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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's this week's Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87291556729?pwd=SGhBOWhERmJoTTZrMVA5SnB3enI5Zz09>

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!

"...the most insidious temptations to "worldliness" today does not necessarily come in the form of enticements to sexual dissipation, or even to complicity in socio-political oppression, but rather in the form of the suggestion that it is possible - and indeed "normal" and expedient - to go about our daily business in the world without giving much thought to God."
-Craig M. Gay, *The Way of the (modern) world or, why It's tempting to live as if God does not exist.*

GATHERED BY GOD

GATHERING SONG

"THE STORY I'LL TELL"

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

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM QA26:

Q. What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?

A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son.

I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world.

God is able to do this because he is almighty God, and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

SONG OF PRAISE

"IMMORTAL INVISIBLE GOD ONLY WISE"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou dwellest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

You are Almighty, God, reigning in glory and splendor over all things. You, too, are a faithful Father who loves his people, hears his people, and provides for his people. We, who stand in Christ, come to you in prayer, trusting in your willingness to hear us, trusting in your desire to act according to your steadfast love.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

[Silence]

Use this time to offer your prayer of need to God. Maybe it's for forgiveness, restoration, reconciliation, healing, abiding presence, joy. If you are unsure of what to pray don't fret. The Spirit of God knows our every need and pleads to the Father on our behalf. Just try to stay present and ask for the Spirit to work within you.

...Almighty God, you are able to do these things because of your mighty hand. Loving Father, you desire to do these because you are faithful. In your mercy, let us see the work of your hands; let us know the depths of your love; let us trust in your abiding presence and care.

PROMISE OF GRACE

1 JOHN 5:14 (NRSV)

"And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."

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,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

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 18:1-8

SERMON

TRAVEL STORIES: "THE WIDOW"
Rev. Andy Kadzban

RESPONDING TO GOD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"OUR SONG IN THE NIGHT"

In the darkness, can you hear us?
When the night comes, are we alone?
Have you forgotten all of your children?
When we remember you how we groan
But our hearts cannot be silent

Refrain:

O God, be our song in the night
When the light is gone
Be our sheltering place
Our song in the night

We are broken are we forsaken?
Has your love gone down with the sun?
And your mercy through all history,
Is it abandoned and undone?
Oh our hearts cannot be silent

Refrain

Our song in the night
Our song in the night
Our song in the night
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Your road, it led me down to the Red Sea
The waters trembled, and you made a way
You raised Your arm and led them to dry land
Lord, will You hear us when we say
That our hearts cannot be silent
Refrain

Our song in the night
Our song in the night
Our song in the night
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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.

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

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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