

DIGITAL WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, JUNE 21
BOOK OF DANIEL - WEEK 3

WORDS OF WELCOME — PASTOR SEANN DUFFIN

CALL TO WORSHIP

SING PRAISES TO GOD, O YOU SAINTS.
GIVE THANKS TO GOD'S HOLY NAME.

**PRAISE GOD FOR THE GIFT OF A NEW DAY.
THANK GOD FOR HEALING AND EVER-PRESENT HELP.**

PRAISE THE ONE WHO LIFTS US UP FROM DEFEAT.
PRAISE THE ONE WHO UPHOLDS US WHEN WE ARE DISCOURAGED.

**GOD SEES AND HEARS OUR WEEPING.
GOD LIFTS OUR SOULS FROM DESPAIR.**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD WHO CAN TURN MOURNING INTO DANCING.
PRAISE GOD WHO HEARS OUR CRIES AND ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS.

**WE CRY TO YOU IN OUR NEED, O GOD.
WE HAVE COME TO WORSHIP YOU IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.
PRAISE BE TO GOD FOREVER AND EVER! AMEN.**

SONG OF PRAISE

THE APOSTLES' CREED— HAILEY DEROME

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – PASTOR SEANN DUFFIN

LET'S PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD. AFTER EACH PETITION, I WILL SAY, "LORD IN YOUR MERCY," AND BECAUSE WE ARE PRAYING TOGETHER, I INVITE OF YOU TO RESPOND, "**HEAR OUR PRAYER.**"

LET'S PRAY: ALMIGHTY GOD, GRANT THAT ALL WHO CONFESS YOUR NAME MAY BE UNITED IN YOUR TRUTH, LIVE TOGETHER IN YOUR LOVE, AND REVEAL YOUR GLORY IN THE WORLD. WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHOM YOU ARE AWAKENING TO NEW CALLINGS AND TO NEXT STEPS IN FOLLOWING YOUR SON JESUS WHOM YOU ANOINTED TO BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR, AND WHOM YOU SENT TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, AND TO LET THE OPPRESSED GO FREE. LORD IN YOUR MERCY. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

GUIDE THE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND, AND OF ALL THE NATIONS, IN THE WAYS OF JUSTICE AND PEACE; THAT WE MAY AND ONE ANOTHER AND SERVE THE COMMON GOOD. LORD, HELP US EACH TO SEE THE WORK THAT YOU WOULD HAVE US DO INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OURSELVES, SO THAT WE MIGHT PARTNER WITH YOU IN HASTENING THAT DAY WHEN JUSTICE SHALL ROLL DOWN LIKE WATERS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE AN EVER-FLOWING STREAM. LORD IN YOUR MERCY. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

GIVE US ALL A REVERENCE FOR THE EARTH AS YOUR OWN CREATION, THAT WE MIGHT USE ITS RESOURCES RIGHTLY IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS AND TO YOUR HONOR AND GLORY. LORD IN YOUR MERCY. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

BLESS ALL WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS, AND GRANT THAT WE MAY SERVE CHRIST IN THEM, AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST LOVES US. DON'T LET US FALL INTO EASY AND LAZY DIVISIONS ALONG ANY LINES. INSTEAD, REMIND US THAT CHRIST IS OUR PEACE AND HAS BROKEN DOWN THE DIVIDING WALL, THAT IS, THE HOSTILITY BETWEEN US. LORD IN YOUR MERCY. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

COMFORT AND HEAL ALL THOSE WHO SUFFER IN BODY, MIND, OR SPIRIT, PRAYING PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE WHO CURRENTLY SUFFER FROM COVID-19, FOR THOSE WHOSE WORK INCREASES THEIR RISK OF INFECTION, FOR THOSE WHO FIND THEMSELVES WITHOUT WORK, FOR THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE DISCRIMINATION, INJUSTICE OR VIOLENCE BECAUSE OF THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN. GIVE THEM COURAGE AND HOPE IN THEIR TROUBLES, AND BRING THEM THE JOY OF YOUR SALVATION. LORD IN YOUR MERCY. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

WE COMMEND TO YOUR MERCY ALL WHO HAVE DIED, THAT YOUR WILL FOR THEM MAY BE FULFILLED; AND WE PRAY THAT WE MAY SHARE WITH ALL YOUR SAINTS IN YOUR ETERNAL KINGDOM. LORD IN YOUR MERCY. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

PSALM 17 – PASTOR LATAYA SIMPSON

¹HEAR A JUST CAUSE, O LORD; ATTEND TO MY CRY; GIVE EAR TO MY PRAYER FROM LIPS FREE OF DECEIT. ²FROM YOU LET MY VINDICATION COME; LET YOUR EYES SEE THE RIGHT. ³IF YOU TRY MY HEART, IF YOU VISIT ME BY NIGHT, IF YOU TEST ME, YOU WILL FIND NO WICKEDNESS IN ME; MY MOUTH DOES NOT TRANSGRESS. ⁴AS FOR WHAT OTHERS DO, BY THE WORD OF YOUR LIPS I HAVE AVOIDED THE WAYS OF THE VIOLENT. ⁵MY STEPS HAVE HELD FAST TO YOUR PATHS; MY FEET HAVE NOT SLIPPED. ⁶I CALL UPON YOU, FOR YOU WILL ANSWER ME, O GOD; INCLINE YOUR EAR TO ME, HEAR MY WORDS. ⁷WONDROUSLY SHOW YOUR STEADFAST LOVE, O SAVIOR OF THOSE WHO SEEK REFUGE FROM THEIR ADVERSARIES AT YOUR RIGHT HAND. ⁸GUARD ME AS THE APPLE OF THE EYE; HIDE ME IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS, ⁹FROM THE WICKED WHO DESPOIL ME, MY DEADLY ENEMIES WHO SURROUND ME. ¹⁰THEY CLOSE THEIR HEARTS TO PITY; WITH THEIR MOUTHS THEY SPEAK ARROGANTLY. ¹¹THEY TRACK ME DOWN; NOW THEY SURROUND ME; THEY SET THEIR EYES TO CAST ME TO THE GROUND. ¹²THEY ARE LIKE A LION EAGER TO TEAR, LIKE A YOUNG LION LURKING IN AMBUSH. ¹³RISE UP, O LORD, CONFRONT THEM, OVERTHROW THEM! BY YOUR SWORD DELIVER MY LIFE FROM THE WICKED, ¹⁴FROM MORTALS—BY YOUR HAND, O LORD— FROM MORTALS WHOSE PORTION IN LIFE IS IN THIS WORLD. MAY THEIR BELLIES BE FILLED WITH WHAT YOU HAVE STORED UP FOR THEM; MAY THEIR CHILDREN HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH; MAY THEY LEAVE SOMETHING OVER TO THEIR LITTLE ONES. ¹⁵AS FOR ME, I SHALL BEHOLD YOUR FACE IN RIGHTEOUSNESS; WHEN I AWAKE I SHALL BE SATISFIED, BEHOLDING YOUR LIKENESS.

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

SCRIPTURE + SERMON – PASTOR LATAYA SIMPSON

DANIEL 3:13-30

¹³THEN NEBUCHADNEZZAR IN FURIOUS RAGE COMMANDED THAT SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO BE BROUGHT IN; SO THEY BROUGHT THOSE MEN BEFORE THE KING. ¹⁴NEBUCHADNEZZAR SAID TO THEM, “IS IT TRUE, O SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO, THAT YOU DO NOT SERVE MY GODS AND YOU DO NOT WORSHIP THE GOLDEN STATUE THAT I HAVE SET UP? ¹⁵NOW IF YOU ARE READY WHEN YOU HEAR THE SOUND OF THE HORN, PIPE, LYRE, TRIGON, HARP, DRUM, AND ENTIRE MUSICAL ENSEMBLE TO FALL DOWN AND

WORSHIP THE STATUE THAT I HAVE MADE, WELL AND GOOD. BUT IF YOU DO NOT WORSHIP, YOU SHALL IMMEDIATELY BE THROWN INTO A FURNACE OF BLAZING FIRE, AND WHO IS THE GOD THAT WILL DELIVER YOU OUT OF MY HANDS?" ¹⁶SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO ANSWERED THE KING, "O NEBUCHADNEZZAR, WE HAVE NO NEED TO PRESENT A DEFENSE TO YOU IN THIS MATTER. ¹⁷IF OUR GOD WHOM WE SERVE IS ABLE TO DELIVER US FROM THE FURNACE OF BLAZING FIRE AND OUT OF YOUR HAND, O KING, LET HIM DELIVER US. ¹⁸BUT IF NOT, BE IT KNOWN TO YOU, O KING, THAT WE WILL NOT SERVE YOUR GODS AND WE WILL NOT WORSHIP THE GOLDEN STATUE THAT YOU HAVE SET UP."

¹⁹THEN NEBUCHADNEZZAR WAS SO FILLED WITH RAGE AGAINST SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO THAT HIS FACE WAS DISTORTED. HE ORDERED THE FURNACE HEATED UP SEVEN TIMES MORE THAN WAS CUSTOMARY, ²⁰AND ORDERED SOME OF THE STRONGEST GUARDS IN HIS ARMY TO BIND SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO AND TO THROW THEM INTO THE FURNACE OF BLAZING FIRE. ²¹SO THE MEN WERE BOUND, STILL WEARING THEIR TUNICS, THEIR TROUSERS, THEIR HATS, AND THEIR OTHER GARMENTS, AND THEY WERE THROWN INTO THE FURNACE OF BLAZING FIRE. ²²BECAUSE THE KING'S COMMAND WAS URGENT AND THE FURNACE WAS SO OVERHEATED, THE RAGING FLAMES KILLED THE MEN WHO LIFTED SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO. ²³BUT THE THREE MEN, SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO, FELL DOWN, BOUND, INTO THE FURNACE OF BLAZING FIRE.

²⁴THEN KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR WAS ASTONISHED AND ROSE UP QUICKLY. HE SAID TO HIS COUNSELORS, "WAS IT NOT THREE MEN THAT WE THREW BOUND INTO THE FIRE?" THEY ANSWERED THE KING, "TRUE, O KING." ²⁵HE REPLIED, "BUT I SEE FOUR MEN UNBOUND, WALKING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FIRE, AND THEY ARE NOT HURT; AND THE FOURTH HAS THE APPEARANCE OF A GOD." ²⁶NEBUCHADNEZZAR THEN APPROACHED THE DOOR OF THE FURNACE OF BLAZING FIRE AND SAID, "SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO, SERVANTS OF THE MOST HIGH GOD, COME OUT! COME HERE!" SO SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO CAME OUT FROM THE FIRE. ²⁷AND THE SATRAPS, THE PREFECTS, THE GOVERNORS, AND THE KING'S COUNSELORS GATHERED TOGETHER AND SAW THAT THE FIRE HAD NOT HAD ANY POWER OVER THE BODIES OF THOSE MEN; THE HAIR OF THEIR HEADS WAS NOT SINGED, THEIR TUNICS WERE NOT HARMED, AND NOT EVEN THE SMELL OF FIRE CAME FROM THEM.

²⁸NEBUCHADNEZZAR SAID, “BLESSED BE THE GOD OF SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO, WHO HAS SENT HIS ANGEL AND DELIVERED HIS SERVANTS WHO TRUSTED IN HIM. THEY DISOBEYED THE KING’S COMMAND AND YIELDED UP THEIR BODIES RATHER THAN SERVE AND WORSHIP ANY GOD EXCEPT THEIR OWN GOD. ²⁹THEREFORE I MAKE A DECREE: ANY PEOPLE, NATION, OR LANGUAGE THAT UTTERS BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE GOD OF SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO SHALL BE TORN LIMB FROM LIMB, AND THEIR HOUSES LAID IN RUINS; FOR THERE IS NO OTHER GOD WHO IS ABLE TO DELIVER IN THIS WAY.” ³⁰THEN THE KING PROMOTED SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO IN THE PROVINCE OF BABYLON.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS.

WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

IT IS RIGHT AND A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING ALWAYS AND EVERYWHERE TO GIVE THANKS TO YOU, ALMIGHTY GOD, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. YOU FORMED US IN YOUR IMAGE AND BREATHED INTO US THE BREATH OF LIFE. WHEN WE TURNED AWAY, AND OUR LOVE FAILED, YOUR LOVE REMAINED STEADFAST. YOU DELIVERED US FROM CAPTIVITY, MADE COVENANT TO BE OUR SOVEREIGN GOD, AND SPOKE TO US THROUGH YOUR PROPHETS, WHO LOOKED FOR THAT DAY WHEN JUSTICE SHALL ROLL DOWN LIKE WATERS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE AN EVER-FLOWING STREAM, WHEN NATION SHALL NOT LIFT UP SWORD AGAINST NATION, NEITHER SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANYMORE.

AND SO, WITH YOUR PEOPLE ON EARTH AND ALL THE COMPANY OF HEAVEN WE PRAISE YOUR NAME AND JOIN THEIR UNENDING HYMN:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT,

HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (CONTINUED)

HOLY ARE YOU, AND BLESSED IS YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST. YOUR SPIRIT ANOINTED HIM TO PREACH GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR, TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES AND RECOVERING OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET AT LIBERTY THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, AND TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE TIME HAD COME WHEN YOU WOULD SAVE YOUR PEOPLE. HE HEALED THE SICK, FED THE HUNGRY, AND ATE WITH SINNERS. BY THE BAPTISM OF HIS SUFFERING, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION YOU GAVE BIRTH TO YOUR CHURCH, DELIVERED US FROM SLAVERY TO SIN AND DEATH, AND MADE WITH US A NEW COVENANT BY WATER AND THE SPIRIT.

ON THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR US, HE TOOK BREAD, GAVE THANKS TO YOU, BROKE THE BREAD, GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, AND SAID: "TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

WHEN THE SUPPER WAS OVER HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS TO YOU, GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, AND SAID: "DRINK FROM THIS, ALL OF YOU; THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT, Poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. DO THIS, AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

AND SO, IN REMEMBRANCE OF THESE YOUR MIGHTY ACTS IN JESUS CHRIST, WE OFFER OURSELVES IN PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING AS A HOLY AND LIVING SACRIFICE, IN UNION WITH CHRIST'S OFFERING FOR US, AS WE PROCLAIM THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

CHRIST HAS DIED;

CHRIST IS RISEN;

CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

ALMIGHTY GOD, POUR OUT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT ON EACH OF US IN EACH PLACE THAT WE HAVE GATHERED SO THAT IN THE BREAKING OF OUR BREAD AND IN THE DRINKING OF OUR CUPS WE MAY KNOW THE PRESENCE OF THE LIVING CHRIST AND BE RENEWED AS THE BODY OF CHRIST FOR THE WORLD, REDEEMED BY CHRIST'S BLOOD. BY YOUR SPIRIT, MAKE US ONE WITH CHRIST, ONE WITH EACH OTHER, AND ONE IN MINISTRY TO ALL THE WORLD, UNTIL CHRIST COMES IN FINAL VICTORY AND WE FEAST AT YOUR TABLE FOREVER.

THROUGH YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST, WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR HOLY CHURCH, ALL HONOR AND GLORY IS YOURS, ALMIGHTY GOD NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

AND WITH CONFIDENCE, 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.

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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