

Although we're not together this morning, God still calls us to worship Him, and we can always respond to His call with grateful hearts and rejoicing because of what Jesus has accomplished for us in the gospel. This moment that our world's in right now is dark and confusing, but Jesus has overcome the world; He's conquered sin and death, and He assures us by God's Spirit that God is for us and with us always.

Please use this guide with your family and friends and listen to Pastor Rayshawn's sermon at westendbaptist.net

# Call to Worship

"Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!"

Psalm 98:1-4

Take a minute to adore God for His greatness and goodness. Praise Him for His power and strength.

**Great is Thy Faithfulness** 

# Prayer of Confession

Our ever-faithful and never-changing God, we confess our own fickleness towards you. We say we lean on your faithfulness, but our hearts are afraid of things and situations that might allow you to show yourself more faithful. We admit our fear of others and what they might say or do if we were more open about the truth of your word. Forgive us for being people who honor you with our lips when our hearts are far from you. Thank you for pardoning us and restoring our souls through the blood of your son Jesus.

### Assurance of Pardon

"But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God... For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified... And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying... 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin."

Hebrews 10:12, 14, 15, 17-18

**Once for All** 

Sermon

**Behold Your God: Isaiah 40** 

Isaiah 36-39

# Questions

Use these questions like a menu; do not feel as though you need to answer them all. Use them to generate discussion.

- 1) How do we regulate God to a "cushion" to fall back on instead of trusting in Him alone?
- 2) Like Hezekiah, why do we believe that our good works should earn us leverage with God in seasons of suffering/difficulty?
- **3)** What pseudo-saviors do we welcome openly into our lives? What do we believe they'll give us?
- **4)** What are your expectations of God when you're ashamed, guilty, and when you've failed?
- 5) How does God's commitment to you comfort you this week?

# | Giving Thanks |

We close with a desire to let our lives be evidences of the grace and truth that God has shown us, so that other people would give praise to Jesus.

On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand

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