

An Outline for In-Home Worship on Sunday, March 29

First Reformed Church of South Holland

Worship Service Element	Explanation
<p style="text-align: center;">Prepare</p> <p><i>As a part of your preparation for worship this morning, please get a bowl from your kitchen, fill it with water, and bring it with you into your worship space. Then play this Prelude Video and spend some time in prayer and meditation, asking the Holy Spirit to quiet your hearts and center them on the glory of Christ.</i></p>	<p><i>Our worship is not passive observance or robotic ritual, but is an invitation for us to enter into a conversation with the living God.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">God Calls Us To Worship</p> <p><i>At 9:30am on Sunday, read these words from Hebrews 10:19-22 together aloud in your home:</i></p> <p>“Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.”</p>	<p><i>The Call to Worship reminds us that gathering for worship this morning is not first and foremost our idea, but God’s. God Himself invites us to worship and gathers us as His people. Everything we do in worship is our response to God’s revelation and invitation.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Greeting One Another & The Passing of The Peace</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Click here to begin the Welcome Video.</p>	<p><i>As God has greeted us and welcomed us to worship, we now greet those around us.</i></p> <p><i>Following our greeting, we proclaim together the substance of our faith. When we do so using the ancient words of the Apostles’ Creed, we affirm our connectedness to and solidarity with Christ’s entire church across all time and space.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">“God The Uncreated One”</p> <p>God the uncreated One, the author of salvation, wrote the laws of space and time, and fashioned worlds to His design. The One whom angel hosts revere, hung the stars like chandeliers, numbered every grain of sand, knows the heart of every man. He is King forever, He is King forever, He is King forevermore.</p> <p>God our fortress and our strength, the rock on which we can depend; matchless in His majesty, His power and authority; unshaken by the schemes of man, never-changing, Great I Am. Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall, He is faithful through it all. Crown him King forever, crown him King forever, crown him King forevermore.</p>	<p><i>This opening song begins with an awareness of God’s creative grandeur and cosmic majesty. But it soon reminds us that our God does not stand far off, but was formed in human flesh, was crucified, and was raised again to life by the strong arm of the Father! So add your voices in ascribing praise to our King Eternal and God of Grace!</i></p>

Mighty God in mortal flesh, forsaken by a traitor's kiss.
The curse of sin and centuries did pierce the lowly Prince of Peace.
Lifted high, the sinless man, crucified, the spotless Lamb,
buried by the sons of man, rescued by the Father's hand
to reign as King forever, reign as King forever, reign as King forevermore.

King Eternal, God of Grace, we crown You with the highest praise!
Heaven shouts and saints adore: "You're Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!"
What joy in everlasting life, all is love and faith is sight;
justice rolls and praises rise at the name of Jesus Christ:
King of kings forever, King of kings forever, King of kings forevermore.

"To God Be The Glory"

To God be the glory, great things He has done, so loved He the world that He gave us His son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Prayer of Confession


Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

Spend a few moments in silent prayer and reflection.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.


If you are musical and would like to play along with us, chord charts are attached to the Worship Resources email or can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

 **TRY SOMETHING NEW:**
Imagine you were going to illustrate the four verses of this hymn. What would be the central image for each verse? How does this highlight a specific aspect of God's character?

How many things have you given praise to this week? Someone who cooked a delicious meal? A child who did well on their homework? The supplier of your morning cup of coffee?

We are right to be free in lavishing praise. But let us remember that our best, most descriptive praise should be given to God alone, in order that we might "ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name!" (Psalm 29:2)

It is impossible for us to know and experience grace without an awareness of our sin. As we enter into a time of confession, we do not grovel before God to beg for grace, but we revel in Christ's righteousness in order to magnify grace.

 **TRY SOMETHING OLD:**
The historic church has been using these words for centuries to confess her sin together in corporate worship. As you speak them,

remember the generations of Christians who have spoken these words to magnify God's grace.

Words & Song of Assurance

[Click here to begin the Assurance Video.](#)

“The Power Of The Cross”

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

**This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath—we stand forgiven at the cross.**

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

**This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath—we stand forgiven at the cross.**

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; “Finished!” the victory cry.

**This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath—we stand forgiven at the cross.**

“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain and count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.

**This, the power of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.**

There is perhaps no element of the gospel that is more essential than the good news that in Jesus Christ we have received pardon from sin. Together, we both announce and receive God's forgiveness.

<p style="text-align: center;">Scripture Reading <i>Matthew 27:27-31</i></p> <p>“Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.”</p>	<p><i>Scripture is God’s own voice for His church across all time and place. While it may seem strange to do if you are alone, we invite you to join us in proclaiming God’s voice by reading this passage aloud in your home.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sermon <i>“Not That Kind of King: Jesus vs. Pride”</i> Pastors Jim Oord & Corey Buchanan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Click here to begin the Sermon Video.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Congregational Prayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Praise God for giving us Jesus, for going to such great lengths to seek us out and return us to Himself. -Praise God for doing the one-of-a-kind big thing (giving us Jesus) and committing to continue doing the everyday sometimes-unnoticed things for us (keeping us safe, guiding us, comforting us). His mercies are new every morning! -Pray for government leaders (worldwide, nationally, and locally) who are trying to lead and make decisions for the good of their citizens. Pray for compassion and a desire to protect those who can't protect themselves. -Pray for researchers, doctors, and nurses who are working to help, inform, and heal. Pray for strength, endurance, and wisdom. -Pray for our church leaders here at First and around the world as they find ways to minister, encourage, and serve. -Pray for those who are struggling financially because of work restrictions. Pray for hope and a way forward. -Pray for parents caring for children, especially single parents who are trying to balance responsibilities. Pray for wisdom and encouragement. -Pray for the homeless. Pray for protection, hope, care, and opportunity. -Pray for anyone and anything the Spirit puts on your heart at this time. 	<p><i>Interceding for the needs of others in worship is both a responsibility and a joy. As you pray this morning, think widely and deeply of those you know (or those you do not) who are struggling and who could use your prayers.</i></p> <p><i>Once again, if you are worshipping together with others this morning, please encourage different members to pray specifically for these different items.</i></p> <p><i>For more items to pray about this morning, please call our prayer line at (708) 333-8150.</i></p> <p><i>When you have concluded your prayers, please click in the left-hand column below to play the Lord’s Prayer video.</i></p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Click here to begin the Lord's Prayer Video.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Offering of Our Tithes</p> <p>To give to God's ministry through First Reformed Church online, click here. Alternatively, take a few moments to fill out your offering envelope and mail it to the church at 15924 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL 60473.</p>	<p><i>The offering is an opportunity for us to regularly and joyfully respond to God's goodness to us. When you have concluded the offering of yourself and your gifts, please sing the Doxology together.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">"Doxology"</p> <p>Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures, here below, praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen.</p>	<p><i>As we give back a portion of God's blessings to Him in our tithes and offerings, we are moved to praise God for His steadfast goodness to us.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Prayer Over Our Gifts</p> <p>Let us pray:</p> <p>Father, we pray for the ability to be patient in times of adversity and thankful in times of prosperity. In times of uncertainty, help us to stand on the firm foundation of Who You are. Show us that You continue to be generous, caring, and gracious. Send us out to reflect who You are as we give, as we care, and as we serve. In Jesus' name, Amen.</p>	<p><i>In this prayer we ask that God would use not just our gifts, but every fiber of our beings to accomplish His kingdom work.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Benediction & Charge</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Click here to begin the Benediction Video.</p>	<p><i>Meaning "Good Words," the Benediction is a blessing. It is an integral part of worship's "end and send." As we are charged to go out in mission, we are sent out covered by God's blessing and filled with his Holy Spirit.</i></p>