

Small Group Worship/Prayers in Pajamas

Sunday, March 22, 2020

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Call to Worship:

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the author and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy set before him endured the cross,
scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.
Let us consider him who endured such opposition from sinful people,
So that we will not grow weary and lose heart. (*Hebrews 12:2-3*)

Song: *He Is Lord*, LUYH #227

***He is Lord, he is Lord, he is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.***

***He is King, he is King, he will draw all nations to him; he is King!
And the time shall be when the world shall sing that Jesus Christ is King.***

***He is Love, he is Love, he has shown us by his life that he is Love!
All his people sing with one voice of joy that Jesus Christ is Love.***

***He is Life, he is Life, he has died to set us free, and he is Life!
And he calls us all to live evermore, for Jesus Christ is Life.***

Prayer of Invocation

All-knowing and all-caring God,
we gather this day drained by another week.
We are like a parched desert, empty and in need of replenishment.
Visit us with your presence, saturate us with your Spirit,
and bathe us in your streams of living water,
that our lives might acknowledge and worship you
to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Call to Confession

Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (*Matthew 11:28-30*)

Silence

Prayer of Confession

God, we make so many mistakes;
We turn away from you so often.
We need you so much.
Thank you that you so loved the world
that you sent Jesus to die on the cross
to save us from our sins. **Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
So that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.”
(John 3:16)

Song of Assurance – *Jesus Loves Me*, LUYH #709

*Jesus loves me! This I now, for the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me—he who died heaven’s gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee, saying, “Let them come to me.”
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Prayer for Illumination

Lord God, we wish to see Jesus.
By your Spirit’s power, give us eyes to see his glory.
Through Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Scripture – [Matthew 8: 23 - 27](#)

Message – “Lord, save us! We are perishing!”

Song of Response: *This Is My Father's World*, LUYH #21

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.*

*This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad.*

Prayers

Closing Song, *Alleluia, Alleluia*, LUYH #958

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Benediction

The Lord will go before you to guide you, beneath you to support you,
Behind you to protect you, beside you to befriend you.
May the blessing of God Almighty – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit –
surround each one of you.
Be not afraid. Go in peace. Amen.

Amen

Postlude: [*Great is Thy Faithfulness*](#)

At home readings: [Messiah Resources](#) (Jump to Week 7 – John – to preview)

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