



WYCKOFF

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 is this week's Zoom link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88003319943?pwd=RFBXTFFkbUdXYWV5OXJiQTU1b1NnZz09>

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!

"Manure is not a quick fix. It has no immediate results--it is going to take a long time to see if it makes any difference. If it's results that we are after, chopping down a tree is just the thing: we clear the ground and make it ready for a fresh start. We love beginnings: birthing a baby, christening a ship, the first day on a new job, starting a war. But spreading manure carries none of that exhilaration. It is not dramatic work, not glamorous work, not work that gets anyone's admiring attention. Manure is a slow solution. Still, when it comes to doing something about what is wrong in the world, Jesus is best known for his fondness for the minute, the invisible, the quiet, the slow--yeast, salt, seeds, light. And manure."
-Eugene Peterson, *Tell it Slant*, pp. 69-70.

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 1

"Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish."

SONG OF PRAISE

"COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:

prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

GALATIANS 5:13-25 (CEB)

“You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don’t let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: Love your neighbor as yourself. But if you bite and devour each other, be careful that you don’t get eaten up by each other!

“I say be guided by the Spirit and you won’t carry out your selfish desires. A person’s selfish desires are set against the Spirit, and the Spirit is set against one’s selfish desires. They are opposed to each other, so you shouldn’t do whatever you want to do. But if you are being led by the Spirit, you aren’t under the Law. The actions that are produced by selfish motives are obvious, since they include sexual immorality, moral corruption, doing whatever feels good, idolatry, drug use and casting spells, hate, fighting, obsession, losing your temper, competitive opposition, conflict, selfishness, group rivalry, jealousy, drunkenness, partying, and other things like that. I warn you as I have already warned you, that those who do these kinds of things won’t inherit God’s kingdom.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the self with its passions and its desires. If we live by the Spirit, let’s follow the Spirit.”

PROMISE OF GRACE

“YOU HAVE REDEEMED MY SOUL”

You have redeemed my soul
From the pit of emptiness
You have redeemed my soul from death
(x2)

I was a hungry child
I dried up river
I was a burned out forest
No one could do anything for me
But you put food in my body
Water in my dry bed
And to my blackened branches
You brought the springtime rain of new life
Oh nothing is impossible for you

Job 33:29-30

"God indeed does all these things,
twice, three times, with mortals,
to bring back their souls from the Pit,
so that they may see the light of life."

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 13:6-9

SERMON

TRAVEL STORIES: "MANURE"
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

“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 holy name

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.

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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