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## Service of Lament and Reflection

*This worship experience is for in home use and is designed to give you and your family a more Spirit filled worship experience as we continue to be confined to our homes. Feel free to divide the readings and prayers up if you are blessed to have others worshiping with you. When you come to hymns, special music and sermon click on link provided and your computer or tablet should take you directly to the video. May God Bless you as you enter worship! Grace & peace, Pastor Jon.*

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Light a candle to symbolize the presence of Christ in your midst and to signal that you are entering into a sacred time of worship.**

**Welcome by Pastor Jon**      <https://youtu.be/XLX-rn89CEs>

**Prelude Pat Trostel** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uxvWDU30-w>

### **\* Opening Prayer (based on Psalm 42)**

As a deer longs for flowing streams,

so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for you the living God.

Come in power, Almighty God!

My tears seem to be my food day and night;

my tears seems to speak to me and say, "Where is your God?"



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Answer my tears, O compassionate Father!

Yet these things I remember as I pour out my soul:  
how sweet your presence is and how exhilarating it is  
to worship you with shouts of joy amongst your people.

I rejoice in you, O joy giving Lord!

These are the things I ponder:  
why my soul is sad and in turmoil within me?  
I want to hope in you God.  
I want to experience your power.

O come, Holy Spirit!

Yet even now, when my soul is cast down within me,  
I remember you in the land of trials and testing.

I trust in you, Jesus!

I want to hear your voice Lord like the sounds of great waterfalls,  
speaking with power and having powerful affects.



Come, O Holy Shepherd!

You are my rock, the One in whom I have trusted...  
yet I sometime feel forgotten,  
I often mourn so many losses.  
I sometimes feel oppressed.

Come, O God of deliverance!

My soul will not be cast down forever...  
the turmoil will end...  
my hope is in you Lord...  
I shall praise you afresh.

Jesus is my salvation and my God!

**Amen**

**Opening Song "As the Deer"**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZv3jz0TE70>

## Praises

- Time with family
- Walks outside
- Gardening and flowers

## Prayers

- The Family of George Floyd.
- For all the families who have lost loved ones to Covid 19.
- For our political leaders, that they may work together to put forth policies to end systemic injustice in our country.
- For our community, that we may receive the grace to see every human being as a child of God.
- For our Church, that we would be led by the Spirit of Christ, as we stand against the systems within our society which oppress people of color.
- All essential workers, caregivers, doctors, nurses and healthcare employees
- Logan Owens and Care Team (Nancy Batdorf's Brother-In-Law)
- Ben Powell (Mary Ann Cornell's grandson; surgery went well; prayers for healing and restoration of sight)
- Mary Ann Cornell
- Ruth Frost (passing of her father)
- Jah Batdorf
- Natalie Bair (Ear surgery went very well!)
- Dolly Hurley
- Lilly (friend of Sylvia Warner's niece)
- Carol Jackson
- Sharon Schwanitz

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**Prayer Hymn      Give Me Jesus**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shRngPBNHp4>

**\*\*Community Prayer**

O God of peace and healing,  
We come before you feeling powerless to stop the hatred that divides races  
and nations.

We come before you saddened and angered by the denial of human rights in  
our land.

We come before you with wounds deep in our hearts that we long to have  
healed.

We come before you with struggles in our personal lives that it seems will not  
go away.

And we pray Lord, How long?  
How long to peace?

And we hear, "Not long, because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it  
bends toward justice."

How long for racial justice? "Not long, because no lie can live forever."

How long for our wounded hearts? Not long, I call you by name, you are with  
me; you are mine.

How long for our struggles? Not long, for my grace is sufficient. I hold you in  
my everlasting arms beneath which you cannot fall.

How long for the healing of what is broken inside and all around us? Not long,  
for we shall overcome, together in partnership, human holy partnership, we  
shall overcome.

**AMEN.**

**\*Invitation to the Offering**

God of life and hope and new beginnings, we bring our gifts to further your work in a dark world. May our gifts help to bring new possibility to those overwhelmed by darkness, pain, or loneliness! May our gifts help to enable peacemakers to cover the earth with wholeness, reconciliation and shalom.

**Offerings can be mail directly to:**

**Jenny Hausfeld  
320 Green Oak Dr.  
Troy Ohio, 45373**

**Peoples Response**

**Doxology**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqpXWF15avU>

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

God of grace,  
we know you want justice rolling down like water.  
Accept these gifts from our hands,  
which we cast upon the waters of your love,  
a generous ever-flowing stream

cleansing this world of its injustices.

Accept these gifts for the work of your church. **Amen.**

**Service of Lament and Reflection** <https://youtu.be/75145s2kc7M>

### **To quote the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II**

“When we hear the cries of those who are mourning, we know America needs nothing less than a Third Reconstruction. Mourning means people still believe things can change. You don’t protest what you believe is unchangeable, you destroy it. Protest is hope. The hope is in the mourning. And it is deep. We must cry out with all who hunger for justice.”

### **Lament**

As a verb: it is to feel, show, or express grief, sorrow, or regret.

Used as a noun: it’s physically crying out in grief, it’s wailing

Deep pain has emerged around the world. Against the backdrop of a global pandemic, which has taken over 111,000 U.S. lives and over 398,000 lives through the world, protests have erupted around the United States (and the world) after the murder of George Floyd, at the hands of Minneapolis police officers. Of course, it was only the latest in an all-too-familiar pattern of black and brown bodies dying due to systemic racism.

We must say their names: George Floyd. Ahmaud Arbery. Breonna Taylor.

These numbers are more than statistics, they are children of God.

They were neighbors, friends and family-grandfathers and grandmothers, fathers and mothers, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters, son and daughters and even children.

As people of faith we must not pass by this moment to quickly or easily.

We must stop. As people of faith we must weep. We must mourn. We must honor. And we must lament, which is to feel and bear great grief and sorrow, and reflect upon it.

### **(Time of Silence)**

Hear these words adapted from Ecclesiastes and the Psalms as we cry out to God this day.

### **Ecclesiastes 4 The Message**

4 1-3 O God we turned our attention to all the outrageous violence that takes place on this planet—the tears of the victims, no one to comfort them; the iron grip of oppressors, no one to rescue the victims from them.

### **Psalms 56**

8 You have kept count of our sleepless;  
put our tears in your bottle.  
Are they not in your record?





## Psalm 13

13 <sup>1-2</sup> Long enough, God—

you've ignored us long enough.

We have looked at the back of your head

long enough. Long enough

We have carried this ton of trouble,

lived with a stomach full of pain.

Long enough my arrogant enemies

have looked down their noses at us.

<sup>3-4</sup> Take a good look at us, God, our God;

We want to look life in the eye,

So no enemy can get the best of us

or laugh when we fall on our face.

## Psalm 22

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken us?

Why are you so far from helping us, from the words of our groaning?

<sup>2</sup> O God, We cry by day, but you do not answer;

and by night, but find no rest.

### (Time of Silence)

<sup>3</sup> Yet God you are holy,

enthroned on the praises of your people.

<sup>4</sup> In you our ancestors trusted;

they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup> To you they cried, and were saved;

in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the Lord, praise God!

All you glorify God;

stand in awe of God's presence, all you offspring of Israel!

<sup>24</sup> For God did not despise or abhor

the affliction of the afflicted;

God did not hide God's face from us,

but heard when we cried out to God.

### **(Time of Silence)**

### **Psalm 94**

<sup>12-15</sup> How blessed the man you train, God,

the woman you instruct in your Word,

O God, you Provide a circle of quiet within the clamor of evil.

God will never walk away from God's people,

never desert God's precious people.

Rest assured that justice is on its way

and every heart will be put right.

<sup>16-19</sup> Who stood up for me against the wicked?

Who took our side against evil workers?



If God hadn't been there for us,  
We never would have made it.  
The minute We said, we are slipping, we are falling,"  
your love, God, took hold and held us fast.  
When we were upset and beside ourselves,  
you calmed us down and cheered us up.

**(Time of Silence)**

**The world is in God's Hands**

**By: Tracey Howe Wispedwey**

The World is in God's hands,  
Which are our hands,  
Which are God's hands.  
And Justice will come when  
It is embody in us.  
And Justice will come when  
It is embodied in us.

Our Health is in God's hand,  
which are our hands.  
Our Health is in God's hand,  
which are our hands.

And healing will come when

It is embodied in us.

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**Sending Hymn      Be still, My Soul**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mq59iE3MhXM>

**Benediction      Bless Be The Tie That Binds**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N\\_AYrlHRm5c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_AYrlHRm5c)

## Worship Resources

\* ~ written by Kansas Bob, and posted on **Daily Prayer**. <http://praying.kansasbob.com/2009/05/praying-psalm-42.html>

\*\* *Written by Larry Reimer and found among the collected prayers in Race and Prayer, edited by Malcolm Boyd and Chester Talton.* <https://dioceseofnewark.org/canons-blog-niu/prayer-reconciliation-and-healing>

\*\*\* Adapted from: <https://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/justice/>