

# Guide for Home Worship

## September 13, 2020

### Opening Prayer

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

### Call to Worship

*Isaiah 6:1-5 (NIV)*

LEADER: In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

CONGREGATION: *Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.*

LEADER: At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

CONGREGATION: *“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”*

### Songs and Liturgy

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

#### THIS IS MY FATHER’S WORLD

(Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901)

This is my Father’s world,  
And to my list’ning ears,  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world,  
The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker’s praise.  
This is my Father’s world:  
He shines in all that’s fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass,  
He speaks to me every where.

This is my Father’s world,  
O let me ne’er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father’s world:  
The battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heav’n be one.

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**RESPONSIVE READING:** *Adapted from Isaiah 40:12-18 (NASB)*

LEADER: Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, and marked off the heavens by the span, and calculated the dust of the earth by the measure, and weighed the mountains in a balance and the hills in a pair of scales?

CONGREGATION: *Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, or as His counselor has informed Him?*

LEADER: With whom did He consult and who gave Him understanding? And who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge and informed Him of the way of understanding?

CONGREGATION: *Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales; behold, He lifts up the islands like fine dust.*

LEADER: Even Lebanon is not enough to burn, nor its beasts enough for a burnt offering.

CONGREGATION: *All the nations are as nothing before Him, they are regarded by Him as less than nothing and meaningless.*

ALL: *To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare with Him?*

**BEHOLD OUR GOD**

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

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.

**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 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)**

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

**(CHORUS)**

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## Prayer Time

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

- Pray for our church's meeting place needs, that God would give us favor in the eyes of those in authority and that He would give us provision that would go far beyond all that we could ask or imagine.
- Pray for our world – that the good news of Jesus Christ would flourish and that many would come to know God genuinely and personally.
- Pray for those experiencing injustices; specifically, that God would bring hope, reconciliation, and restoration through the good news of His Son, and that we would be agents of this reconciliation.
- Pray for those in authority at every level in our country, that they would govern wisely and justly.

## Listen to Sermon

### “The Study of God”

preached by Pastor Don Willeman

### Jeremiah 9:23-24; John 17:1-3 (NASB)

#### *Jeremiah 9*

<sup>23</sup> Thus says the Lord, “Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; <sup>24</sup> but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,” declares the Lord.

#### *John 17*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, <sup>2</sup> even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. <sup>3</sup> This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

## Confession of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed (circa 5<sup>th</sup> 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"

## **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)*

### **ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST**

(Jordan Kauflin)

I once was lost in darkest night  
Yet thought I knew the way.  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that You would own  
A rebel to Your will.  
And if You had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race  
Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross.  
And I beheld God's love displayed  
You suffered in my place.  
You bore the wrath reserved for me  
Now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands  
Could never come from me.  
Oh Father, use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose.  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You.

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

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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!*