



WORSHIP GUIDE

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ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sometimes good things are right in front of us and we don't see them.

Our fears and our prejudices blind us.

Open your eyes this day to see the goodness of the Lord.

We open our eyes.

Open your hearts to receive God's blessings.

We open our hearts.

Let us worship.

Hallelujah!

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

He Lives

PRAYER

Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. Like those on the Emmaus Road, may we find Your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. We pray in Christ's Name. Amen.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO THE WORD

The dynamic of light and darkness, sight and blindness, presents two interesting perspectives. First, it signifies the unveiling of a divine plan. God's intervention in the dark world through Jesus marks the truth that, in an unprecedented way, God is now with us, and the kingdom of redemptive love and peace is here. Second, it invites us to explore how much we see. Like a city on a hill at night, like a lamp on a stand, the kingdom is here. Even more, the risen Jesus is here! Where do we see Him? How much of His kingdom presence do we recognize in our midst? Consider these perspectives as we listen to the Gospel reading from Luke.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

Jesus Meets Us on Our Walk

Pastor Vicki Robinson

Reflection Question: Describe your own pandemic experience using three descriptive words?

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess our slowness of heart.

We are slow
to see You in our brothers and sisters,

We are slow
to serve You in meeting the needs of our
neighbors,

We are slow
to give our hearts to You.

Holy God, we are often selfish, scared, and numb to the beauty of the world, and the potential for grace that is around us and within us.

Awaken us today, to all that becomes possible, because You live. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends on the journey, hear the good news of the Gospel. Jesus is near. Grace is real. We do not have to be perfect in our actions or our beliefs. We need only to open our hearts—to mystery, love, presence and joy.

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

Open the Eyes of My Heart

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, You have made of us an Easter people,
ready to tell the news of death's defeat,
eager to share our joy and our money,
alive with hope, accompanied by glory,
on the road with Jesus.**

**Bless our gathering, our gifts, and our going forth.
Amen.**

DEPART WITH GOD'S WORD

MUSIC FOR DEPARTING

Amazing Grace

BENEDICTION

Brothers and sisters, this service has come to an end. Go into your week, serving your Savior with love, delighting in the life God has given you. God be with you till we meet again.

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