

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, welcome to Wyckoff Reformed Church!

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If you need to use a restroom, they are available through the right-hand door at the front of the sanctuary.

For those who are fully vaccinated, masks are optional. If you are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated, we ask that you wear a mask to continue to protect those who are unable to be vaccinated—especially the children who will be with us for worship. Note that all those singing and leading from the front are fully vaccinated.

Kids can check in as they arrive for worship. They will be dismissed to go with their teachers for the kids' lesson, which will take place in the Purple Room on the downstairs level of our Education Building.

Kids and their teachers will wear masks. Children will be brought back to the sanctuary following worship.

## Bold sections will be read aloud together

\* Invites you to rise in body or in spirit

**GATHERING MUSIC** 

"PSALM 46 (BE STILL)"

# 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

"Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!

PSALM 150:1-2, 6

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!"

**SONG OF PRAISE** 

"CREATION SONG"
The Chancel Choir

Joanne Brown

#### **SCRIPTURE**

PSALM 46:1-3, 10-11

"God is our refuge and strength,
a very present\* help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
'Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.'
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge."

O Christ, may we grow into the words of the psalmist--that you are our refuge and strength; that you are our confidence, our fortress; that you are ever present, therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

#### PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

"I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR"

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee. O bless me now, my Savior; I come to thee.

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain; come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

Refrain

You know our struggle to trust you. You see the fragility of our faith. Weary and worn by suffering and strain or wayward in our pursuit of idols, we build strongholds for ourselves

and secure our undoing. Forgive us, Lord. May we know our strength to endure in your enduring the cross; our victory in your victory over darkness; our power to overcome in your overcoming the grave, our joy and hope in your resurrection and reign.

## PROMISE OF GRACE "FORTRESS (A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD)"

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.

## Refrain:

Mighty, Eternal, Victorious One On earth there's no equal; Your kingdom has come The Power of Darkness, defeated undone O Jesus, our savior, Your cross overcomes

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. Refrain

That Word above all earthly powersno 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!

## **FAMILY MOMENT**

Sara Christie

#### **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 <a href="www.wyckoffreformed.org/give">www.wyckoffreformed.org/give</a>; 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 1 KINGS 19:1-18

\*THE GOD WHO LIVES: ELIJAH AND ELISHA"

Rev. Andy Kadzban

# **RESPONDING TO GOD**

## **SONG OF RESPONSE**

"BE STILL MY SOUL"

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain Leave to thy God to order and provide In every change He faithful will remain Be still my soul thy best, thy heavenly friend Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still, my soul! Your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still my soul the waves and winds shall know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

Be still my soul the hour is hastening on When we shall be forever with the Lord When disappointment grief and fear are gone Sorrow forgot love's purest joys restored Be still my soul when change and tears are past All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

#### \*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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## 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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