

# **WORSHIP GUIDE**

6.28.20

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

"Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise... Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love. Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness."

Psalm 48:1, 9-10

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

**Behold Our God** 

# Prayer of Confession

Our ever-present and majestic God, we confess that we have not beheld you and adored you as fully and properly as we should. We lose sight of how perfectly righteous you are, and so we think too little of our own unrighteousness. Instead of turning to you for strength and wisdom, we look to our own ways and resources. In essence, we forget your greatness and your goodness. Please forgive us for living lives that make less of you than you deserve. Thank you for making a way for us to be restored to you through your son Jesus.

### Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2:13-14 "When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross."

Colossians 2:13-14

**Jesus Paid it All** 

### Sermon

#### Behold Your God: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Isaiah 40:1-11

# | 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 can I adore God from this passage?
- 2. What sin does this passage lead me to confess?
- **3.** How does this passage help me to thank Jesus?
- **4.** From this passage, in what ways can I ask God's spirit to help me 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.

#### Mighty to Save

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<sup>\*</sup> WEBC Sunday Morning Playlist on Spotify \*