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REFORMED CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE
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Thanks for joining us for this week's worship service. As you gather this morning, take a moment to notice God's creation around you. Give thanks to God for what you see, hear, smell, and feel. Give thanks for the opportunity to gather together again, even in this different way. Notice God's presence and welcome God in.

These resources are also available at www.wyckoffreformed.org/worshipguides
To participate in this service online, join us at wrclive.org or on Facebook Live.

While we are all overjoyed to be together, please do not neglect our physical distancing guidelines. Six feet of separation should be maintained between individuals from different households. Masks should be worn while entering or exiting, but may be removed while seated. There are disposable masks and hand sanitizer on the tables at the entrance if you need either.

If you need to use a restroom, they are available through the Nursery School entrance of the Education Building, near the playground. Please wear your mask, use the hand sanitizer inside the entrance, limit the number of people using the restroom at one time, wash your hands properly afterwards, and please do not venture into the rest of the building.

Bold sections will be read aloud together

* Invites you to rise in body or in spirit

GATHERED BY GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

"COME YOU FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN"

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

Christ is Risen! **He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

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"We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."

SONG OF PRAISE

"CHRIST IS RISEN SHOUT HOSANNA"

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder;
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing hosanna, everyone!

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Last week we gloried in Christ's glorious resurrection; we sang choruses of Alleluia with all of creation; we triumphed in Christ's triumph over death. The next day we argued; the next day we yelled at our children. The next day we doubted our worth, questioned your provision, slighted a neighbor, mocked or trivialized, judged or ignored....

God of truth and love, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death! Yet in such victory, we still live like we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by ways that lead to death. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to live in the world as people

transformed and made new by your power, that all may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, our risen King. Amen."

PROMISE OF GRACE

COLOSSIANS 2:13, EPHESIANS 1:7-8

When we were dead in sin, God made us alive together with him!

Yes, we have been redeemed through Christ the Son's blood, and we have forgiveness for our failures based on his overflowing grace, which he has poured over us.

SONG OF GRACE

"FURIOUS"

Nothing can tear us from
The grip of His mighty love
We've only glimpsed His vast affection
Heard whispers of His heart and passion
It's pouring out

Refrain:

His love is deep His love is wide
And it covers us
His love is fierce His love is strong
It is furious
His love is sweet His love is wild
And it's waking hearts to life

The Father loves and sends His Son
The Son lays down His life for all
He lavishes His love upon us
He calls us now His sons and daughters
He's reaching out
Refrain

FAMILY MOMENT

Sara Christie

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

Father I long to be wise
Too see with new eyes
The truth that was written by Your hand
Father speak Your truth into me
Because I still believe
That You will help me understand

And we are listening to Your word
And we are listening to Your word

Morning and evening we come
To delight in the words of our God
Give us eyes to see
Give us faith to hear
That the Word has come
That the Word is here

Father I long to see Christ
The truth and new life
The Word who made the universe
Father speak now I believe
I have been set free
By the Word that lived and died for me

And we are listening to Your word
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SCRIPTURE

SERMON

"WE ARE LISTENING"

LUKE 24:13-35

"THE ROAD"
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF SENDING

Come to us, beloved Stranger,
as you came that Easter day.
Walk with us to our Emmaus,
for we need you still today.
Come to us when we are broken,
when our dearest hopes are lost,
speak to us the prophets' message
you fulfilled upon the cross.

Stay with us and give us blessing,
that our hopes again may rise.
Offer us your broken body;
open our unseeing eyes.
Come to us, God's love embodied;

"COME TO US, BELOVED STRANGER"

touch our hearts with burning flame.
Risen Christ, once dead, now living,
come to us through joy, through pain.

We would never fail to see you
as you walk with us each day.
As a friend and not a stranger
you would join us on our way.
Help us trust that through your mercy
we can doubt and fear transcend,
and to others be a blessing.
Keep us faithful till life's end.

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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