

## Worship Guide 12/19/2021

### Call to Worship

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Luke 2:8-14

### Worshiping God by Singing

#### Sovereign Over Us

There is strength within the sorrow, there is beauty in our tears  
and You meet us in our mourning with a love that casts out fear

You are working in our waiting, sanctifying us  
When beyond our understanding you're teaching us to trust

Your plans are still to prosper, you've not forgotten us  
You're with us in the fire and the flood, faithful forever perfect in love

You are sov'reign over us

You are wisdom unimagined, who could understand Your ways  
Reigning high above the heavens, reaching down in endless grace

You're the lifter of the lowly, compassionate and kind  
You surround and You uphold me, and Your promises are my delight

Your plans are still to prosper, you've not forgotten us  
You're with us in the fire and the flood, faithful forever perfect in love  
You are sov'reign over us

Even what the enemy means for evil, you turn it for our good  
You turn it for our good, and for Your glory  
Even in the valley You are faithful,  
You're working for our good  
You're working for our good  
And for Your glory

Your plans are still to prosper, you've not forgotten us  
You're with us in the fire and the flood, faithful forever perfect in love  
You are sov'reign over us

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## **Worshiping God by Confessing Our Faith**

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong, body and soul, in life and death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my

sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

## **Worshipping God by Singing**

### **Whate'er My God Ordains is Right**

Whate'er my God ordains is right, holy His will abideth.  
I will be still whate'er He does, and follow where He guideth.  
He is my God, though dark my road.  
He holds me that I shall not fall, wherefore to Him I leave it all

Whate'er my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me  
He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me  
I take, content, what He hath sent  
His hand can turn my griefs away, and patiently I wait His day

Whate'er my God ordains is right, though now this cup in drinking  
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking  
My God is true, each morn anew  
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart, and pain and sorrow shall depart

Whate'er my God ordains is right, here shall my stand be taken  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet I am not forsaken  
My Father's care is round me there  
He holds me that I shall not fall, and so to Him I leave it all

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## **Prayer**

Missionary of the Week:

Mark Champagne  
United Ministries

Community Church of the Week:

Bible Way Church  
Rev. Eric Rush

Presbytery Church of the Week:

Reedy Creek Presbyterian Church  
Rev. Douglas Kelly

## Worshiping God by Hearing His Word

Sermon: *Nunc Dimittus*

### Luke 2:22-38

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation  
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign

that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

## **Worshiping God by Singing**

### **The Lord is My Salvation**

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.

While Shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light.  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled  
when, lo! Above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth.

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger  
our humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.

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## **Benediction**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine  
upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance  
upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26