

# DIGITAL WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, MAY 10  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

BELLAIRE   
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## **WELCOME — PASTOR SEANN DUFFIN**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP — PASTOR SEANN DUFFIN + PASTOR LATAYA SIMPSON**

PRAISE GOD, ALL YOU FAITHFUL PEOPLE!  
GOD WELCOMES YOU AND OFFERS TO DRAW CLOSE.

**PRAISE TO GOD, WHO RULES OVER ALL THE EARTH.  
PRAISE TO GOD, WHO IS AS NEAR AS OUR NEXT BREATH.**

SUN AND MOON AND STARS SHINE IN PRAISE TO GOD.  
GOD CREATED THEM AND ESTABLISHED A PLACE FOR EACH.

**GOD HAS A PLACE FOR US IN THIS WORLD;  
WE HAVE COME THAT GOD MAY INSTRUCT AND EQUIP US.**

MOUNTAINS AND HILLS, TREES AND ANIMALS PRAISE GOD.  
LET ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE EARTH DO SO AS WELL.

**GOD PROVIDES ABUNDANTLY FOR ALL OUR NEEDS.  
SO LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER. AMEN.**

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

THE GOD REVEALED TO US IN THE PAGES OF SCRIPTURE IS A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE GOD WHO DIRECTS US TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. WHEN WE WORSHIP, WE SEEK REMOVAL OF ALL BARRIERS TO THAT LOVE. SO LET US CONFESS ALL THAT SEPARATES US FROM GOD AND FROM THOSE WHOM WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE. WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN THIS PRAYER OF CONFESSION?

**WE CONFESS, HOLY GOD, THAT WE FIND IT HARD TO HEAR YOUR PROMISE OF NEW LIFE. EVEN WHEN WE ARE DISSATISFIED WITH OUR LIVES, IT IS EASIER TO CLING TO WHAT WE KNOW THAN TO RISK THE UNKNOWN. YOU CHALLENGE US TO ACCEPT PEOPLE WHO ARE DIFFERENT FROM US, BUT WE ARE OFTEN EAGER TO FIND REASONS THAT WE CAN'T. YOU COMMAND US TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER, BUT WE DECLARE THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE NOT LOVABLE. O GOD, MELT OUR DEFENSES SO THAT WE CAN ACCEPT YOUR LOVE AND LET IT FLOW THROUGH US. GRANT US COURAGE TO EMBRACE THE NEW LIFE YOU OFFER. AMEN.**

FRIENDS, GOD PROMISES TO DWELL WITH US, TO EASE OUR PAIN AND WIPE TEARS FROM OUR EYES. DARE TO TRUST GOD, FOR GOD ACCEPTS US AS WE ARE, THAT WE MIGHT BECOME ALL WE ARE MEANT TO BE. GOD GRANTS US THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPENT. IT IS A GIFT THAT LEADS TO NEW LIFE, SO ACCEPT GOD'S OFFER OF NEW LIFE IN CHRIST.

## PSALM 85 – NIDA GONDA

<sup>1</sup>LORD, YOU WERE FAVORABLE TO YOUR LAND; YOU RESTORED THE FORTUNES OF JACOB. <sup>2</sup>YOU FORGAVE THE INIQUITY OF YOUR PEOPLE; YOU PARDONED ALL THEIR SIN. SELAH <sup>3</sup>YOU WITHDREW ALL YOUR WRATH; YOU TURNED FROM YOUR HOT ANGER.

<sup>4</sup>RESTORE US AGAIN, O GOD OF OUR SALVATION, AND PUT AWAY YOUR INDIGNATION TOWARD US. <sup>5</sup>WILL YOU BE ANGRY WITH US FOREVER? WILL YOU PROLONG YOUR ANGER TO ALL GENERATIONS? <sup>6</sup>WILL YOU NOT REVIVE US AGAIN, SO THAT YOUR PEOPLE MAY REJOICE IN YOU?

<sup>7</sup>SHOW US YOUR STEADFAST LOVE, O LORD, AND GRANT US YOUR SALVATION. <sup>8</sup>LET ME HEAR WHAT GOD THE LORD WILL SPEAK, FOR HE WILL SPEAK PEACE TO HIS PEOPLE, TO HIS FAITHFUL, TO THOSE WHO TURN TO HIM IN THEIR HEARTS. <sup>9</sup>SURELY HIS SALVATION IS AT HAND FOR THOSE WHO FEAR HIM, THAT HIS GLORY MAY DWELL IN OUR LAND.

<sup>10</sup>STEADFAST LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS WILL MEET; RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE WILL KISS EACH OTHER. <sup>11</sup>FAITHFULNESS WILL SPRING UP FROM THE GROUND, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL LOOK DOWN FROM THE SKY. <sup>12</sup>THE LORD WILL GIVE WHAT IS GOOD, AND OUR LAND WILL YIELD ITS INCREASE. <sup>13</sup>RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL GO BEFORE HIM, AND WILL MAKE A PATH FOR HIS STEPS.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

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## SONG OF PRAISE

## **HEBREWS 12:1-3 — PASTOR SEANN DUFFIN**

<sup>1</sup>THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES, LET US ALSO LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT AND THE SIN THAT CLINGS SO CLOSELY, AND LET US RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US, <sup>2</sup>LOOKING TO JESUS THE PIONEER AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH, WHO FOR THE SAKE OF THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS, DISREGARDING ITS SHAME, AND HAS TAKEN HIS SEAT AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD. <sup>3</sup>CONSIDER HIM WHO ENDURED SUCH HOSTILITY AGAINST HIMSELF FROM SINNERS, SO THAT YOU MAY NOT GROW WEARY OR LOSE HEART.

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

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