

Thanks for joining us for this week's worship service! We're experimenting with an outdoor service as we explore our steps forward through this pandemic. 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 <u>www.wyckoffreformed.org/home-worship</u>

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 and masks should be worn at all times, even while singing. There are disposable masks and hand sanitizer on the tables in the back 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.

Childcare and Sunday School will not be offered this morning. All children will remain with us in worship.

Bold sections will be read aloud together

* Invites you to rise in body or in spirit

"To a graceless neck the yoke of Christ is intolerable, but to the saved sinner it is easy and light. We may judge ourselves by this, do we love that yoke, or do we wish to cast it from us?" -Charles Spurgeon

"What is at issue here is size: we require an act of imagination that enables us to see that the world of God is large--far larger than the worlds of kings and princes, prime ministers and presidents, far larger than the worlds reported by newspaper and television, far larger than the world described in book books by nuclear physicists and military historians. We need a way to imagine--to see--that the world of God's ruling word is not an afterthought to the worlds of the stock exchange, the rocket launching, and summit diplomacy, but itself contains them."

GATHERING SONG

"PSALM 46"

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

Action: Light a 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 46:1,7; PSALM 90:1-2

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

***SONG OF PRAISE**

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same. "O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST" VS 1-3

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

O Lord, even while we hear and sing these words, we confess that it is too easy to place our trust in other things. Nations claim to be so powerful. Political parties claim to have the solutions. The Economy claims to offer us blessing. Forgive us, Lord, for seeking salvation anywhere but you. You are our rock and refuge. You are the only sure thing in all the world. May we place our hope in You, and learn ever more to live in Your Kingdom.

*"ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST"

I once was lost in darkest night Yet thought I knew the way The sin that promised joy and life Had led me to the grave I had no hope that You would own A rebel to Your will And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race Indifferent to the cost You looked upon my helpless state And led me to the cross And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place You bore the wrath reserved for me Now all I know is grace

Refrain: Hallelujah! All I have is Christ Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone And live so all might see The strength to follow Your commands Could never come from me Oh Father, use my ransomed life In any way You choose And let my song forever be My only boast is You *Refrain*

PROMISE OF GRACE

Action: Pour water into the bowl and remember your baptism

"We have been ransomed through his Son's blood, and we have forgiveness for our failures based on his overflowing grace, which he poured over us with wisdom and understanding."

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. Your support of the church is more important now than ever. To give your gift online visit <u>www.wyckoffreformed.org/give</u>. An offering box is also available at the ushers' table.

* DOXOLOGY May be said or sung 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 SCRIPTURE

PSALM 2

SERMON

"HESED B-SIDES" Rev. Andy Kadzban

DISCUSSION What did you hear? What are you going to do about it?

RESPONDING TO GOD *song of response

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow, for I will be with you in trouble to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

"HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.

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