

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.

For those who are fully vaccinated, masks are optional. If you are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated, we ask that you wear a mask to continue to protect those who are unable to be vaccinated—especially the children who will be with us for worship. Note that all those singing and leading from the front are fully vaccinated.

Kids can check in as they arrive for worship. They will be dismissed to go with their teachers for the kids' lesson, which will take place in the Purple Room on the downstairs level of our Education Building.

Kids and their teachers will wear masks. Parents should pick their children at the Purple Room following worship.

Bold sections will be read aloud together

\* Invites you to rise in body or in spirit

ISAIAH 27:2-6 (CEB)

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

# 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

Sing about a delightful vineyard!
I, the Lord, am its guardian.
Every moment I water it;
night and day I guard it from attack.
I'm not angry,

but if it yields thorns and thistles for me,

I will march to battle against it;
I will torch it completely.

Or let it cling to me for refuge;
Let them make peace with me;
Let them make peace with me.

In coming days,
Jacob will take root;
Israel with blossom and sprout
and fill the whole world with fruit.

## \*SONG OF PRAISE

"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

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

Righteous God, you have given us the greatest commandment: to love the Lord, your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength. And the second, being like it: to love our neighbor as ourselves. In this we fall short; we sin as we fail to keep the commandments. Full of abundant, astounding grace, forgive us, God, and show us mercy. We pray in the powerful and wonderful name of Jesus our Redeemer, amen.

JOHN 15:1-5A, 9

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes\* to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed\* by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine and you are the branches[.] As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love."

"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

**FAMILY MOMENT** 

Joy Eldred

#### **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 <a href="www.wyckoffreformed.org/give">www.wyckoffreformed.org/give</a>; feel free to mail your offering, or leave it in the offering box at the back of the sanctuary.

**OFFERTORY** 

"MY SHEPHERD IS THE LORD"

The Chancel Choir

Greg Nalesnik, Organist and Choir Director / Robin Brickman, flutist

### 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 1 KINGS 21:1-29

**SERMON** 

THE GOD WHO LIVES: ELIJAH AND ELISHA

## RESPONDING TO GOD

### \*SONG OF RESPONSE

"COME YE SINNERS"

Come ye sinners poor and needy Weak and wounded sick and sore Jesus ready stands to save you Full of pity love and power

### Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus He will embrace me in His Arms In the arms of my dear Savior Oh there are ten thousand charms

Come ye thirsty come and welcome God's free bounty glorify

True belief and true repentance Ev'ry grace that brings You nigh *Refrain* 

Come ye weary heavy laden Lost and ruined by the fall If you tarry 'til you're better You will never come at all 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.
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

"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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