



# WYCKOFF

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. Notice God's presence and welcome God in.

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

If you need to use a restroom, they are available through the Nursery School entrance of the Education Building, near the playground. Please do not venture into the rest of the building.

A children's lesson will be offered during the sermon in the Purple Classroom of our Education building.  
If your child would like to participate, please sign in at the Welcome Tent.  
Kids and teachers will wear masks during the lesson.

**Bold sections will be read aloud together** \* Invites you to rise in body or in spirit

## GATHERED BY GOD

### GATHERING MUSIC

"PSALM 46"

### 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.

### \*SONG OF INVITATION

"WE WAIT IN HOPE FOR THE LORD"

We wait in hope for the Lord

He is our strength and our shield

In him our hearts rejoice

For we trust in his holy name

**\*SONG OF PRAISE**

"A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD" #776

A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
does seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right Man on our side,  
the Man of God's own choosing.  
You ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same;  
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God has willed  
his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo! his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers-  
no thanks to them- abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still;  
his kingdom is forever!

## PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Lord, we confess it's easy to succumb to panic and fear; it's tempting to lose heart and give in to despair when we feel overwhelmed or lost. Open our eyes, that we might see you at work in the world around us, that we might glimpse the heavenly forces that sustain and protect us. Lord, open our eyes to see your Kingdom coming and trust the victory you have already won in Jesus.

## \*PROMISE OF GRACE

PSALM 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and for evermore.

## FAMILY MOMENT

Samantha Eldred and Audrey Naumann

## 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](http://www.wyckoffreformed.org/give); feel free to mail your offering, or leave it in the offering box at the back of the sanctuary.*

## \*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**

2 KINGS 6:8-23

**SERMON**

THE GOD WHO LIVES: ELIJAH AND ELISHA  
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.

### **CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

As we celebrate communion this week, we ask you to bring your own grape juice and bread or cracker. For those who are unable to gather their own elements, a small number of pre-packaged elements will be available from the Welcome Tent when you arrive. If you are joining us from home, please feel free to join in communion as well! This is the table of Christ, and he welcomes ALL who are trusting in him for their salvation. Come, drink deeply and eat heartily, the body and blood of Jesus Christ!

#### **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**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

“'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS”

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to take Him at His word  
Just to rest upon His promise  
Just to know thus saith the Lord

Refrain:

Jesus Jesus how I trust Him  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus  
O for grace to trust Him more

O how sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to trust His cleansing blood  
Just in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing cleansing flood  
*Refrain*

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just from sin and self to cease  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest and joy and peace  
*Refrain*

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee  
Precious Jesus Savior Friend  
And I know that Thou art with me  
Wilt be with me to the end  
*Refrain*

**\*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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