



WORSHIP GUIDE

March 22, 2020

ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Take off your shoes!

We are standing on holy ground.

Shake off the dust!

We are ready to start afresh.

Let us worship God and receive Christ's teachings that we may be renewed and strengthened to share God's love with the world.

OPENING SONG

You Never Let Go

PRAYER

Holy is Your name, Father God: give us an understanding of Your saving mercy and grace, so that, freed from fear and from the power of evil, we may worship You and serve You faithfully. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO THE WORD

As disciples of Christ, we are called to be missionaries in one way or another. We are to be faithful in sharing the gospel while trusting God to produce the results. When we share the gospel message, the potential for rejection is real. Jesus is clear about this rejection with his instructions to "shake the dust off your feet." Shaking the dust off would be, in part, a symbolic act of judgment on those who persisted in rejecting the gospel message. Shaking off the dust also would be an indication that the disciples had done their duty, leaving the recipients of the gospel message to answer to God for their decision. Let us stand in body or in spirit and listen to today's gospel reading with renewed hearing.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:6b-13

SERMON

Rejection Leads Us Somewhere

Pastor Jenn Lucas

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Jesus, we learn in Sunday School how You quiet storms, heal sick people, and even calm our anxiety,

But we still struggle to trust You.

You give us friends to help us share Your message,

But we think we have to do it all by ourselves.

You give us power over the evil in our lives,

But we don't know how to use Your power.

You say we only need the clothes we are wearing and a walking stick,

But we pile the car full of food, clothes, tools, and toys. We make sure our phones are charged and our GPS is on.

You say that if people are unkind, we should simply shake the dust off our feet,

But we would rather get mad and post about it on Facebook.

Jesus, we have so much to learn from You about traveling gracefully through the wilderness of life.

Forgive our poor choices and give us a deeper trust in You. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 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.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Father, as we take Your message to people in the world, may these tithes and other gifts multiply and help those who are in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

DEPART WITH GOD'S WORD

CLOSING HYMN

It Is Well With My Soul

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

(Num. 6:24-26)