



WYCKOFF

REFORMED CHURCH

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

These resources are also available at www.wyckoffreformed.org/worshipguides
To participate in this service online, join us at wrclive.org or on Facebook Live.

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

Masks are strongly recommended for all those in attendance.
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. Parents should pick their children at the Purple Room following worship.

Bold sections will be read aloud together

* Invites you to rise in body or in spirit

GATHERED BY GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

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

Come before the Lord, our God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer of all things in heaven and on earth and under the earth. Come all who are weary and heavy hearted, come and rest. Come and drink of the living waters. Come abide in the love of Christ.

*SONG OF PRAISE

"LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVES EXCELLING" #351

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee with thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.

Lord, you said, "You may ask for anything in my name."

**Forgive us when we think we need to solve
our own problems.**

Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

**We confess that our lives are often consumed
by worry and anxiety.**

Lord, you said, "If you remain in me and I in you,
you will bear much fruit."

Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.

Lord, you said, "You must testify, for you have been with me."

We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.

Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

**In this and in so many other ways,
we confess our failures and shortcomings.**

Though our sin is ever before us, abide in us Lord because of your grace and mercy,
because your love must come first. Abide in us Jesus, and move us to abide in you that we
might bear fruit in this world.

PROMISE OF GRACE

1 JOHN 2:1-2

"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone
does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the
atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."

***SONG OF GRACE "BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE" #862**

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable "I AM,"
the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

FAMILY MOMENT

Madilyn Chanley
Audrey Naumann

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; 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

JOHN 15:1-10

SERMON

ABIDING IN CHRIST
Sara Christie

RESPONDING TO GOD

*SONG OF RESPONSE

"IN CHRIST ALONE" #770

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

***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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