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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. 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!

Here's the Zoom link for this week:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82201715455?pwd=cVpBdktLbm5LRnMwbVN5MHRsSXlQdz09>

"Jesus' first story in the Travel Narrative creates neighbors of us all, neighbors to men and women we never had any idea were our neighbors. We had no idea they were our neighbors because we used language to stereotype them into bloodless cardboard caricatures -- "Samaritan," for instance, or some other ethnic or racial, moral or religious term of dismissal. Once we have dehumanized them by a simple trick of language, it doesn't even occur to us to love them. How can you love a piece of cardboard? Obeying God's command to love our neighbors is made far more manageable when most of the people we don't know or like are excluded from the command. Jesus' story re-humanizes, re-personalizes, re-neighbors us and everyone we meet. Having become a neighbor through Jesus' story, we find another neighbor to love at every turn of the road."

-Eugene Peterson, Tell It Slant, p. 45

"One cannot define one's neighbor; one can only be a neighbor."

-Heinrich Greeven

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 113:1-4

"Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and forevermore.
From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of the Lord is to be praised.
The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens."

*SONG OF PRAISE

"WHO IS LIKE THE LORD OUR GOD"

Our Father, He lifts from the ashes
He raises the poor and the lost;
He seats them to dine at his table,
To feast without money or cost.
The lonely he settles in families
The barren, a mother he makes;
O happy the heart of the stranger
Who's welcomed by this King of Grace.

Refrain:

Who is like the LORD our God?
Who with glory fills the sky?
But humbles himself with the broken to dwell
Who is like our God?

Though equal to God in His glory,
Christ Jesus became like a slave;
He humbled himself in obedience
To Death, and the Cross, and the Grave.
Victorious, he rose to the highest;
In glory, the Savior was raised.
His name above all names exalted;

The heavens and earth sing His praise
Refrain

O Saints, fix your eyes on the Savior
And count all your righteousness lost.
Be found in his love and his favor,
And share in his death on the cross.
That all of his power in victory,
Imparted to you, may abound;
And sharing the suff'rings of Jesus,
You share in his glory and crown
Refrain

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

The truth is simple, Jesus. We have not loved you
with all of our heart--all of our desires and affections;
with all of our being soul--all of our words and actions,
with all of our mind--all of our intellect and inquiry and memory.
with all of our strength--the force of all our time and resources and ambition.
We are sorry, Lord. Please, forgive us.

The second truth is equally simple: we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves--with
categories, labels and assumptions we place boundaries upon our love.

Jesus, open our eyes to the vastness of "neighbor" and teach us an active, holy, unbounded
love. Send your Spirit to shape in us a new heart, rich with compassion, kindness, wisdom
and righteousness. We pray in your name, Jesus. Amen.

PROMISE OF GRACE

EPHESIANS 1:7, 8

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to the
riches of his grace that he lavished on us."

"THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT"

Love the Lord your God
with all your heart and soul and mind
And love your neighbor as yourself
(x2)

Let us be known
Let us be known
By the way we love
(x2)

Love, love, love the greatest commandment is

Love, love, love the greatest commandment is
Love, love, love the greatest commandment is love

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 10:25-37

SERMON

"THE NEIGHBOR"
Rev. Andy Kadzban

RESPONDING TO GOD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"OPEN OUR EYES"

Refrain:

Come and bring light to a people in darkness
Come set us free from the chains we have made
We are Your people the flock that You tend
Lord, open our eyes once again

To the victims of violence
To the ones who seek justice
To those sitting in prison
Open our eyes
Teach us compassion and love
Refrain

To those full of life's sorrow

To the needs of the lowly
To the ones who seek peace
Open our eyes
Teach us compassion and love
Refrain

To those suffering illness
To those trapped by addiction
To those lost or forgotten
Open our eyes
Teach us compassion and love
Refrain

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Sonja Visser Del Buono
Robert Karklin

***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.

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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