

A NIGHT OF WORSHIP & PRAYER

4.26.24

Opening Encouragement

Opening Song: *How Great Thou Art*

Verse 1: Oh Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds Thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed

Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Verse 2: And when I think that God, His Son not sparing Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in. That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin

Verse 3: When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow, in humble adoration And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

PRAISE & ADORATION

Reading: Psalm 40:1-6

1 I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. 2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.

4 Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. 5 Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

6 Sacrifice and offering you did not desire— but my ears you have opened— burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. 7 Then I said, “Here I am, I have come— it is written about me in the scroll. 8 I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.”

Personal Prayer Prompts:

- Pray in response to any aspect of the Psalm 40 that resonates with you
- Spend time praising God for specific kindnesses, provision, and graces you've recently experienced.

Song: *Because of Who You Are/I Exalt Thee*

Verse 1: *Because of who you are, I give you glory. Because of who you are, I give you praise. Because of who you are, I will lift my voice and say. Lord, I worship you because of who you are. Lord, I worship you because of who you are*

Chorus: *Jehovah Jireh, my provider. Jehovah Nissi, Lord, you reign in victory Jehovah Shalom, my Prince of Peace. And I worship you because of who you are*

Chorus: *I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, o Lord
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, o Lord*

CONFESSION

Reading: Psalm 40:9-17

9 I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, Lord, as you know. 10 I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.

11 Do not withhold your mercy from me, Lord; may your love and faithfulness always protect me. 12 For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me. 13 Be pleased to save me, Lord; come quickly, Lord, to help me.

14 May all who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace. 15 May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" be appalled at their own shame. 16 But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The Lord is great!" 17 But as for me, I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; you are my God, do not delay.

Corporate Prayer:

All: Gracious Lord, we confess that we dishonor you in our words, thoughts and deeds. Depending on our strength, we stumble. Glorifying in our own righteousness, we reject you. Turning our faces from you, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us.

We pray now, Lord, for you to forgive all of our many sins; to cleanse the darkness from our lives, and to turn our faces and our hearts back towards you. We pray these things in the name of your most precious son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Personal Prayer Prompts:

- In what ways have you sinned against God in word, deed, or thought?

- With your personal transgression before you, read Psalm 6 as your own prayer of confession and repentance, adding your own words and contrition.

Song: *Cornerstone*

Verse 1: My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus name

Chorus: Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made strong in the Saviour's love. Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

Verse 2: When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. My anchor holds within the veil.

Verse 3: When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found, dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless stand before the throne

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reading: Psalm 31

1 In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. 2 Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. 3 Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me. 4 Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge. 5 Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

6 I hate those who cling to worthless idols; as for me, I trust in the Lord. 7 I will be glad and rejoice in your love, for you saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul. 8 You have not given me into the hands of the enemy but have set my feet in a spacious place.

9 Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief. 10 My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak. 11 Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors and an object of dread to my closest friends— those who see me on the street flee from me. 12 I am forgotten as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery. 13 For I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side!" They conspire against me and plot to take my life.

14 But I trust in you, Lord; I say, "You are my God." 15 My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me.

Prayer Prompts: In groups 3-4, spend time praying together in response to the following areas, and in particular the areas of need listed:

- Neighborhood & City:
 - Continued violence and unrest throughout the city

- The ongoing issues of poverty, food insecurity, and housing
- The ongoing issues with addiction
- For those seeking work or who are underemployed
- Nation:
 - The division as a result of politic
 - Peaceful protests, especially on campuses, across the nation
 - The pervasiveness of mental health struggles, especially among young people
- World:
 - A ceasefire in Gaza and the prioritization of protecting civilians
 - That world leaders would act with wisdom, compassion, and justice

Personal Prayer Requests

- Spend a couple of moments naming areas of need in your life.
- Pray for one another.

Song: *Behold Our God*

Verse 1: *Who has held the oceans in his hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at his voice All creation rises to rejoice*

Chorus: *Behold our God, seated on his throne Come, let us adore him Behold our king, nothing can compare Come, let us adore him*

Verse 2: *Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of his words? Who can teach, the one who knows all things? Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?*

Verse 3: *Who has felt the nails upon his hands? Bearing all the guilt of sinful man God eternal, humbled to the grave Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign*

Bridge: *You will reign forever (let Your glory fill the Earth)*