

# Guide for Home Worship

## April 18, 2021

### Opening Prayer

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

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 33:1-9 (ESV)*

LEADER: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

CONGREGATION: *Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!*

LEADER: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

CONGREGATION: *For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.*

LEADER: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

CONGREGATION: *By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.*

LEADER: He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses.

CONGREGATION: *Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!*

ALL: *For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.*

### Songs and Liturgy

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

#### HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

(John Rippon, Joseph Funk, 1787)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with thee, thy trouble to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame will not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose.  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

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## RESPONSIVE READING – 1 John 1:5-2:2 (ESV)

LEADER: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

PEOPLE: *If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.*

LEADER: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

PEOPLE: *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

LEADER: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

PEOPLE: *If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

LEADER: But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

PEOPLE: *He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.*

## HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

(Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves)

The splendor of the King,  
Clothed in majesty.  
Let all the earth rejoice,  
All the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light,  
And darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice,  
And trembles at His voice.

### CHORUS:

How great is our God!  
Sing with me,  
How great is our God!  
And all will see how great,  
How great is our God!

Age to age He stands,  
And time is in His hands,  
Beginning and the End,  
Beginning and the End,  
The Godhead three in one:  
Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb,  
The Lion and the Lamb.  
(CHORUS)

### BRIDGE:

Name above all names,  
Worthy of all praise,  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God!

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## 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.

## Listen to Sermon

### “Believing is Seeing”

preached by Pastor Ryan Bouton

#### John 3:9-21, Numbers 21:4-9 (ESV)

##### *John 3*

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

##### *Numbers 21*

<sup>4</sup> From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup> And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” <sup>6</sup> Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup> And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

## Confession of Faith

### The Apostles’ Creed (circa 5th Century)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

CONGREGATION: *I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell\*. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come 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.*

\*i.e. suffered under the judgment of God for His people    \*\*i.e. “universal”

## Song of Response

### HOUSE OF GOD FOREVER

(Jon Foreman)

God is my shepherd,  
I won't be wanting, I won't be wanting.  
He makes me rest in fields of green,  
With quiet streams.  
Even though I walk through the valley  
Of death and dying,  
I will not fear 'cause You are with me,  
You are with me.

#### CHORUS:

Your shepherd's staff, comforts me,  
You are my feast  
In the presence of enemies,  
Surely goodness will follow me  
Follow me  
In the house of God forever.

God is my shepherd,  
I won't be wanting, I won't be wanting.  
He makes me rest in fields of green,  
By quiet streams.  
Even while I'm walking through the valley  
Of death and dying,  
I will not fear 'cause You are with me,  
You're always with me.

#### (CHORUS)

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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!