

Worship Leader Guide

DATE: Sunday, July 28, 2024

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[9:55 AM]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[10:00 AM]

WELCOME & WORDS OF GRACE

[KRISTEN WELCOMES PEOPLE AND ONLINE GUESTS]

Kristen Good morning I am Kristen. Sheryl and I would like to welcome everyone. We're glad you have chosen to spend this time with us, either in person or online.

Worship is not just something you do; it's who you are. You are a worshipper. We worship God because a heart filled with gratitude is a happy and healthy one. Worship is giving God thanks and glory with focused attention. It's loving gratitude felt deep in your heart. It's that kind of worship that glorifies God, recognizing him for the amazing Creator he is. At the same time, a heart of worship transforms the worshipper, bringing you closer to God. Psalm 134:2 says to lift your hands to the holy place and praise the Lord. You can do this at home, at the office, in the car, in your backyard – anywhere! Music or no music, dear one, make it your aim to sing a hymn to the Lord continually in spirit and in truth.

Let us pray together:

(Musical Reflection)

[Pianist plays softly underneath.]

Sheryl Let us pray together: Holy God, joy of the universe, it is your awesome love that brings us here. You awaken within us a loving response, which hungers and thirsts for your truth and beauty. As we worship you, please do not give us the blessings we want, but the ones we most need. Satisfy us with the truth that we may need, though such truth might be most uncomfortable, and confront us with your holy beauty, that brings us healing. Through Christ Jesus, your joyful Son. Amen.

[CONG RESPONSE "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369 VS 1]

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

CALLING ON GOD

(liturgist goes to pulpit)

Sheryl: *Please stand if you are able and join me in the call to worship*

One: Children of God, you are welcome here. All of who you are – even your regrets and failings – is welcome here.

Many: We come to tell the truth about who we are, in relationship with God.

One: Many of us find it easy to recognize our goodness and difficult to notice our sins.

Many: We come to tell the truth about who we are, in relationship with God.

One: Others of us live under a shroud of guilt and shame, believing we can never be good enough to receive the fullness of God's love.

Many: We come to tell the truth about who we are, in relationship with God.

One: However you enter this place, know this: you are loved, accepted, and called. May God's love draw us to honest confession; God's acceptance assures us of the work of grace in our lives, and God's call compels us to live in grace.

Many: We come to tell the truth about who we are, in relationship with God who loves us, accepts us, and calls us. Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sheryl *Let us continue our worship by greeting each other, passing the peace of Christ. If you see someone sitting in their pew, perhaps a slight nod will do.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sheryl *Please join me as we say the prayer of our Lord*

Our _____ who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom 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. Lead us, not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, the power and the glory, for ever more. Amen

*[Pianist plays softly underneath.]
(liturgist goes to pulpit)*

SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 14

Kristen: *May these words speak light into your soul and help you feel the love of God!*

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." Their deeds are loathsome and corrupt; not one does what is right. The Lord looks down from heaven upon the human race, to see if even one is wise, if even one seeks God. All have gone astray; all alike are perverse. Not one does what is right, not even one. Will these evildoers never learn? They devour my people as they devour bread; they do not call upon the Lord. They have good reason, then, to fear; God is with the company of the just. They would crush the hopes of the poor, but the poor have the Lord as their refuge. Oh, that from Zion might come the deliverance of Israel, that Jacob may rejoice, and Israel be glad when the Lord restores his people!

[CONG RESPONSE "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369 VS 2]

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.



[Pianist plays softly underneath]

SCRIPTURE READING – Ephesians 3:14-21

Kristen: *Come, Holy Spirit, that through your word we may be guided into the love of God for all the world.*

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self, and the Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ, that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine, by the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

[CONG RESPONSE "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369 VS 3]

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

MESSAGE

Sheryl Swanson:

[Pianist plays softly underneath]

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Sheryl: *We pray for peace and justice for all people in all places
(silence)*

[Cong. Response "You Are My Hiding Place" TFWS #2055 **NO REPEAT**]

You are my hiding place, you always fill my heart
with songs of deliverance, whenever I am afraid,
I will trust in you, I will trust in you.
Let the weak say, I am strong
in the strength of the Lord.

*We pray for the leaders of the church and the nations
(silence)*

[Cong. Response "You Are My Hiding Place" TFWS #2055 **NO REPEAT**]

You are my hiding place, you always fill my heart
with songs of deliverance, whenever I am afraid,
I will trust in you, I will trust in you.
Let the weak say, I am strong
in the strength of the Lord.

*We pray for the earth, God's creation
(silence)*

[Cong. Response "You Are My Hiding Place" TFWS #2055 **NO REPEAT**]

You are my hiding place, you always fill my heart
with songs of deliverance, whenever I am afraid,
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JOY & CONCERNS

Sheryl: Are there any joys or concerns that you would like to share:

[Cong. Response "You Are My Hiding Place" TFWS #2055 **NO REPEAT**]

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with songs of deliverance, whenever I am afraid,
I will trust in you, I will trust in you.
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OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Sheryl

- **BOX, ONLINE, TEXT**

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Sheryl: God has provided us with all that we need. It is our privilege to give back to God. Let us return a portion of what God has so freely given us. There are several ways to give, which are shown on the screen.

Loving God, in this sacred moment of offering, we come before you with humble hearts, recognizing your unwavering mercy and boundless compassion. As we present our gifts, may we also lay bare our shortcomings and seek your forgiveness and guidance. Grant us the courage to strive for righteousness in all our endeavors. Amen

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HYMN UMH #384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Sheryl *Our closing hymn is found in the red hymnal #384 Please stand if you are able*

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent on sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise

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BLESSING

Sheryl: Beloved, receive this good news: Nothing can separate you from the love of God. May you go now in the blessing of God who forgives our sins and empowers us to turn once again to be and become who God calls us to be. Amen.



BENEDICTION

Sheryl: Go forth, and be challenged

Postlude “God the Almighty” by Gary Davidson

Leigh Ann C, Minister of Music

WORSHIP NOTES

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