and Love

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All is dark without your promise
We have turned away
May your wisdom be our treasure
We will fear your name

"ALL HAIL CHRIST"

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

God of mercy,
In Christ, you came
"to proclaim good news to the poor.
...to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Lord, you have invited us into this work while we wait for your return, while we wait for the world to finally be set right and made whole. But we have strayed in your absence. Our faith is feeble and we have made easier choices: to be selective about our love and generosity, to form self-interested alliances, to neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on me, O God, in your faithful love and forgive my sin. Show your saving justice when you pass sentence; declare your victory when you give judgment. I stand only by your grace, Jesus, my King and Redeemer.

PROMISE OF GRACE

PSALM 103:8-12

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

SONG OF GRACE

"HE WILL HOLD ME FAST"

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Refrain:

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

Refrain

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!
Refrain

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 19:11-28

SERMON

TRAVEL STORIES: "THE SERVANTS"
Rev. Andy Kadzban

RESPONDING TO GOD

SONG OF RESPONSE

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore.
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

"REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING"

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
to our Christ the Lord are given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
bow down at his command,
and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope;
for Christ, the Judge, shall come
to gather all his saints
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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