

# An Order of Worship for May 3, 2020

**Announcement: You will be able to call into our worship services from this point forward while the building is closed. Worship is at 11:30 am. Dial 1-646-558-8656. Enter in the Meeting ID: 914 7512 8188. You will be able to listen to the service through this number.**

Take a moment to center your heart on Jesus Christ. If you have a candle, light it in your worship space to remind you of God's presence close to you.

Open your worship by reading or singing Easter People Raise Your Voices:

*Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Easter people, let us sing.*

*Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Risen Lord empowers us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.*

*Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When the cares of life o'erwhelm us, Easter people, sing this song: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Everlasting triumph song.*

Let's go to God in Prayer:

**Living God, I thank you for the time you have given me today to worship. You truly are an awesome God! Lead me in resurrection life with you, O Lord, and fill my soul with your Spirit in this time. Amen.**

Read Psalm 23

Read or Sing The Old Rugged Cross

*1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and  
best for a world of lost sinners was slain.*

*Refrain:*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

*2 O that old rugged cross, so despised by the  
world, has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]*

*3 In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so  
divine, a wondrous beauty I see,  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and  
died, to pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]*

*4 To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then he'll call me some day to my home far  
away, where his glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]*

Take a moment to give thanks to God for your blessings this week.

Read or Sing our Doxology Hymn:

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Read [Jeremiah 29:10-14](#)

Please read the attached sermon.

Take time to write down any prayer concerns you have for this week. Take time to pray for these concerns. Also, please pray for wisdom and discernment for leaders within the church, and for the health and safety of all of God's children amid this Coronavirus outbreak.

End your prayer time with the Lord's Prayer.

Close your worship today by singing or reading In the Garden (If you are not familiar with this hymn, choose your favorite hymn to close your time with God)

*1. I come to the garden alone  
while the dew is still on the roses,  
and the voice I hear falling on my ear  
the Son of God discloses.*

*Refrain:*

*And he walks with me, and he talks with me,  
and he tells me I am his own;  
and the joy we share as we tarry there,  
none other has ever known.*

*2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice,  
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
and the melody that he gave to me  
within my heart is ringing. (Refrain)*

*3. I'd stay in the garden with him  
though the night around me be falling,  
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe  
his voice to me is calling. (Refrain)*