

# WORSHIP GUIDE for SUNDAY, JULY 12

## SETTING YOUR SPACE

What are you finding that works for you, for worship? Are you on a little handheld screen or a giant one mounted on a wall? Do you stand for the singing, or watch the service with your feet up? Do you clear the space of other objects, creating simplicity, or bring in outside elements that enhance your worship experience? If you're finding a routine that works for you, great! If you're following our suggestions each week, here's the one for this week: find a representation of stillness, and a representation of action. Maybe these will be pictures, or stories, or objects – whatever signifies those two concepts for you, still and activity – and bring them both to your worship space for this week's service. We'll be entering the Fourth Dwelling Places in Teresa of Avila's *Interior Castle*, and the balance, the give-and-take between stillness and activity is central to this part of the "home" we're exploring.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude – Geoff Clayton**

**Welcome & Greeting One Another – Erika Marksbury**

**Gathering Song: *O God Our Help in Ages Past*, NC #25 –**

**Jesse Cromer & Worship Team**

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream fades at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
still be our God while troubles last, and our eternal home.

### **Gathering Prayer & Communal Prayer *a translation from the Aramaic***

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos, focus your light within us - make it useful: Create your reign of unity now. Your one desire then acts with ours, as in all light, so in all forms. Grant what we need each day in bread and insight. Loose the cords of mistakes binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' guilt. Don't let surface things delude us, but free us from what holds us back. From you is born all ruling will, the power and the life to do, the song that beautifies all, from age to age it renews. Truly - power to these statements - may they be the ground from which all my actions grow. Amen.

### **Children's Story – Sean P. Williams**

*I Am Love: A Book of Compassion* by Susan Verde

### **Scripture: 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:11, 12, 17-21**

*My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other. No one has seen God, ever. But if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us, and God's love becomes complete in us—perfect love!*

*God is love. When we take up permanent residence in a life of love, we live in God and God lives in us. This way, love has the run of the house, becomes at home and mature in us, so that we're free of worry about any judgment—our standing in the world is identical with Christ's. There is no room in love for fear. Deep love banishes fear. A fearful life—fear of death, fear of judgment—is one not yet fully formed in love. We, though, are going to love—love and be loved. First we were loved, now we love. God loved us first.*

*If anyone boasts, "I love God," and goes right on hating their sibling, thinking nothing of it, they are lying. If they won't love the person they can see, how can they love the God they can't see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both.*

## Sermon – “Think Little, Love Much”

### Journal Reflections

#### **Response Song: *We Shall Overcome*, NC #570**

We shall overcome; we shall overcome

We shall overcome, some day

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe:

We shall overcome, some day

We'll go hand in hand; we'll go hand in hand

We'll go hand in hand, some day

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe:

We'll go hand in hand, some day

We are not afraid; we are not afraid

We are not afraid, TODAY

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe:

We are not afraid today

The truth shall make us free; the truth shall make us free

The truth shall make us free, some day

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe:

The truth shall make us free, some day

We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace

We shall live in peace, some day

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe:

We shall live in peace, someday

#### **“What I Learned at Home” Testimony – Steve Howard**

### Closing Words

### **Going Forth Song: *Live Like That***

Sometimes I think: What will people say of me

When I'm only just a memory, when I'm home where my soul belongs?

Was I love - when no one else would show up?

Was I Jesus to the least of those? Was my worship more than just a song?

I want to live like that, and give it all I have,  
so that everything I say and do points to You.

If love is who I am, then this is where I'll stand –  
recklessly abandoned, never holding back.

I want to live like that. I want to live like that.

Am I proof that You are who you say You are,

that grace can really change a heart? Do I live like Your love is true?

People pass, and even if they don't know my name,

is there evidence that I've been changed? When they see me, do they see You?

I want to live like that, and give it all I have,  
so that everything I say and do points to You.

If love is who I am, then this is where I'll stand –  
recklessly abandoned, never holding back.

I want to live like that. I want to live like that.

I want to show the world the love You gave for me.

I'm longing for the world to know the glory of the King.

I want to live like that, and give it all I have,  
so that everything I say and do points to You.

If love is who I am, then this is where I'll stand –  
recklessly abandoned, never holding back.

I want to live like that. I want to live like that. I want to live like that.

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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