

**Home Worship Liturgy    8/9/2020**

\*Opening Prayer (Have one person read this out loud)

Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

—Psalm 96:9

Songs of Praise and Hope<sup>1</sup> (The words to the songs have been provided below for singing or reflection. If you would like to sing along with a video or simply listen to the music, please either click on the link provided, look it up on Youtube, or play your own instrument if possible.)

**This is the Day**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXZwW0D2OZ4>**

This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made. REPEAT

**In Christ Alone**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16KYvflc2bE>**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied –  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

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There in the ground His body lay,  
 Light of the world by darkness slain:  
 Then bursting forth in glorious day  
 Up from the grave He rose again!  
 And as He stands in victory  
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
 For I am His and He is mine –  
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
 This is the power of Christ in me;  
 From life's first cry to final breath,  
 Jesus commands my destiny.  
 No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
 Can ever pluck me from His hand:  
 Till He returns or calls me home,  
 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

**Bible Text and Sermon** (To access the sermon video/audio and worship liturgy, please visit our website at [idealparkchurch.com](http://idealparkchurch.com) and click on the “**Current Sermon Series**” tab for August 2. This will be available Monday, August 3 From there, click on “**Watch Now**” or “**Read Now**”. Or it can be found on the Ideal Park Church You tube page after 12 PM on Sunday August 3.

**Message title: "Light in the Dark"                      Pastor Chris Bouma**

**Scripture: John 1:1-18**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome<sup>[a]</sup> it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup> (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and <sup>[b]</sup> is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

### **Sermon Outline**

In the beginning...

Two effects of darkness

- 1) Brokenness
- 2) Blindness to God

The darkness will not overcome

- The Word creates life (v.4)
- Gives the right to become children of God (v. 12)
- Grace upon grace (v. 16)

A new way to live

- Witnesses to the light
- Born of God

### **Discussion questions:**

- Read John 1:5. What does this mean for my life? The world?

- Read John 1:13 and 2 Corinthians 5:17. What is the "old" that is gone and the "new" that is here when we are born again?

- John witnessed to the world about the Word, the light, that is Jesus (Jn 1:6-8). How is God calling you to witness this week?

### **Prayers for our church, community, nation, and world (Read these as you feel led, either out loud or silently.)**

Heavenly Father, You alone are worthy of all worship and praise and we ask that the words of our mouth and the meditations of our hearts may be honoring and pleasing to You throughout this day, for You are a great and a faithful God.

Thank You that in Christ, we can come before Your throne of grace wherever we are and no matter what time it is, for in Him we can offer our prayers and supplications to You. What a blessing to know that Christ laid down His life for us, so that in Him we can lay our life before You, in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Lord, I want to be the person You would have me be and I thank You that Your faithfulness is new every morning. As I step out into this new day I ask that I am enabled through Christ to live out the events of my day, in a way that is acceptable to You.

Thank You for the many faithful and true promises that You have given to each of Your children. Guide us into all truth today, and we may walk in the way of righteousness to Your praise and glory. In Jesus name we pray,

Amen.

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**My Friends May You Grow in Grace** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6bfZFqHbjw>

My friends may you grow in grace And in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior  
My friends may you grow in grace And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ  
To God be the glory - Now and forever Now and forever Amen  
To God be the glory- Now and forever Now and forever Amen.

**Blessing: “The LORD bless you and keep you, the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26 (New International Version)**