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**M:** Minister

**A:** All

## WELCOME

**HYMN:**

“All People that on Earth Do Dwell”  
*found on page 6 of this worship guide*

## INVOCATION

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**A:** Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**A:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**A:** Amen.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

*The minister offers the Prayer of the Day.*

## THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

### FIRST LESSON:

James 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup> My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. <sup>2</sup> Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. <sup>3</sup> If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," <sup>4</sup> have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup> Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? <sup>7</sup> Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong? <sup>8</sup> If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. <sup>9</sup> But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. <sup>11</sup> For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. <sup>12</sup> Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, <sup>13</sup> because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

### GOSPEL LESSON:

Mark 7:1-8

<sup>1</sup> The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus <sup>2</sup> and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup> (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup> When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) <sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup> He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. <sup>7</sup> They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.'" <sup>8</sup> You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."

## THE NICENE CREED

**A:**                   **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
                          maker of heaven and earth,  
                          of all that is,  
                          seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God  
                          eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
                          begotten, not made,  
                          of one being with the Father.  
                          Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
                          was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
                          and became fully human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
                          He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
                          He ascended into heaven  
                          and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
                          and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
                          the Lord, the giver of life,  
                          who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
                          who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
                          and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**HYMN:**

*“Glory Be to God the Father”  
found on page 7 of this worship guide*

## MESSAGE:

### **“Guidance for the Journey—Worship”**

*based on Exodus 20:8*

*According to a recent NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll, 80% of us in the United States feel “things in the country are out of control” on account of effects from the coronavirus pandemic, unemployment being at a level not seen since the Great Depression, and protests continuing across the U.S. In addition to those headline items, all of us have matters before us on the journey of our personal lives. And so, considering what’s going on in the headlines and in our personal lives, some have commented, “It’s a crazy time.”*

*How does one make it through such a time as this? How do Christians travel this part of the journey of their lives?*

*The Bible tells us about a large group of God’s people on a journey. They were the Nation of Israel after God rescued them from slavery in Egypt. They had present and future challenges before them. However, they were blessed with relationship with God and with one another. To use the current slogan, they were “in it together.”*

*But how did they make their way? How did they do the journey?*

*The Bible tells us that God guided them. One of the ways through which God guided Israel was through what we call the Ten Commandments. God used the Ten Commandments to direct Israel in their relationship with him and with one another.*

*For this year’s summer message series—during this “crazy time”—may God use our exploration of the Ten Commandments to guide us through this segment of our life’s journey.*

#### Exodus 20:8

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.”

## **PRAYERS & BLESSING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*The minister offers the Prayer of the Church.*

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**A: 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 and ever. Amen.**

### **HYMN:**

*“Take My Life and Let It Be”  
found on page 8 of this worship folder*

### **BLESSING**

# All People that on Earth Do Dwell

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1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the  
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our  
 3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; Ap - proach with  
 4 For why? The Lord, our God, is good; His mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with fear; his praise  
 aid he did us make. We are his folk; he doth  
 joy his courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless his name  
 is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times firm -

forth - tell; Come ye be - fore him and re - jice.  
 us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.  
 al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.  
 ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure. #5

5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
 The God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
 From us and from the angel host  
 Be praise and glory evermore.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1593, alt.  
 Tune: *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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Glory Be to God the Father

1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to  
 2 Glo - ry be to him who loved us, Washed us from each  
 3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the  
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! — Thus the choir of

God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it,  
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to him who bought us,  
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;  
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion! —

Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,  
 Made us kings with him to reign! Glo - ry,  
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,  
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,

glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!  
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!  
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!  
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.  
 Tune: Walter G. Whinsfield, 1865-1919

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# Take My Life and Let It Be

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1 Take my life and let it be Con - se -  
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways,  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; Not a

cra - ted, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments  
 im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet and  
 on - ly for my King. Take my lips and  
 mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel -

and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 It shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart — it is thine own;  
 It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
 At thy feet its treasure store.  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for thee.

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