

## Guide for Home Worship

May 24, 2020

### Opening Prayer

*(select someone from your group to open your service in prayer)*

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 23 (ESV)*

LEADER: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

*PEOPLE: He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.*

LEADER: He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

*PEOPLE: Even though I walk  
through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.*

LEADER: You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

*ALL: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.*

## Songs and Liturgy

*(sing as a group and/or sing along to recorded versions)*

### BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

(Charitie Bancroft, 1841, Vikki Cook)

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 heav'n 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 to 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.

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### RESPONSIVE READING: *Psalm 99 (ESV)*

LEADER: The Lord reigns; let the peoples  
tremble!

PEOPLE: *He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth quake!*

LEADER: The Lord is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.

PEOPLE: *Let them praise your great  
and awesome name!  
Holy is he!*

LEADER: The King in his might loves justice.  
You have established equity;  
you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.

PEOPLE: *Exalt the Lord our God;  
worship at his footstool!  
Holy is he!*

LEADER: Moses and Aaron were among his  
priests,  
Samuel also was among those who called upon  
his name.  
They called to the Lord, and he answered them.

PEOPLE: *In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to  
them;  
they kept his testimonies  
and the statute that he gave them.*

LEADER: O Lord our God, you answered them;  
you were a forgiving God to them,  
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

ALL: *Exalt the Lord our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the Lord our God is holy!*

## BEHOLD OUR GOD

(Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, Stephen Altrogge)

I hear the Savior say,  
Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the one who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?  
(CHORUS)

CHORUS:  
Behold our God, seated on His throne.  
Come, let us adore Him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare,  
Come, let us adore Him!

Who has felt the nails upon His hands.  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave,  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!  
(CHORUS)

### BRIDGE:

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth)  
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You will reign forever! (Let your glory fill the earth)  
You will reign forever! (Let your glory fill)  
(CHORUS)

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## Sharing

*(as a lead into the Prayer Time, as a group share how you are feeling and what you are learning; below are suggested questions)*

- What are some of the things you have been hoping for in the past two weeks?
- Which category would best describe your heart over the past two weeks? Denial, despair, or delight?
- How do you think God sees you now?

## Prayer Time

*(have an open time of prayer or appoint one or two to pray. Specific prayer requests for this week are listed below.)*

- Give thanks for our various limitations and ask God to use them to strengthen our dependence upon Him.
- Spend some time asking God to accomplish His will among us as individuals and as a church.
- Share words of praise and gratitude to God (Heb. 13:15).

## Listen to Sermon

### “Faith that Works in Delight”

preached by Pastor Ryan Bouton

#### James 4:13-17, 1 John 2:15-17 (ESV)

##### *James 4 (ESV)*

<sup>13</sup> Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”—<sup>14</sup> yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. <sup>15</sup> Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” <sup>16</sup> As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup> So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

##### *1 John 2*

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

## Confession of Faith

*Heidelberg Catechism (1563) Lord's Day 1*

LEADER: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

*PEOPLE: That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.*

## Sharing Time

*(have everyone share one thing that struck them from the sermon)*

## **Song**

*(sing as a group and/or sing along to recorded versions)*

### **YOU ALONE CAN RESCUE**

*(Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman)*

Who, O Lord, could save themselves,  
Their own soul could heal?  
Our shame was deeper than the sea  
Your grace is deeper still.  
(REPEAT)

#### **CHORUS:**

You alone can rescue,  
You alone can save.  
You alone can lift us from the grave.  
You came down to find us, led us out of death.  
To You alone belongs the highest praise.

You, O Lord, have made a way.  
The great divide You healed.  
For when our hearts were far away  
Your love went further still.  
Yes, Your love goes further still  
(CHORUS)

#### **BRIDGE:**

We lift up our eyes,  
Lift up our eyes,  
You're the giver of life.  
We lift up our eyes,  
Lift up our eyes,  
You're the giver of life.  
(Repeat 2X)

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## **Benediction**

*(The leader or individual should read this aloud relishing in the confident assertion that Christ has conquered.)*

*Romans 15:13 (NASB)*

**LEADER:** Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**PEOPLE:** *Amen!*