

# YouTube Bulletin for Worship

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### **Prelude: CWM Rhondda**

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### **Call to Worship**

*Jaeda R.*

This is the place where God's Word is practiced in the way we speak and live.

Let love be genuine, love one another with mutual affection.

Outdo one another in showing honor.

Come and be blessed by God's presence and the fellowship of Christ's healing community.

### **Opening Hymn: Glory to God Hymnal #301 *Let us Build a House (v1, 4, & 5)***

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,

a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*(refrain)*

All are welcome;

all are welcome;

all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;

let us bring an end to fear and danger:

*(refrain)*

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;

let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

*(refrain)*

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### **Prayer of Adoration**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Forgiving and Gracious God, our eyes are often blind to the suffering and needs that are near us. We become so worked up and overwhelmed with the injustice and outrageous wrongs of the world. Then we are too weary and overwhelmed to do anything about the

needs that are in front of us. We forget Your call to love, to forgive, and to honor. Instead we waste our energy on foolish grievances, exhausting dramas, and silly conflicts.

Teach us to listen to the sorrows and struggles that are around us. Enable us to see places where we may use our gifts to make a difference. Reawaken within us the joy and celebration of serving You. Humbly, we open our hearts to Your healing grace, Amen.

*Take a few moments for your own silent confession*

### **Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness**

Hear the good news, the only one who would have the right to condemn you, gave his life on the cross so that you could be free. Through the love of Jesus our Savior, we are set free from the past, and given a new future full of love and peace. Serve the Lord by seeing the needs that are near you, and by sharing the forgiveness of Jesus you have received.

### **The Presbyterian Hymnal #579 “Gloria Patri”**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

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*Glory Be to the Father*

*TEXT: Trad. liturgical text. Composer: Henry W. Greatorex (1851)*

### **Scripture Readings:** Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

24:<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

<sup>14</sup> ‘Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.’

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, ‘Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.’

## **John 6:56-69**

<sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup> When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

<sup>66</sup> Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

**Message:** "Literally or Figuratively?"  
**Prayer**

### **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

#### **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.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.

#### **Sending Hymn: Glory to God Hymnal #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty.  
Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow.

Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

*TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2-3, trans. William Williams, 1772  
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## **Benediction**