

WORSHIP GUIDE for SUNDAY, JULY 5

SETTING YOUR SPACE

In the Third Dwelling Places of The Interior Castle – the place in our soul/home where our tour guide, Teresa of Avila, brings us this Sunday – we’re reminded of the importance of humility, and, relatedly, of how big the world is. You might think about bringing into your worship space something that evokes that for you: a globe or map or pictures from travels, a poem about the vastness of the universe and the smallness of humanity, a depiction of the night sky full of stars, a candle with a scent that takes you far away. You might also consider adding something that offends you – Teresa’s got some interesting advice about that. We’ll have some questions for your reflective journaling time, so keep tools for that nearby. AND it’s Communion Sunday, so something to “taste and see that God is good” should be part of your set-up, too.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome & Greeting One Another – Erika Marksbury

**Gathering Song: *Come O Fount of Every Blessing* – Worship Team –
Heidi Toth, Dave King, Lara O’Brady**

Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I’ve known:
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

Gathering Prayer

“Gracious One, in your mercy, hear our prayer.”

& Communal Prayer *from Matthew 6*

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Children’s Story – Sean P. Williams

Only One You by Linda Kranz

Scripture: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Beware of practicing your piety before others to attract their attention; if you do this, you will have no reward from your Abba God in heaven. When you do acts of charity, for example, don’t have it trumpeted before you; that is what hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. The truth is, they’re already received their reward in full. But when you do acts of charity, don’t let your left hand know what your right hand is doing; your good deeds must be done in secret, and your Abba God - who sees all that is done in secret - will repay you. And when you pray, don’t behave like the hypocrites; they love to pray standing up in the synagogues and on street corners for people to see them. The truth is, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to God who is in that secret place, and your Abba God - who sees all that is done in secret - will reward you. And when you fast, don’t look depressed, like the hypocrites. They deliberately neglect their appearance to let everyone know that they are fasting. The truth is, they have already received their reward. But when you fast, brush your hair and wash your face. Don’t let anyone know you’re fasting except your Abba God, who sees all that is done in secret. And Abba God - who sees everything that is done in secret - will reward you.

Sermon: “Showing Off and Taking Offense”

Journal Reflection

Response Song: *Beautiful Things* - Worship Team

All this pain, I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change, at all

All this earth... Could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come out from this ground, at all?

You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of us

All around, hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found, in you

You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of us

You make me new, You are making me new
You make me new, You are making me new
You make me new, You are making me new
You make me new, You are making me new

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“What I Learned at Home” Testimony – Mike Sayler

Communion Litany

One: It would not have been God's table
if they hadn't all been gathered around it:

All: **the betrayer and the friend**
the power-hungry and the justice seeker
the faithful and the fickle.

One: When Jesus poured the wine, and the bread was broken;
when everyone could eat -

All: **the outcast and the beloved**

**the arrogant and the gracious
the wrong-doer and the wrongly done by -**

One: the table became a foretaste
of love made real
and of a world made whole.

One: And the promise is that when we remember,
**All: when we tell the story and give the blessing
when we break the bread and pour the wine
we, too, discover a foretaste
of love made real
and of a world made whole. Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

O God, make of us some nourishment for these starved times, some food for our siblings who are hungry for gladness and hope, that, being bread for them, we may also be fed and be full. Amen.

Closing Words

Going Forth Song: *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*

Over the mountains and the sea, your river runs with love for me,
and I will open up my heart and let the healer set me free.
I'm happy to be in the truth, and I will daily lift my hands:
For I will always sing of when your love came down.

I could sing of your love forever; I could sing of your love forever;
I could sing of your love forever; I could sing of your love forever.

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I could sing of your love forever; I could sing of your love forever;
I could sing of your love forever; I could sing of your love forever.

Oh, I feel like dancing - It's foolishness I know;
But when the world has seen the light,
they will dance with joy, with all their might.

I could sing of your love forever; I could sing of your love forever,
I could sing of your love forever; I could sing of your love forever.

Benediction

One: Friends, ... may the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Amen.

Postlude

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