

Welcome to Worship CEC 8/1/21

Scripture to ponder- Isaiah 53 [1](#) Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? [2](#) For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. [3](#) He was despised and rejected by men; **a man of sorrows**, and **acquainted with grief**; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. [4](#) Surely **he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows**; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. [5](#) But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. [6](#) All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned--every one--to his own way; and **the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Worship in Song

Psalm Reading 24

[24](#) [1](#) The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, [2](#) for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

[3](#) Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? [4](#) He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. [5](#) He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. [6](#) Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. [2](#) Selah

[7](#) Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. [8](#) Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! [9](#) Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. [10](#) Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory! Selah

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

*Father, we gladly acknowledge
That you are the giver of every good and perfect gift.
When you open your hand,*

*You satisfy the desire of every living thing.
You are righteous in all Your ways and kind in all Your works.
But too often we fail to acknowledge your abundant goodness,
Lavish generosity, and loving faithfulness.
Instead of being grateful, we grumble.
Instead of thanking you, we test you.
We confess we have sinned in all our complaining and selfishness.
Jesus, thank you that your entire life on earth was one of gratefulness.
Thank you for bearing our sins,
Receiving our punishment on the cross,
And paying the debt we owed to a holy God.
Because of you, we can now walk in forgiveness and freedom.
Holy Spirit, enable us by your power to live lives of thanksgiving.
May we be humbled by all the riches we've received in Christ.
And may our lives be increasingly marked
By trust, awe, and gratefulness for the mercy we've received.
We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Assurance of our Pardon

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

Song of Preparation

Sermon: Jesus Wept John 11

Act 1 The Death of Lazarus

Scene 1 Village of Bethany -in the Hebrew "house of affliction"

**Lazarus falls ill-Beloved friend of Jesus and brother to Martha and Mary
Cry for help sent by the sisters to Jesus**

**Scene 2 Bethabara beyond the Jordan where Jesus and His disciples were
when the cry for help was received**

**Jesus tells disciples (after 2 more days)-lets go to Judea again-Disciples
perplexed and confused**

Jesus says Lazarus has fallen asleep-knows he is dead but disciples think he is just ill....

Jesus states Lazarus is dead-Jesus says not being there when it happened, it was for them to believe

App 1 Does God know when we need Him most? It is appropriate to cry

Act 2 The interaction with the sisters

Scene 1 Distraught Martha goes to meet Jesus as He is arriving near Bethany-painful encounter as Martha pleads her distress towards Jesus and acknowledges her hesitant belief

“He will rise again” Jesus calmly speaks...Martha relates her knowing at the last day her brother will rise BUT this day Jesus proclaims “I Am the resurrection and the lifedo you believe this?

Martha Yes Lord you ARE the Christ!

Scene 2 Calling her sister Mary “the Teacher is here and is calling for you” Mary hurries to Jesus and falls at his feet sobbing..If you had only been here..my brother would not have died...Jesus is deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled...where have you laid him? **JESUS WEPT**

App 2 Does God care about me? It is not a sign of weakness to weep

Act 3 Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

Scene 1 Jesus Deeply moved again at the tomb says "Take away the stone” Hesitancy in her voice, Martha speaks what appears to be the obvious the body would be stinking by now..(no hope for life as the Jews believed the soul departed after 3 days) BUT Jesus again reminds Martha “if you believe you will see the glory of God”

Scene 2 Stone removed and Jesus prays thus "Father I thank you and know you always hear me" saying this for those who were there to BELIEVE! In a loud voice proclaims

"LAZARUS come out” and the man who had died came out-unbind Him!

App 3 Will being raised from the dead, answer our questioning unbelieving hearts? Believe!! Rejoice!!

Human or Divine Tears? I am sure they were mingled then as they were at the cross as those in attendance weeping mirrored the heart of the Father as the burden was lain on His Son...Our being poor in spirit weeping and filled with sorrow for our sins brings us to the Table as Jesus proclaims

Take the bread my body broken for you and the cup my shed blood for the remission of ALL your sins and rejoice for your resurrection is sure as I AM the first born of the new Adam You who are in me are in the Father as well and you are reminded by the Spirit your guarantee and eternal deposit
You are already raised from the dead!

Sing to one another this blessing