



WORSHIP GUIDE

May 10, 2020

ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

God welcomes us to worship on this new day!

It is a day of new hopes and fresh opportunities!

Let us leave behind our fears and doubts and offer our prayers to God.

**God calls us each by name and welcomes us
as Christ welcomes the children.**

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

God of Grace and God of Glory

PRAYER

Loving God, You watch over us and take care of us. When the world seems frightening, You calm us, and assure us that You will never abandon us. And in doing that, You empower us to speak out for justice, to act on behalf of others, and to help make our world a better place. Be with us this day and always. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO THE WORD

We all like the idea of fairy tales coming true, but we realize that's seldom the case in real life. Our story today is one that reads like a fairy tale, but it happened. There is a beautiful orphan girl named Esther who wins a beauty contest and becomes a queen. There is also an evil man who plots the destruction of her people. Queen Esther is faced with a pivotal question, who knows Esther, were you made for just such a time as this? She is faced with a decision that will be recorded in the history books forever. Have you ever had to consider what is the next right thing to do? Do you ever wonder what history might write about the season you are living? Who knows, perhaps you were made for such a time as this? Let us look to more of Esther's story to discover more of our own story.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Esther 2:19-23

SERMON

History Has Its Eyes On You

Pastor Jenn Lucas

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR TODAY

God of grace and patience, we all have our share of times when things go wrong, times when relationships fail us or we fail them, times when grief cries out for healing; times when our bodies are filled with pain and our minds are filled with worry.

Jesus, teach us the power of prayer.

There are times when we can't make sense of what is going on this world, times when we even might doubt Your presence and care for us. Yet through it all, You remain steadfast and are always with us.

Jesus, teach us the power of prayer.

When life seems out of control and injustices seem too many to bear, give us the strength to challenge them – firmly and assuredly, knowing that You are always at our side.

Jesus, let us come to You with hope and with trust. In Your presence we shall be loved and restored in strength. 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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MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Canvas and Clay

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Take our gifts, O God, and use them to change the world. Use them to bring justice and goodness. Use them to make our world a safe home for all living things. Amen.

DEPART WITH GOD'S WORD

MUSIC FOR DEPARTING

We Are Marching in the Light of God

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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