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# WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

LIVING LIFE ON MISSION

## WORDS OF WELCOME — PASTOR SEANN DUFFIN

### CALL TO WORSHIP

COME TO THIS TIME OF WORSHIP; GOD IS CALLING US.  
COME, ALL WHO ARE BURDENED; THERE IS HEALING HERE.

**WE HAVE COME TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD.  
WE HAVE BROUGHT WITH US ALL THAT WEIGHS US DOWN.**

LET VOICES OF PRAISE GREET THE ONE WHO CALLS US.  
BE GLAD TOGETHER AND SING FOR JOY.

**OUR HEARTS RESPOND WITH HOPE FOR A NEW DAY.  
OUR VOICES JOIN IN THANKFUL PRAYERS AND PRAISE.**

GOD REIGNS AMONG US AND FILLS THE WORLD WITH LIGHT.  
WE ARE INVITED TO MAKE OUR HOME WITH THE LIVING GOD.

**WE ARE WITNESSES TO GOD'S GOODNESS AND GLORY.  
WE ARE HERE TO OFFER WORSHIP AND PRAISE. AMEN.**

### SONG OF PRAISE

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION — PASTOR SEANN DUFFIN

SOMETIMES, WHEN WE LISTEN TO THE SIREN CALLS OF OUR CULTURE, WE NEGLECT A FAITHFUL WITNESS TO JESUS CHRIST. WE LEAVE LITTLE TIME OR ENERGY TO PONDER THE MARVELOUS WORKS OF GOD. WE CLOSE THE DOORS OF OUR HEARTS TO THE SPIRIT WHO LONGS TO CLAIM US. SO LET'S GO NOW TO THE THRONE OF GRACE AS WE JOIN IN HUMBLE CONFESSION.

**GOD OF ALL AGES, HOW EASILY WE HAVE MADE YOU A RELIC OF THE PAST. WE ACT AS IF YOU ARE IRRELEVANT OR INCAPABLE OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD. WE ARE RULED BY FEARS MORE THAN FAITH, BY HOSTILITY MORE THAN PEACE, BY A SENSE OF FAILURE MORE THAN ASSURANCE OF YOUR PROVISION. FORGIVE US, GOD. HELP US TO SEE THE SIGNS OF YOUR PRESENCE AND TO WITNESS WITH JOY TO OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST. AMEN.**

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST, WE ARE LOVED. WE ARE FREED FROM OUR SINS BY THE SACRIFICE OF JESUS CHRIST. NEW LIFE IS OURS, SO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS: IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, YOU ARE FORGIVEN.

**GLORY TO GOD. AMEN.**

## LUKE 6:27-36 — PASTOR LATAYA SIMPSON

<sup>27</sup>BUT I SAY TO YOU THAT LISTEN, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO HATE YOU, <sup>28</sup>BLESS THOSE WHO CURSE YOU, PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ABUSE YOU. <sup>29</sup>IF ANYONE STRIKES YOU ON THE CHEEK, OFFER THE OTHER ALSO; AND FROM ANYONE WHO TAKES AWAY YOUR COAT DO NOT WITHHOLD EVEN YOUR SHIRT. <sup>30</sup>GIVE TO EVERYONE WHO BEGS FROM YOU; AND IF ANYONE TAKES AWAY YOUR GOODS, DO NOT ASK FOR THEM AGAIN. <sup>31</sup>DO TO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO TO YOU. <sup>32</sup>IF YOU LOVE THOSE WHO LOVE YOU, WHAT CREDIT IS THAT TO YOU? FOR EVEN SINNERS LOVE THOSE WHO LOVE THEM. <sup>33</sup>IF YOU DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO DO GOOD TO YOU, WHAT CREDIT IS THAT TO YOU? FOR EVEN SINNERS DO THE SAME. <sup>34</sup>IF YOU LEND TO THOSE FROM WHOM YOU HOPE TO RECEIVE, WHAT CREDIT IS THAT TO YOU? EVEN SINNERS LEND TO SINNERS, TO RECEIVE AS MUCH AGAIN. <sup>35</sup>BUT LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, DO GOOD, AND LEND, EXPECTING NOTHING IN RETURN. YOUR REWARD WILL BE GREAT, AND YOU WILL BE CHILDREN OF THE MOST HIGH; FOR HE IS KIND TO THE UNGRATEFUL AND THE WICKED. <sup>36</sup>BE MERCIFUL, JUST AS YOUR FATHER IS MERCIFUL.

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — STEVE SMITH

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## 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 — PSALM 105

## SCRIPTURE + SERMON — PASTOR SEANN DUFFIN

## ACTS 16:6-15

<sup>6</sup>THEY WENT THROUGH THE REGION OF PHRYGIA AND GALATIA, HAVING BEEN FORBIDDEN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO SPEAK THE WORD IN ASIA. <sup>7</sup>WHEN THEY HAD COME OPPOSITE MYSIA, THEY ATTEMPTED TO GO INTO BITHYNIA, BUT THE SPIRIT OF JESUS DID NOT ALLOW THEM; <sup>8</sup>SO, PASSING BY MYSIA, THEY WENT DOWN TO TROAS. <sup>9</sup>DURING THE NIGHT PAUL HAD A VISION: THERE STOOD A MAN OF MACEDONIA PLEADING WITH HIM AND SAYING, “COME OVER TO MACEDONIA AND HELP US.” <sup>10</sup>WHEN HE HAD SEEN THE VISION, WE IMMEDIATELY TRIED TO CROSS OVER TO MACEDONIA, BEING CONVINCED THAT GOD HAD CALLED US TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS TO THEM. <sup>11</sup>WE SET SAIL FROM TROAS AND TOOK A STRAIGHT COURSE TO SAMOTHRACE, THE FOLLOWING DAY TO NEAPOLIS, <sup>12</sup>AND FROM THERE TO PHILIPPI, WHICH IS A LEADING CITY OF THE DISTRICT OF MACEDONIA AND A ROMAN COLONY. WE REMAINED IN THIS CITY FOR SOME DAYS. <sup>13</sup>ON THE SABBATH DAY WE WENT OUTSIDE THE GATE BY THE RIVER, WHERE WE SUPPOSED THERE WAS A PLACE OF PRAYER; AND WE SAT DOWN AND SPOKE TO THE WOMEN WHO HAD GATHERED THERE. <sup>14</sup>A CERTAIN WOMAN NAMED LYDIA, A WORSHIPER OF GOD, WAS LISTENING TO US; SHE WAS FROM THE CITY OF THYATIRA AND A DEALER IN PURPLE CLOTH. THE LORD OPENED HER HEART TO LISTEN EAGERLY TO WHAT WAS SAID BY PAUL. <sup>15</sup>WHEN SHE AND HER HOUSEHOLD WERE BAPTIZED, SHE URGED US, SAYING, “IF YOU HAVE JUDGED ME TO BE FAITHFUL TO THE LORD, COME AND STAY AT MY HOME.” AND SHE PREVAILED UPON US.

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## SONG OF PRAISE + BENEDICTION

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