

## Guide for Home Worship June 28, 2020

### Opening Prayer

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

### Call to Worship

*Micah 5:2-4 (ESV)*

LEADER: But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,

PEOPLE: *From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.*

LEADER: Therefore, he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

PEOPLE: *And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.*

ALL: *And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.*

### Songs and Liturgy

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

#### HALLELUJAH, WHAT A SAVIOR!

(Philip P. Bliss, 1875)

“Man of Sorrows,” what a name  
For the Son of God who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim!  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood;  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile and helpless, we;  
Spotless Lamb of God was He;  
“Full atonement!” can it be?  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die,  
“It is finished” was his cry;  
Now in heav’n exalted high,  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King,  
All the ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we’ll sing:  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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## RESPONSIVE READING:

*Romans 8:31-39 (NASB)*

LEADER: What then shall we say to these things?

PEOPLE: *If God is for us, who is against us?*

LEADER: He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

PEOPLE: *Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.*

LEADER: Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

PEOPLE: *Just as it is written, "For your sake we are being put to death all day long; we were considered as sheep to be slaughtered."*

LEADER: But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

ALL: *For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

## ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

(Jordan Kauffin)

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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## 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

**"The Lord is my Shepherd"**

preached by Pastor Ryan Bouton

### Psalm 23 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## Confession of Faith

*Adapted from Romans 5:8*

LEADER: What do you believe about the love of God for you, a sinner?

PEOPLE: *God demonstrates His own kind of love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

## 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 ARE MY KING (AMAZING LOVE)

(Billy Foote)

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken.  
I'm accepted, You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me,  
Because You died, and rose again.

#### CHORUS:

Amazing love, How can it be  
That You my King would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true,  
It's my joy to honor You,  
In all I do, I honor You.

You are my King.  
You are my King.  
Jesus, You are my King.  
Jesus, You are my King.

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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!*