

## WOLCOTT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

### WORSHIPPING AT HOME, APRIL 25-26, 2020

(Clicking on the text underlined in blue will take you to Youtube videos.

Most are songs, except for the Sermon, "Cut to The Heart")

All Prayers are from the *Book of Common Worship* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2018) and *The Worship Sourcebook, Second Edition* (Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Faith Alive Christian Resources and Baker Books, 2013)

**Pray:** Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Sing or Listen:** Traditional: [Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?](#)

Contemporary: [Your Grace is Enough](#)

**Confess:** Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**Be:** Sit (or stand) in silence for one minute.

**Be Assured:** Hear these words of comfort from Peter's first letter: "He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed." In the Name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

**Read God's Word:**

**Psalm 116 1-4,12-19 (New Revised Standard Version)**

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.

You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

**Acts 2: 14a, 36-41(New Revised Standard Version)**

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them,

“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

**Listen to the Sermon:** [Cut to the Heart](#)

**Think or Discuss:** What does it mean to *be* a Christian? What does it mean to act as a Christian?

**Do:** Take a walk outside, alone if possible, and as you walk try to remember the first time you thought of yourself as a Christian. Was it as a child or when you were an adult? How has your life changed in the meantime? How has your idea of what it means to be a Christian changed?

**Pray:** Use this time to pray, silently, at first, and then for others who need your prayers.

Finally, pray the Lord’s Prayer. (Our Father...)

**Sing or Listen:** Traditional: [I Danced In The Morning](#)

Contemporary: [Heart of Worship](#)

**Bless and Be Blessed:** May the God of Peace and the Peace of God be with you always.

AFTER WORSHIP, OUR SERVICE BEGINS...

**Serve:** (Safely) Just as the early church did, sell something you own and use the proceeds to help a charity, a family member, or a friend who needs a little extra boost now.