

WORSHIP GUIDE

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ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

What does the Lord require of us?

To do justice;

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.'

To love kindness;

'Blessed are the meek and humble, for they will inherit the earth.'

To walk humbly with our God;

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.'

We come to learn, to praise, to pray. We come to worship our God.

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

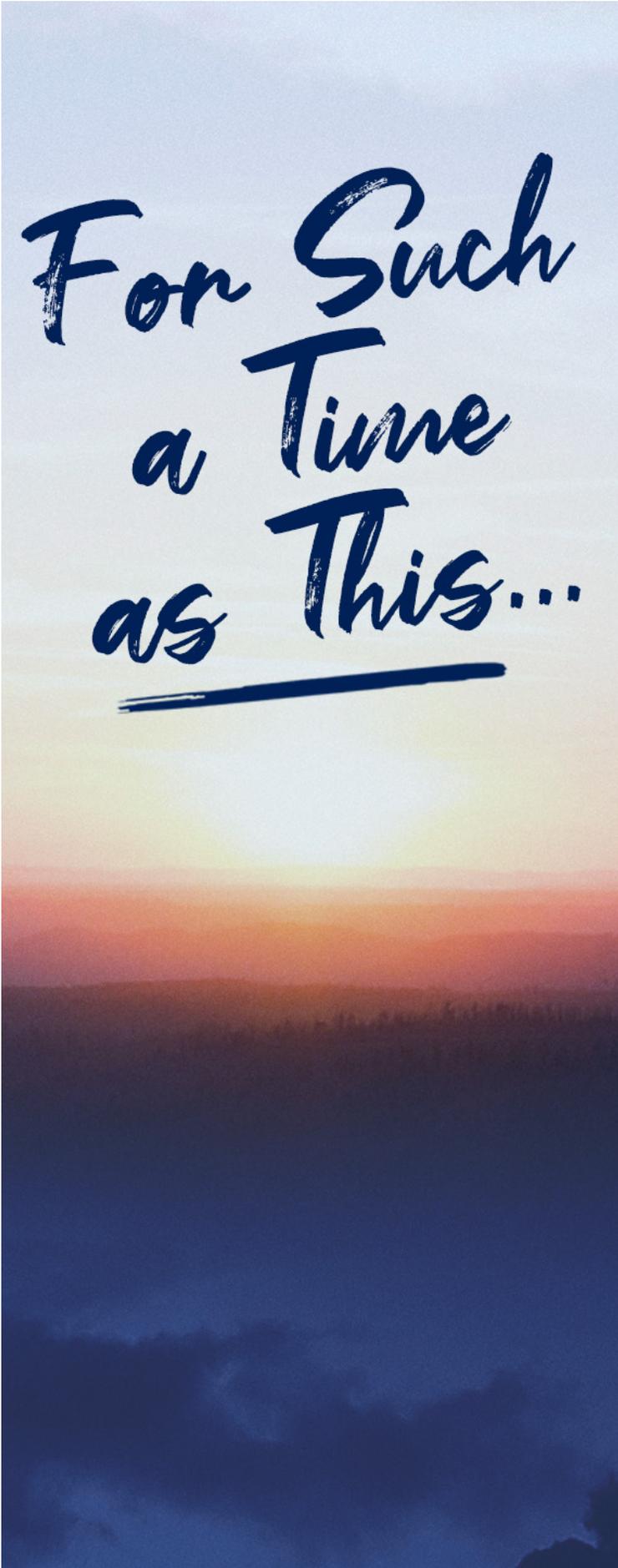
PRAYER

Loving God, it is good to be here, listening for Your voice. In this time of worship, tell us about Your kingdom of kindness so that we can seek it. Show us Your justice. We want to walk with You, humbly, closely, daily. Amen.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO THE WORD

God wants something from us. It may be unpopular to think that God would require anything from us, but by looking at what He wants, you find the character of God. Throughout scripture, God wants us to treat each other right. That is what He desires from His creation. He isn't like the pagan gods that desire endless sacrifices and ritual worship. Our God desires a people that would be righteous and that would increase in love. Hear this message in today's scripture and sermon.



For Such
a Time
as This...

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Esther 8:15-17

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What God Is Asking of You

Pastor Jenn Lucas

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO GOD IN PRAYER

Jesus tells us to pray with few words and more intimacy. We speak less so God can speak more. By praying this way, we can listen for what God is asking of us.

Start with praise and worship...

Our Father, who art in heaved, hallowed be Thy name. *(pause and listen to God)*

Pray for God's will over your own...

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. *(pause and listen to God)*

Pray for your needs...

Give us this day our daily bread. *(pause and listen to God)*

Confess your sin and ask for forgiveness...

...and forgive us our trespasses. *(pause and listen to God)*

Ask for help in forgiving others...

...as we forgive those who trespass against us. *(pause and listen to God)*

Pray for safety, protection, and deliverance...

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. *(pause and listen to God)*

Acknowledge God's sovereignty over all...

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *(pause and listen to God)*

Amen.

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MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

I Love Your Presence

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Father God, we ask that You accept these gifts and use them to Your glory. We give freely and not from compulsion, for there is nothing we could give that matches Your glory and majesty. All we have is Yours, Father, and we ask that You would use us and all we have as You will. Amen.

DEPART WITH GOD'S WORD

MUSIC FOR DEPARTING

No Longer Slaves

BENEDICTION

Now turn your hearts and minds toward the role God has chosen for you to live out. Seek God's will, God purpose, God's direction, God's guidance, and God's courage to live out your calling for such a time as this. Go now and be the church.

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