



Let Us Worship God Together

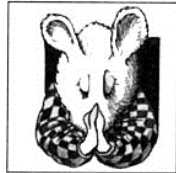
A Worship Guide

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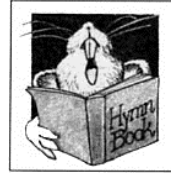
Hear God's Word



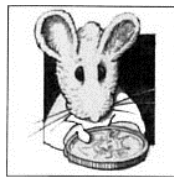
Pray to God



Sing to God



Give to God



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GATHERING



The church season is **Ordinary Time**. It is a long period of time when we study the stories of Jesus' teaching and healing, Hebrew history, and the prophets, all reminding us how God is with us in the everyday moments of our lives – in the *ordinary time*.

Place a check mark on the line by each "mouse" as you worship and follow along in your guide.



OPENING SENTENCES

___ We hear the pastor begin the service with words from the Bible. Worship begins!



VOLUNTARY – *Basse de Cromorne* from *Second Suite*

___ We hear the music call us to worship. It is offered to God by our musicians – the organist, someone playing the flute or violin or trumpet, the handbell choir, one of our other choirs. Who is offering today's music? _____

As you listen, can you answer this question?
What is the color of the dossal cloth (curtain) behind the cross? _____



INTROIT- *Amazing Grace*

___ We continue to listen as the music calls us to worship.



CALL TO WORSHIP

___ We stand and read together the words that invite us to worship.

Leader: The earth is the theater of God's glory.

People: God who said, "Out of darkness the light shall shine!"

Leader: Is the same God who made light to shine in our hearts

People: To bring us the knowledge of God's glory

All: Shining in the face of Jesus Christ.



PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263– All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

___ We stand and praise God with a song.



WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

___ The pastor welcomes us and tells us about special activities coming up this week.



CALL TO CONFESSION

___ We hear the pastor remind us that we all do things that we are sorry for.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

___ We tell God we are sorry for the wrong things we do in our Confession of Sin. We read together.

*God of Moses and Elijah,
 God of mystery and wonder,
 we give thanks for the many ways
 that You make Yourself known to us.
 For Moses, the burning bush
 was a sign of Your presence and call.
 Peter, James and John saw You in Jesus
 one day on a mountaintop,
 transfigured by light and hidden by clouds.
 We often yearn for clear signs of Your presence,
 for shining epiphanies rather than faint glimmers.
 We would prefer to live by certainty rather than by faith,
 yet we recall in this place
 that the faithful have gone out trusting You,
 not knowing where You were leading.
 And in our best moments,
 we know that we too must live by faith.
 Teach us, O God, to trust in that still, small voice
 as well as the light that we are given.
 Take our hands and walk with us,
 that we may follow You as far as we can see,
 and then to walk where we cannot see.
 Heal our sorrows; calm our fears;
 set us upon paths that we can walk in trust,
 and help us to be Your people,
 to listen to Your word,
 and to count upon Your great love.
 In Jesus' name. Amen.*



SILENT CONFESSION-Lord, Have Mercy

___ Talk silently to God, thinking of your own actions.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

___ We hear that God forgives us.



CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – Gloria Patri

___ We stand and sing to celebrate God's forgiveness. Gloria Patri means "Glory to the Father." Amen means "So be it."

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

— Sometimes we have a baptism. Through baptism, a baby, child, or adult becomes a member of God's family, the Church. We promise to help **Kathryn Elizabeth Richardson (8:30) John William Barrett II (11:00)** to grow to know God's love. This is a special day.

Can you think of something YOU can do to welcome this person to our church family? _____



HYMN FOR BAPTISM



3 Lord Je - sus Christ, our Lord most dear, as
6 You were once an in - fant here, so give this child of
Yours, we pray, Your grace and bless - ing day by day



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

— We ask God to help us understand the scriptures being read today. We read together.

**Guide us, O God,
by Your Word and Spirit,
that in Your light we may see light,
in Your truth find freedom,
and in Your will discover Your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament: Exodus 24:12-18, page 70

New Testament: Matthew 17:1-9, page 18

___ We hear God's word in the Old Testament. Follow along in the Bible with the older person next to you.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

What words or phrases did you hear?



HYMN OF PREPARATION (*seated*) 189— *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair*

___ We sing the sermon hymn. We get ready to hear God's word.

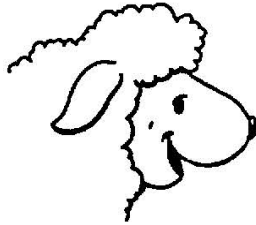


SERMON — *"On Running Into God"*

___ God's word is made known to us in the sermon.

Who is preaching today? _____

Notes or Drawing as you hear God's word proclaimed.



As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them some instructions.

Find the underlined words of Jesus' instructions in the puzzle below.

“Don't tell anyone
what you have seen,
until the Son of Man
has been raised from
the dead.”



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RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *The Apostles' Creed* –

Hymnal page 14

___ We stand and say together what we believe.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERTORY – *This Is My Beloved Son (8:30)*

You, Lord, are Both Lamb and Shepherd (Christus Paradox)

(11:00)

___ We give to God's work in our offering. We hear the choir offer their voices in song.

What instruments are playing today? _____



PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE 592 – *Doxology*

___ We stand and praise God, singing the Doxology.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



PRAYER OF DEDICATION

___ We hear an usher ask God to bless our offerings and to help us use them wisely.

SENDING FORTH



HYMN OF COMMITMENT 634—To God Be the Glory
— *We praise God with a song.*



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
— *We hear God's blessing for us.*



CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE—Go, My Children, with My Blessing
— *We sing God's blessings for us.*

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own,
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*



CLOSING VOLUNTARY – Toccata and Fugue in F
— *We hear the organ play, as we leave to serve God and his people.*

Soli Deo Glorial (To God alone be the glory!)

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