

DIGITAL WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, APRIL 26
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

BELLAIRE 
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME — PASTOR SEANN DUFFIN

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP — PASTOR SEANN DUFFIN + JORDAN PAYNE

GOD HAS CALLED US TOGETHER FOR THIS TIME OF WORSHIP.
GOD IS LISTENING TO OUR THOUGHTS AND TO OUR SPEAKING.

**GOD INCLINES AN EAR TO US AND HEARS US.
GOD KNOWS US BETTER THAN WE KNOW OURSELVES.**

LET US OPEN OUR HEARTS TO THE ONE WHO GIVES US LIFE.
LET US SET OUR FAITH AND HOPE IN GOD.

**TOGETHER, WE RENEW OUR PROMISES.
TOGETHER, WE OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING SACRIFICE.**

GOD'S PROMISES TO US ARE ANCIENT AND EVER NEW.
GOD IS WITH US HERE AND ON ALL THE ROADS WE TRAVEL.

**TOGETHER WE LIFT OUR VOICES IN SONGS OF PRAISE.
TOGETHER WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE PRECIOUS IN GOD'S SIGHT. AMEN.**

SONG OF PRAISE

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH;

AND IN JESUS CHRIST HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD:

WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,

BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY,

SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,

WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD, AND BURIED;

THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD;

HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN,

AND SITTETH AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY;

FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,

THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH,

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS,

THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,

THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY,

AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

PSALM 25 – MEGHAN LUTSCHG, LAY LEADER

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL. O MY GOD, IN YOU I TRUST; DO NOT LET ME BE PUT TO SHAME; DO NOT LET MY ENEMIES EXULT OVER ME. DO NOT LET THOSE WHO WAIT FOR YOU BE PUT TO SHAME; LET THEM BE ASHAMED WHO ARE WANTONLY TREACHEROUS.

MAKE ME TO KNOW YOUR WAYS, O LORD; TEACH ME YOUR PATHS. LEAD ME IN YOUR TRUTH AND TEACH ME, FOR YOU ARE THE GOD OF MY SALVATION; FOR YOU I WAIT ALL DAY LONG.

BE MINDFUL OF YOUR MERCY, O LORD, AND OF YOUR STEADFAST LOVE, FOR THEY HAVE BEEN FROM OF OLD. DO NOT REMEMBER THE SINS OF MY YOUTH OR MY TRANSGRESSIONS; ACCORDING TO YOUR STEADFAST LOVE REMEMBER ME, FOR YOUR GOODNESS' SAKE, O LORD!

GOOD AND UPRIGHT IS THE LORD; THEREFORE HE INSTRUCTS SINNERS IN THE WAY. HE LEADS THE HUMBLE IN WHAT IS RIGHT, AND TEACHES THE HUMBLE HIS WAY. ALL THE PATHS OF THE LORD ARE STEADFAST LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS, FOR THOSE WHO KEEP HIS COVENANT AND HIS DECREES.

FOR YOUR NAME'S SAKE, O LORD, PARDON MY GUILT, FOR IT IS GREAT. WHO ARE THEY THAT FEAR THE LORD? HE WILL TEACH THEM THE WAY THAT THEY SHOULD CHOOSE. THEY WILL ABIDE IN PROSPERITY, AND THEIR CHILDREN SHALL POSSESS THE LAND. THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE LORD IS FOR THOSE WHO FEAR HIM, AND HE MAKES HIS COVENANT KNOWN TO THEM.

MY EYES ARE EVER TOWARD THE LORD, FOR HE WILL PLUCK MY FEET OUT OF THE NET. TURN TO ME AND BE GRACIOUS TO ME, FOR I AM LONELY AND AFFLICTED. RELIEVE THE TROUBLES OF MY HEART, AND BRING ME OUT OF MY DISTRESS. CONSIDER MY AFFLICTION AND MY TROUBLE, AND FORGIVE ALL MY SINS.

CONSIDER HOW MANY ARE MY FOES, AND WITH WHAT VIOLENT HATRED THEY HATE ME. O GUARD MY LIFE, AND DELIVER ME; DO NOT LET ME BE PUT TO SHAME, FOR I TAKE REFUGE IN YOU. MAY INTEGRITY AND UPRIGHTNESS PRESERVE ME, FOR I WAIT FOR YOU.

REDEEM US, O GOD, OUT OF ALL OUR TROUBLES.

AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LOVING GOD, YOU TEACH US, YOU LEAD US, YOU PROTECT US, YOU FORGIVE US. HELP US TO TRUST YOU MORE EACH DAY, AND TO POUR OUT OUR LIVES IN PRAISE AND PRAYER. TODAY, GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR THE MIRACLE OF LIFE AND FOR THE WONDER OF LIVING. WE THANK YOU FOR THE PARTICULAR BLESSINGS OF WORSHIPPING AS ONE BODY EVEN THOUGH SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND BEYOND. WE THANK YOU FOR THE RESOURCES AND THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH, FOR ART AND ARTISTS WHO SHARE THEIR CREATIVE VISION AND SKILLFUL CRAFT. WE THANK YOU FOR THE TREASURE STORED IN EVERY HUMAN LIFE.

WE PRAY FOR OTHERS, GOD OUR SAVIOR, CLAIMING YOUR LOVE IN JESUS CHRIST FOR THE WHOLE WORLD AND COMMITTING OURSELVES TO CARE FOR THOSE AROUND US IN HIS NAME. WE ESPECIALLY PRAY FOR THE LEADERS OF ALL NATIONS, THAT THEY MIGHT KNOW THAT YOU HAVE CALLED THEM TO SERVE THEIR PEOPLE WITH LOVE AND COMPASSION AND FOR THE GOOD OF ALL. FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO IN A TIME OF GLOBAL EMERGENCY HAVE PUT THEMSELVES IN DANGER IN ORDER TO TREAT THE SICK, FEED THE HUNGRY, KEEP THE VULNERABLE SAFE, AND SERVE THOSE IN NEED. FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT WORK TODAY BECAUSE OF LAYOFFS, FURLOUGHS, A DROP IN BUSINESS, OR EMPLOYERS THAT HAVE CLOSED. FOR THOSE WHO TEACH AND THOSE WHO LEARN AND MUST ADAPT TO NEW CIRCUMSTANCES.

ALMIGHTY GOD, TO ALL WHO SUFFER ANY SICKNESS OR WEAKNESS, GIVE HEALTH AND STRENGTH. TO ALL WHO ARE DISTURBED OR TROUBLED, GIVE REST AND PEACE. TO ALL WHO ARE LONELY OR ISOLATED, GIVE FELLOWSHIP AND LOVE. TO ALL WHO GRIEVE AND SORROW, GIVE COMFORT AND ASSURANCE.

GRACIOUS GOD, YOU ARE OUR HOPE AND OUR HELP. KEEP OUR HEARTS AND THOUGHTS IN JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR ONLY SAVIOR, WHO TAUGHT US TO PRAY TOGETHER SAYING,

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME; THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.

MAKING AN OFFERING

GIVING IS AN ACT OF WORSHIP AND A MEANS BY WHICH YOU CAN EMPOWER THE WORK OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD. YOU CAN GIVE ONLINE RIGHT NOW AT WWW.BELLAIREUMC.ORG/GIVE, BY TEXTING THE WORD "GIVE" TO (832) 551-2425, OR BY MAILING YOUR GIFT TO BELLAIRE UMC 4417 BELLAIRE BLVD. BELLAIRE, TX 77401.

SONG OF PRAISE

LUKE 24:36-43 — PASTOR LATAYA SIMPSON

³⁶WHILE THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT THIS, JESUS HIMSELF STOOD AMONG THEM AND SAID TO THEM, "PEACE BE WITH YOU." ³⁷THEY WERE STARTLED AND TERRIFIED, AND THOUGHT THAT THEY WERE SEEING A GHOST. ³⁸HE SAID TO THEM, "WHY ARE YOU FRIGHTENED, AND WHY DO DOUBTS ARISE IN YOUR HEARTS? ³⁹LOOK AT MY HANDS AND MY FEET; SEE THAT IT IS I MYSELF. TOUCH ME AND SEE; FOR A GHOST DOES NOT HAVE FLESH AND BONES AS YOU SEE THAT I HAVE." ⁴⁰AND WHEN HE HAD SAID THIS, HE SHOWED THEM HIS HANDS AND HIS FEET. ⁴¹WHILE IN THEIR JOY THEY WERE DISBELIEVING AND STILL WONDERING, HE SAID TO THEM, "HAVE YOU ANYTHING HERE TO EAT?" ⁴²THEY GAVE HIM A PIECE OF BROILED FISH, ⁴³AND HE TOOK IT AND ATE IN THEIR PRESENCE.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

STAY CONNECTED

PLEASE VISIT WWW.BELLAIREUMC.ORG/STAYCONNECTED TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS AND TO FIND A DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN FOR THIS WEEK.

SONG OF PRAISE + BENEDICTION

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