

SUGGESTED ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR 5-3-2020

- **Opening of worship¹**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise.

- **Sing a song of praise** – Some suggestions:

- *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*, (LUYH #526)
- *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* (LUYH #568; Grey #479 [different tune]; Blue #439)

- **Confess what we believe:** recite together The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living 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.

- **Confess your sins:** (sing or read², or pray your own prayer of confession)

Spirit of God, who dwells within my heart,
wean it from sin, through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,
and make me love you as I ought to love.

Did you not bid us love you, God and King,
love you with all our heart and strength and mind?
I see the cross—there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek you, and O let me find!

Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the fullness of the heaven-descended Dove;
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

¹ Taken from LUYH #524 – based on Ps 124:8; 118:24; 51:15. In the hymnal, this is written as a responsive opening of worship with the leader reading the first half of the line and everyone responding with the second half. You could do it this way with your family; or you could have different people read each line; or have one person read the entire opening of worship.

² "Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart" (words by George Croly) – LUYH #618 v. 1,3,5 [Public Domain]

- **Read a promise of forgiveness – Ephesians 2:4-10**
- **Read God’s Law – Ephesians 4:25-32**
- **Read or sing a song of thanksgiving:** Suggestions:
 - Psalm 138
 - *Now Thank We All Our God* (LUYH #543; Grey #454; Blue #316)
 - *In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified* (LUYH #861)
- **Say a prayer of intercession.**
 - You can use the prayer on page 4 of this document which is an adaptation of a prayer of the Puritans, taken from *The Valley of Vision*. OR pray your own prayer of intercession for our church, community, state, nation, and world.
- **Read or Recite Psalm 119:9-16**
- **Read (or sing) a prayer for the illumination of the Word:**
 All our knowledge, sense and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
 till your Spirit breaks our night with your beams of truth unclouded.
 You alone to God can win us; you must work all good within us.

 Glorious Lord, yourself impart; Light of Light, from God proceeding,
 open lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit’s leading.
 Hear the cry your church now raises; Lord, accept our prayers and praises.³
- **Watch the sermon on Facebook:** www.facebook.com/crclucas
 Sermon Text: Acts 2:14-21
 Sermon Title: “The Promised Holy Spirit”
 Sermon Series: *Promises for the Last Times*
- **Sing a Song of Response:**
 - *Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth* (LUYH #237 – tune is “Jesus Shall Reign”) [CCLI#547476]
 Spirit of God, unleashed on earth with rush of wind and roar of flame!
 With tongues of fire saints spread good news;
 earth, kindling, blazed its loud acclaim

 You came in power, the church was born;
 O Holy Spirit, come again!
 From living waters raise new saints,
 let new tongues hail the risen Lord.

 With burning words of victory won inspire our hearts grown cold with fear,
 revive in us baptismal grace,
 and fan our smoldering lives to flame.

³ *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* vs 2-3; Words by Tobias Clausnitzer; translation by Catherine Winkworth. You can find the song in LUYH #763; Grey #280 [Public Domain]

- **Close with a doxology,**
To God Be the Glory (LUYH #956; Grey #632) [Public Domain]

To God be the glory, to God be the glory
To God be the glory for the things he has done!
With his blood he has saved me,
with his power he has raised me—
to God be the glory for the things he has done!

PRAYER

Lord God Almighty,

We ask not to be considered among the earthly great and rich,
but to be numbered with those who are spiritually blessed.

Make it our present, supreme, and persevering concern to obtain those blessings which are spiritual in nature, eternal in their continuance, and satisfying in their possession.

Keep us from having a false understanding and evaluation of our own character—whether the whole or just a part of our character;

May we pay close attention to our principles as well as our conduct,
our motives as well as our actions.

Help us to never mistake the excitement of our emotions for the renewing work of the Holy Spirit,
never to judge our faith by occasional impressions and impulses, but by our character that is constant and ongoing.

May our hearts be right with you and our lives be worthy of the gospel.

Help us to continually look to another and better world, and to feel and confess that we are strangers here in this world.

Give us all the direction, defense, support, and comfort that our journey requires, and grant us minds that are focused and fixed on you.

Give us a large abundance of the supply of the Spirit of Jesus,
that we may be prepared for every duty,
love you with all that we have,
submit to you in every trial,
trust you when we are walking through dark times,
and have peace in you through all of life's changes.

Lord, we believe, help us in our unbelief and uncertainties.

All for Jesus' sake. Amen.⁴

⁴ Adapted from a prayer of the Puritans; "True Religion". *The Valley of Vision*; Banner of Truth Trust; Carlisle, PA, 2009; p. 118-119