

WORSHIP GUIDE for SEPTEMBER 20

SETTING YOUR SPACE

This week's service centers on a Psalm of confession. Its words are honest, vulnerable, difficult – and powerful. We're singing songs that acknowledge both the struggle of these days and the promise and grace of God. Is there something you could bring to your worship space that would set that sort of tone? A picture of someone who has been faithful to you, present for you, even in hard times? A rock from a place you always feel safe and secure? A symbol of an apology that made a difference in your life? A candle to light that will call to mind the flickers of hope that remain? Whatever you bring, however you come, to your own virtual worship space for this service, we're thankful that you do, and pray that it will be a blessing to you.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Geoff Clayton

Welcome – Erika Marksbury

Gathering Song: *We Have Come* –

Jesse Cromer & Dave Ferry & Lara O'Brady & Geoff Clayton

We have come by way of struggle

We have come by way of pain

We have come by all your steadfast love

O revive our souls again

We have come to lay our burdens down

We have come to shed our shame

We have come to taste your boundless grace

And to rise as people changed

We have come to spread your ways of peace

We have come to break the chains

We have come to stand with Jesus
Lead us on into your reign
Lead us on into your reign
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Gathering Prayer & Communal Prayer

by the Dominican Sisters of Great Bend, KS – Martha VanCleave

Our Father

Our Mother

Who art in heaven

Who are in all the earth

Hallowed be thy name

Holy is your truth

Thy kingdom come

May your wisdom come

Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven

Your circle be one
uniting heaven and earth

Give us this day our daily bread

Give us today a nurturing spirit

And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass
against us

Heal through us
as we ourselves are healed

Lead us not into temptation

Lead us into fullness of life

But deliver us from evil

And liberate all that is good

For thine is the Kingdom,
the power, and the glory

For the Wisdom, the Presence,
and the Goodness are Yours

Now and forever. Amen.

Children's Story – Sean P. Williams

Scripture: Psalm 51:1-17

O God, have mercy on me!

*Because of your love and great compassion, wipe away my faults;
wash me clean of my guilt; purify me of my sin.*

For I am aware of my faults, and have my sin constantly in mind.

I sinned against you alone, and did what is evil in your sight.

You are just when you pass sentence on me; blameless when you give judgment.

*I was born in sin, conceived in sin, yet you want truth
to live in my innermost being. Teach me your wisdom!*

*Purify me with hyssop until I am clean;
wash me until I am purer than new-fallen snow.*

*Instill some joy and gladness into me;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice again.*

Turn your face from my sins and wipe out all my guilt.

*O God, create a clean heart in me, put into me a new and steadfast spirit;
do not banish me from your presence, do not deprive me of your holy spirit!*

*Be my savior again, renew my joy, keep my spirit steady and willing;
and I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.*

*Save me from bloodshed, O God, God of my salvation -
and my tongue will acclaim your justice.*

Open my lips, YHWH, and my mouth will declare your praise.

*Sacrifice gives you no pleasure -
were I to give you a burnt offering, you would not have it.*

*My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
you will not scorn this crushed and broken heart.*

Sermon – “The Power of Confession”

Response Song: *Amazing Grace*, NC #547

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me

I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my Fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, we have already come
'Twas grace hath brought us safe thus far and grace will lead us home

My God has promised good to me, whose word my hope secures
God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun
We'll have no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun

The Reach of Our Gifts: World Mission Offering

Special Music: Free by Gungor –

Jesse Cromer & Dave Ferry & Lara O'Brady & Geoff Clayton

Closing Words

Going Forth Song: *Pray for the Wilderness* - NC #557

Pray for the wilderness, vanishing fast,
pray for the rainforest, open and vast;
pray for the waterfalls, pray for the trees,
pray for the planet brought down by degrees.

Learn from the elephant, eagle and whale,
learn from the dragonfly, spider and snail;
learn from the people in neighboring lands,
learn from the children who play in their sands.

Work for the justice created things need,
work for the health of each plant and seed;
work for the creatures abuse has betrayed,
work for the garden God's wisdom once made.

Trust that God's Christ overcame nails and wood,
trust that earth's people will turn to good;
trust that creation forever will grow,
trust that God's goodness to us overflows.

Pray for the atmosphere, pray for the sea,
learn from the river, the rock and the tree;
work till shalom is full harmony rings,
trust the connection of all living things.

Benediction

Postlude – Dave Ferry

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