

WORSHIP GUIDE

May 17, 2020

ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are pulled in many directions.

Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.

This day, wherever we are, let service to God be our choice.

This day, right where we are, we open our hearts and spirits to God.

Blessed be the God of creation who has called us.

Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives.

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

The Way

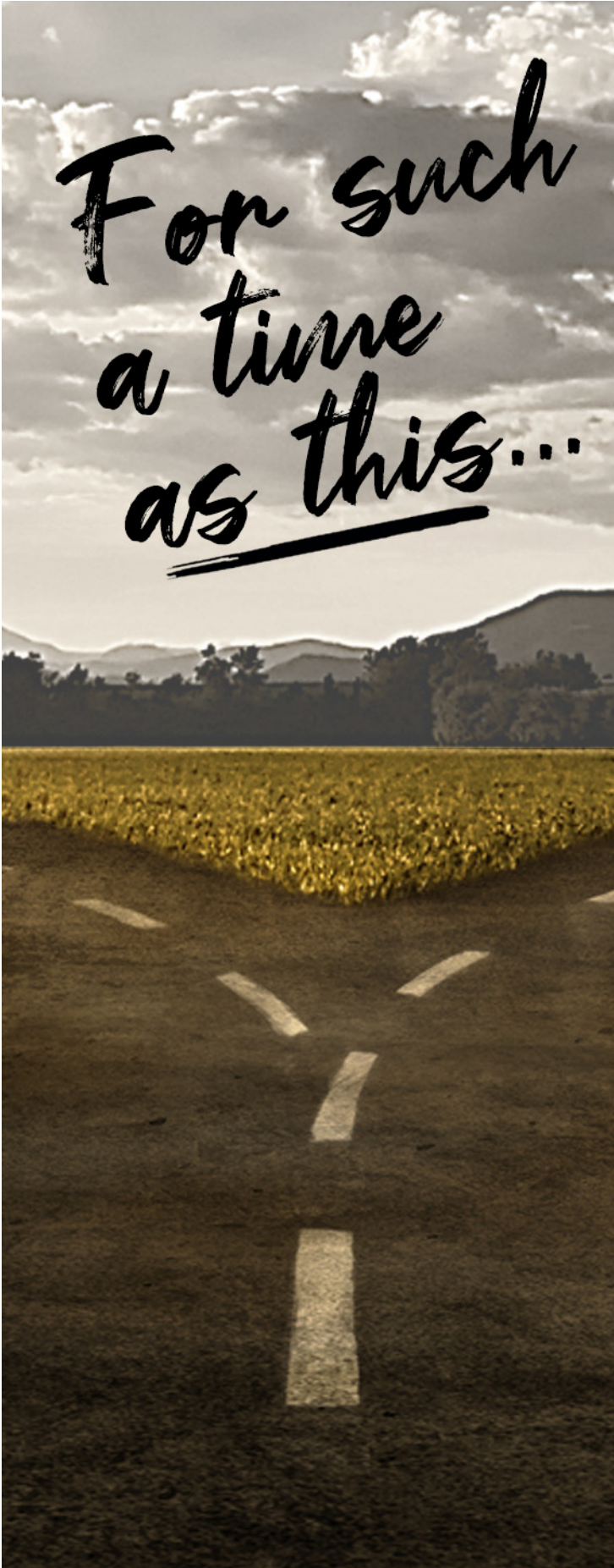
PRAYER

Lord, we come before You today knowing what it is that You require of us but wondering how to achieve these things You ask of us. As we continue to ask ourselves how to serve You and one another, guide us, support us, and encourage us. Guide us in making the right choice. Support us as we work to follow those decisions. Encourage us so that we may always be asking the questions and striving to find the answers. In Your name we pray. Amen.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO THE WORD

Through life, we will make some great choices, but we will also make some incredibly bad decisions. Poor choices are often governed by systems of personal desires and dreams, past experiences, the opinions of others, and more. In Jeremiah, the Lord says, "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls." Esther and those around her had decisions to make. Listen for their trust in the Lord in choosing the right path.



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Esther 5:6-8

SERMON

Crossroads

Pastor Jenn Lucas

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

LITANY AND PRAYER FOR TODAY

If we remain silent,
who will rise up?

If we close our eyes and turn our heads,
who will see the injustice?

If we wring our hands and shuffle our feet,
who will act with mercy?

What if we are called for such a time as this,
**to see through different eyes
and move to a different drum?**

**Father, give us Your strength, at such a time as this,
to lead distinctive lives, to choose the path You
have in store for us, and see Your Kingdom come.
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.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

To make your weekly gift, use one of these options:

- **Realm eGiving:** www.cos-umc.org/give (click GIVE)
- **Text to Give:** Text GIVECOS to 73256 (follow the prompts)
- **Online Bill Pay:** (no fee to the church, no postage for you)
- **Mail a Check:** Church of the Saviour United Methodist, Attn: Financial Secretary, 8005 Pfeiffer Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45242

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Thy Word

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Blessing upon blessing has been given to us, O Lord,
from Your great bounty. Now we return these gifts
to You. Bless these gifts and the lives that they
represent and cause them to work for You in this
world which You have loaned to us. In Jesus' Name,
we pray. Amen.**

DEPART WITH GOD'S WORD

MUSIC FOR DEPARTING

Trust and Obey

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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