

DIGITAL WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, MAY 17
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

BELLAIRE 
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME – PASTOR SEANN DUFFIN

CALL TO WORSHIP – PASTOR SEANN DUFFIN + PASTOR LATAYA SIMPSON

THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST BE WITH ALL THE SAINTS!
WE HAVE GATHERED IN THAT GRACE TO WORSHIP GOD.

**REJOICE IN GOD AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD'S HOLY NAME.
LET ALL HEAVEN AND EARTH BEHOLD GOD'S GLORY.**

GOD IS ALPHA AND OMEGA, THE BEGINNING AND THE END.
ALL CREATION IS SUBJECT TO GOD'S RULE AND REIGN.

**WE BRING OUR PRAYERS AND PRAISE TO GOD MOST HIGH,
WE LIFT OUR VOICES IN SONGS OF CELEBRATION.**

COME, ALL WHO HUNGER, ALL WHO THIRST.
BE NOURISHED AND RENEWED IN THIS TIME OF WORSHIP.

**WE BRING JOYS AND SORROWS, FULLNESS AND NEED.
WE COME WITH SUCCESSES AND WITH FAILURES.
WE COME SEEKING, KNOWING THAT GOD IS WITH US HERE.**

SONG OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WE WHO HAVE FASHIONED IDOLS TO OCCUPY OUR TIME AND ENERGY ARE INVITED TO EXAMINE OUR PRIORITIES BEFORE GOD, WHO EXPECTS TO BE FIRST IN OUR LIVES. WE WHO HAVE USED OTHERS FOR OUR OWN PLEASURE AND GAIN ARE SUMMONED BEFORE OUR CREATOR, WHO CALLS US TO TREAT ALL OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST. FRIENDS, WE HAVE MUCH TO CONFESS, SO WOULD YOU JOIN ME AS WE PRAY?

HEAR OUR CONFESSION, O GOD, AS WE RECALL THE WAYS WE IGNORE YOU EVERY DAY. LISTEN TO OUR REGRETS OVER THE ABUSE WE HAVE HEAPED ON OTHERS BY OUR WORDS, ACTIONS, OR NEGLECT. WE ASK FORGIVENESS FOR THE WAYS WE HAVE INFLICTED INJURY ON OTHERS OR EXCLUDED THOSE WHO DIFFER FROM US. TEACH US TO FOLLOW IN YOUR WAYS, SO THAT WE MIGHT RECEIVE THE FULLNESS OF YOUR GRACE AND THE POWER TO LIVE AS YOUR PEOPLE. AMEN.

FRIENDS, REJOICE, AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD'S HOLY NAME. YOU ARE FORGIVEN, SAVED FROM THE WRATH OF THE ONE BEFORE WHOM MOUNTAINS MELT AND THE EARTH TREMBLES. THROUGH CHRIST, GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE IS POURED OUT ON ALL WHO EARNESTLY SEEK TO BE CHANGED. PRAISE GOD! AND LET US CONTINUE IN A SPIRIT OF PRAYER AS WE HEAR THIS MORNING'S READING FROM THE PSALMS.

PSALM 97 – JJ + MANDI REYNADO

¹THE LORD IS KING! LET THE EARTH REJOICE; LET THE MANY COASTLANDS BE GLAD! ²CLOUDS AND THICK DARKNESS ARE ALL AROUND HIM; RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE ARE THE FOUNDATION OF HIS THRONE. ³FIRE GOES BEFORE HIM, AND CONSUMES HIS ADVERSARIES ON EVERY SIDE. ⁴HIS LIGHTNINGS LIGHT UP THE WORLD; THE EARTH SEES AND TREMBLES. ⁵THE MOUNTAINS MELT LIKE WAX BEFORE THE LORD, BEFORE THE LORD OF ALL THE EARTH.

⁶THE HEAVENS PROCLAIM HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS; AND ALL THE PEOPLES BEHOLD HIS GLORY. ⁷ALL WORSHIPERS OF IMAGES ARE PUT TO SHAME, THOSE WHO MAKE THEIR BOAST IN WORTHLESS IDOLS; ALL GODS BOW DOWN BEFORE HIM. ⁸ZION HEARS AND IS GLAD, AND THE TOWNS OF JUDAH REJOICE, BECAUSE OF YOUR JUDGMENTS, O GOD. ⁹FOR YOU, O LORD, ARE MOST HIGH OVER ALL THE EARTH; YOU ARE EXALTED FAR ABOVE ALL GODS.

¹⁰THE LORD LOVES THOSE WHO HATE EVIL; HE GUARDS THE LIVES OF HIS FAITHFUL; HE RESCUES THEM FROM THE HAND OF THE WICKED. ¹¹LIGHT DAWNS FOR THE RIGHTEOUS, AND JOY FOR THE UPRIGHT IN HEART. ¹²REJOICE IN THE LORD, O YOU RIGHTEOUS, AND GIVE THANKS TO HIS HOLY NAME!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

ETERNAL GOD, IN TIMES PAST MANY SERVANTS OF YOURS BROUGHT THEIR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES TO YOUR SIDE, THAT THEY MIGHT BE BLESSED AND HEALED. SO TODAY WE BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THOSE WHO NEED YOUR LOVING TOUCH. PLEASE LOOK ON OUR FAITH, SMALL AS IT IS, AND SEND YOUR PEACE.

WE LIFT UP BEFORE YOU THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM PHYSICAL PAIN AND THOSE FOR WHOM THE DAYS ARE LONG AND THE NIGHTS SEEM LONGER. IN THIS SEASON, WE ARE ESPECIALLY AWARE THAT THERE ARE MANY IN OUR CITY, OUR COUNTRY, AND OUR WORLD WHO ARE STRICKEN WITH COVID-19 AND RELATED COMPLICATIONS. LORD, BRING YOUR HEALING AND YOUR PEACE.

FOR OTHERS, LORD, THE PAIN IS NOT OF THEIR BODY, BUT OF THEIR MIND AND EMOTIONS. SOME ARE HAUNTED BY PAST FAILURES; SOME FEEL THE SEARING PAIN OF REJECTION; SOME ARE SHACKLED WITH FEAR AND DEPRESSION; STILL OTHERS ARE LONELY AND ALONE. LORD, BRING YOUR HEALING AND YOUR PEACE.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO TEND THE SICK, COMFORT THE DYING, CARE FOR THE POOR, AND BEFRIEND THE OPPRESSED. MAY THEIR HEARTS BE STRONG AND FILLED WITH LOVE AND COMPASSION. WHEN THEY ARE WEARY, INFUSE THE STRENGTH OF YOUR SPIRIT. LORD, BRING YOUR HEALING AND YOUR PEACE.

THIS WE ASK IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, WHO CAME TO SUFFER AMONG US, TO DIE FOR US, AND WHO WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD TO SHOW US THE WAY TO NEW LIFE. SO—CONFIDENT THAT WE ARE BELOVED CHILDREN OF GOD, LET US PRAY AS JESUS TAUGHT US, 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.

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SONG OF PRAISE

ACTS 1:1-5 — PASTOR LATAYA SIMPSON

¹IN THE FIRST BOOK, THEOPHILUS, I WROTE ABOUT ALL THAT JESUS DID AND TAUGHT FROM THE BEGINNING ²UNTIL THE DAY WHEN HE WAS TAKEN UP TO HEAVEN, AFTER GIVING INSTRUCTIONS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THE APOSTLES WHOM HE HAD CHOSEN. ³AFTER HIS SUFFERING HE PRESENTED HIMSELF ALIVE TO THEM BY MANY CONVINCING PROOFS, APPEARING TO THEM DURING FORTY DAYS AND SPEAKING ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD. ⁴WHILE STAYING WITH THEM, HE ORDERED THEM NOT TO LEAVE JERUSALEM, BUT TO WAIT THERE FOR THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER. “THIS,” HE SAID, “IS WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD FROM ME; ⁵FOR JOHN BAPTIZED WITH WATER, BUT YOU WILL BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT NOT MANY DAYS FROM NOW.”

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

STAY CONNECTED

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SONG OF PRAISE + BENEDICTION

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