

WORSHIP AT HOME / MARCH 29, 2020

FOR THE PEOPLE OF GRACE UMC – ALAMOGORDO & TULAROSA

Adapted from ORDERS OF DAILY PRAISE & PRAYER (United Methodist Hymnal #876)

Regular worship with our brothers and sisters in faith is a practice we see in the life of Jesus as he regularly fellowshiped and worshiped with his disciples, and it has been a cornerstone of the Christian faith for 2,000 years as it continues to be a cornerstone of our experience at Grace UMC. While we encourage regular participation in worship at either our Alamogordo or Tularosa campus, we recognize that there are times when individuals and families are unable to be present with us. With that in mind, we want to offer you this simple model of worshiping at home as an individual or as a family. When you do choose to worship in this way, please let us know! We want to know who is worshiping with us in this way, and how this experience was for you. Be blessed as you worship, and may you grow in your faith that *best of all... God is with us!*

- Rev. Kelly McCuaig

At any point in this time of worship a familiar hymn/worship song may be sung or listened to.

An individual may read the entirety of the following, or a group or family may select a leader to read the plain type, while the rest join in the bold type.

CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER

O Lord, open our lips.

And we shall declare your praise.

(PSALM 51:15)

MORNING PSALM – Ps 148

From Seedbed's Metrical Psalter by Julie & Tim Tennent (<http://psalms.seedbed.com/psalms-index/>)

The following psalm, or another, may be read aloud, or sung. This psalm may be sung to the tunes of "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," or "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus."

¹Praise the LORD! Praise from the heavens; praise Him in the heights above!

²Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts who know His love.

³Praise Him, sun and moon, and praise Him all you shining stars of light.

⁴Praise Him, all you highest heavens, and you waters in the height.

⁵Let them praise the LORD's name, for He spoke and they all came to be;

⁶He set them in place forever—everlasting His decree.

⁷Praise the LORD from all the earth, all ocean depths and creatures there;

⁸Lightning, hail, snow, clouds, and winds that do His bidding everywhere.

⁹Praise Him, mountains and all hills, all fruit trees and all cedars too;

¹⁰Creeping things and flying birds, all cattle and wild creatures too.

¹¹Kings of earth and all you nations, princes, rulers everywhere;

¹²Young men, maidens, old men, children—let all earth His praise declare.

Psalm 148 continues on back

¹³Let them ever praise the LORD's name; His name is exalted high;
For His splendor and His glory are above the earth and sky.
¹⁴He has lifted up a horn for His own people all their days;
Is-ra-el, the people near Him—give the LORD wholehearted praise!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The individual/whole group may pray together, or responsively.

We give you praise and thanksgiving for the restful sleep of the night and for the gift of this new day, with all of its opportunities to follow your way of love and grace. Be with us as we walk through this day, enjoying the perfect freedom that only comes with serving you, so that at the end of the day we may again give you thanks. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE – Philippians 4:2-9 (NRSV)

The following scripture, or another passage appropriate for the day, may be read.

Phil. 4:2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Phil. 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Phil. 4:8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

REFLECTION (or sermon)

Silent or spoken reflection on the scripture that has been read. This may include some sort of online sermon that you're able to watch and participate in. Or a sermon you can read to yourself or aloud to a group. This may be concluded with a short prayer, such as:

Let our prayers be acceptable to you, O God, our rock and our salvation. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

This traditional morning Song, "Canticle of God's Glory," is found in the United Methodist Hymnal, #83

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The following or other of prayer may be prayed, during which any person may offer a brief prayer to God.

*After each prayer, the leader may conclude: Lord, in your mercy, and all may respond: **Hear our prayer.***

Together, let us pray
for the people of our church congregation...
for those who suffer and those in trouble...
for the concerns of this local community...
for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...
for the earth you have given to our care...
for the Church universal—its leaders, its members, and its
mission...
in communion with the saints....

Following these prayers, all may say this prayer together:

Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness,
Come, my Life, and revive me from death.
Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds.
Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins,
kindling my heart with the flame of thy love.
Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there.
For thou alone art my King and my Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Traditional version is found below:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed by 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 trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
 Amen.

BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. **Amen.**

We hope this time of worship and prayer has been a blessed one for you and for those you may have gathered with. Again, please let us know if you chose to worship this way today, and we welcome your input on how we can continue to make your Sunday worship experience as fruitful as possible, even if you are unable to worship with us in person.

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