

Family Worship Guide

New Life Presbyterian

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Call to Worship.

Psalm 40:1-4 (ESV)

(all read together)

I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

Opening Hymn

Be Thou My Vision.

(sing or read together)

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,

Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;

I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;

Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Prayer of Invocation.

(head of household prays)

Father in heaven, you who have called us to worship, and we ask that you would speak to us and be present with us today. Speak to us by your Word and Spirit. Give us ears to hear your word, and hearts to love your Gospel. Mold us more and more into the image of your Son, that we may love You as our God, Our Maker and Savior, and love our neighbor whom you made in Your Image. We pray this in Our Savior Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith.

Heidelberg Catechism #1

(all recite together)

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. My only comfort, in life and in death, is that I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his

precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

The Lord's Prayer.

(all pray together)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. *Amen.*

Open Prayer Time

(head of household reads)

At this time I invite your prayers of petition and thanksgiving.

(allow some time for others to pray out loud)

Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common prayer to you; and has promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Confession of Sin.

Psalm 25:11, 16-18 (ESV)

(all read together)

“For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.”

Meditation

(Here we pause in silence to meditate upon our sin and need for forgiveness.)

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2:13-15 (ESV)

(head of household reads)

“You, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.”

Hymn of Grace

It is Well With My Soul.

(sing or read together)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul”

*Chorus: It is well (it is well)
with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

(Repeat chorus)

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Repeat chorus)

And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

(Repeat chorus)

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Sermon

“Worry's Cure: The Care of our Father”

(Note: Now play the CD/DVD of Pastor Jared's Sermon or follow the link below)

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Hymn.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

(sing or read together)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

*Chorus: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

[Repeat Chorus]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

[Repeat Chorus]

An Ending Gospel Promise.

Jude 24-25 (ESV)

(head of household reads)

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

TABLE TALK:

(These are questions to talk about over the dinner table, or for your own devotions, based on the text and sermon this week)

- 1) If “treasure” is our ground, foundation, and object of most valuing, in what places have you placed too much value in earthly things? Or another way of asking: What if it was taken away on earth would most shake you?*
- 2) If “eyeing” is connected with our goals and destination we have in mind, what goals do we make that we strive for? What goals would we be most anxious to see clouded or even put out of reach?*
- 3) How does Knowing God as our Father address your anxieties?*
- 4) How does God's Fatherly Care of our future guide how we face today?*
- 5) How might we apply the First Commandment to these goals and foundations? How can we value important things rightly, without having them take the place of God?*
- 6) How might you strive to make our God and Savior your greatest treasure and foundation?*
- 7) How might you strive to make our God and Savior your goal and destination?*
- 8) How might we glorify and enjoy God in the midst of this current situation and isolation?*

Prayer: Take some time to pray for those in the church, those helping in Healthcare and essential services, and for wisdom for our leaders in the church, in government, and in other positions of authority, along with thanksgiving for our Father's Care and blessings.