

## Guide for Home Worship

### July 5, 2020

### Opening Prayer

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

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 100 (NASB)*

LEADER: Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing.

PEOPLE: *Know that the Lord Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.*

LEADER: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise, give thanks to Him; bless His name.

PEOPLE: *For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting, and His faithfulness to all generations.*

### Songs and Liturgy

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

#### O COME TO THE ALTAR

*(Chris Brown, Mack Brocken, Steven Furtick, Wade Joye)*

Are you hurting and broken within?  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?  
Jesus is calling.

Have you come to the end of yourself?  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?  
Jesus is calling.

#### CHORUS:

O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.  
Come today, there's no reason to wait.  
Jesus is calling.

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy.  
From the ashes, a new life is born,  
Jesus is calling.  
(CHORUS)

#### BRIDGE:

Oh, what a Savior,  
Isn't He wonderful?  
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen.  
Bow down before Him,  
For He is Lord of all.  
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen.

#### (CHORUS)

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown,  
Tell the world of the treasure you found.

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## RESPONSIVE READING:

*Psalm 96:1-10*

LEADER: Oh sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

PEOPLE: *Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.*

LEADER: Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

PEOPLE: *For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.*

LEADER: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.

PEOPLE: *Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*

LEADER: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

PEOPLE: *Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!*

LEADER: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!

ALL: *Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."*

## HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

(Stuart Townend)

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss.  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

## Special Benevolence Offering for Minneapolis Rebuild Relief

Our regular Benevolence Offerings are special collections above and beyond our regular giving to the church. The money received is then used in a variety of ways – 1) to help those with material needs within our church, 2) to help those with need in the broader Upper Valley Community, and 3) at times to help those suffering loss in other parts of the world. Today we have another such opportunity to give. Of the money collected 50% will be distributed to agencies assisting with rebuilding and relief efforts in Minneapolis, in partnership with fellow Converge churches in the city. The remaining 50% will go to meet other local needs through CRC's Benevolence Fund. If you want to designate a gift for this special offering, please write "Benevolence: Minneapolis" in the memo section of your check or on your giving envelope. You can also give online [here](#).

## Prayer Time

*(You may have an open time of prayer or select someone to pray)*

- Pray for our nation – that the good news of Jesus Christ would draw people to know God genuinely and personally.
- Pray for those suffering from the ongoing spread of the coronavirus.
- Pray for those experiencing racial injustices; specifically, that God would bring hope, reconciliation, and restoration through the good news of His Son.
- Pray for those in authority at every level in our country, that they would govern wisely and justly.
- Pray for the Willeman family as Dori recovers from her surgery.

## Listen to Sermon

### **"An Ancient Path That Leads To Praise"**

preached by Pastor Doug Cooper

### **Psalm 105:1-15, 42-45 (ESV)**

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| <sup>1</sup> Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;<br>make known his deeds among the peoples!       | <sup>11</sup> saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan<br>as your portion for an inheritance."                       |
| <sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him;<br>tell of all his wondrous works!                             | <sup>12</sup> When they were few in number,<br>of little account, and sojourners in it,                                    |
| <sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name;<br>let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!                    | <sup>13</sup> wandering from nation to nation,<br>from one kingdom to another people,                                      |
| <sup>4</sup> Seek the Lord and his strength;<br>seek his presence continually!                                | <sup>14</sup> he allowed no one to oppress them;<br>he rebuked kings on their account,                                     |
| <sup>5</sup> Remember the wondrous works that he has done,<br>his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,     | <sup>15</sup> saying, "Touch not my anointed ones,<br>do my prophets no harm!"   |
| <sup>6</sup> O offspring of Abraham, his servant,<br>children of Jacob, his chosen ones!                      | <sup>42</sup> For he remembered his holy promise,<br>and Abraham, his servant.   |
| <sup>7</sup> He is the Lord our God;<br>his judgments are in all the earth.                                   | <sup>43</sup> So he brought his people out with joy,<br>his chosen ones with singing.                                      |
| <sup>8</sup> He remembers his covenant forever,<br>the word that he commanded, for a thousand<br>generations, | <sup>44</sup> And he gave them the lands of the nations,<br>and they took possession of the fruit of the<br>peoples' toil, |
| <sup>9</sup> the covenant that he made with Abraham,<br>his sworn promise to Isaac,                           | <sup>45</sup> that they might keep his statutes<br>and observe his laws.   |
| <sup>10</sup> which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,<br>to Israel as an everlasting covenant,              | Praise the Lord!   |

## Confession of Faith

*Adapted from The Belgic Confession (1561), Article 16*

LEADER: What do you believe about your Savior Jesus Christ?

PEOPLE: *We believe that we have no access to God but through our Mediator and Advocate Jesus Christ who became man, having united in one person the divine and human natures. Who else is there in heaven or on earth that loves us more than Jesus Christ? Though he was in the form of God, he made himself of no reputation, and took the form of a man and of a servant for us, and was made like us in all things. Where could we go to find a God that loves us as much as this—a God who laid down his life for us, even when we were his enemies? Who is there that has so much power and majesty, indeed all power in heaven and on earth, and yet cares for us so much?*

## 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)*

### WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS?

(Anonymous, 1811)

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| What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!        | To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,         |
| What wondrous love is this, O my soul!                   | To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;                      |
| What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss | To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM -            |
| To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,     | While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  |
| To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?                  | While millions join the theme, I will sing.               |
| When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,     | And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, |
| When I was sinking down, sinking down;                   | And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;               |
| When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,   | And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,    |
| Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,    | And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,         |
| Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.                 | And through eternity I'll sing on.                        |

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## Benediction

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

*Luke 12:29-32*

LEADER: Do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

PEOPLE: *Amen!*