



# **BCRC Family Worship Guide**

**February 8, 2026**

# Preparing for Morning Worship

This Sunday morning, Calvin Theological Seminary President Jul Medenblik will preach from the Gospel According to Matthew. Take some time to read and think about this text as we approach the preaching of God's Word.

## Matthew 12:15-21 (English Standard Version)

<sup>15</sup> Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all <sup>16</sup> and ordered them not to make him known. <sup>17</sup> This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

<sup>18</sup> "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen,  
my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased.

I will put my Spirit upon him,  
and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

<sup>19</sup> He will not quarrel or cry aloud,  
nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets;

<sup>20</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a smoldering wick he will not quench,  
until he brings justice to victory;

<sup>21</sup> and in his name the Gentiles will hope."



# Songs, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

*...Address one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord*

*Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

*Ephesians 5:19-21*

**We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer**

**Wonderful, Merciful Savior**

**Across the Lands**

**Beautiful Savior**

**Christus Victor**



## Approaching Worship

Before coming to God's house to hear His Word, prepare yourself and your family with prayer. The Puritans said we should dress our bodies for worship and our souls with prayer.

Pray for:

- *The conversion of sinners*
- *The edification of saints*
- *The glorification of God's triune name*
- *Listening ears and understanding hearts*
- *An outpouring of the Spirit's conviction, quickening, humbling, and comforting power to work through God's ordinances (Preaching, prayer, sacraments) in the fulfillment of His promises.*

-from "The Family at Church" by Joel R. Beeke

# Liturgy Focus

Prelude

Call to Worship

## Gathering Hymn

God's Greeting

Song of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Assurance

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Children's Blessing

Sermon

The Lord's Supper

Song of Response

Parting Words

Doxology

Postlude



The Gathering Hymn or Song is a response of the people who have been called into worship by the Living God through his Word (Call to Worship). The acts of worship can be viewed or understood as a conversation between God and His people. And it is important to remember our role in this relationship. We are in submission to Him, not the other way around. So, our response to God when he calls us into His presence is joyful obedience. The gathering hymn is the picture in the liturgy of God's people coming out of the world and into His Sanctuary. The text is often general praise to the triune God or of joining the throng of worshippers around the throne of God. "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee." "Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia, Amen." These are examples of songs that we sing in response to being called into worship. Singing is hard work! The act of singing takes a lot of effort and a lot of energy. Just ask a choir member! It takes work to learn a new song. It takes work to produce tone with your body. It takes work to sing and blend with your brothers and sisters around you. But this is an act of joyful obedience. The Psalms admonish us, "Sing to the Lord. Shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation (Psalm 95)." As we respond to God as we are called into worship, may we heed the words of John Wesley:

***Sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim to please him more than yourself, or any other creature.***

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## CATECHISM

# WEEKLY

## Lord's Day 5

### Q&A 12

**Q. According to God's righteous judgment we deserve punishment both in this world and forever after: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?**

**A. God requires that his justice be satisfied.<sup>1</sup> Therefore the claims of his justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or another.<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Ex. 23:7; Rom. 2:1-11

<sup>2</sup> Isa. 53:11; Rom. 8:3-4

### Q&A 13 Q.

**Can we pay this debt ourselves?**

**A. Certainly not.**

**Actually, we increase our guilt every day.<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Matt. 6:12; Rom. 2:4-5

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### Q&A 14

**Q. Can another creature—any at all—pay this debt for us?**

A. No.

To begin with,

God will not punish another creature for what a human is guilty of.<sup>1</sup>

Besides, no mere creature can bear the weight of God's eternal anger against sin and release others from it.<sup>2</sup>

1 Ezek. 18:4, 20; Heb. 2:14-18

2 Ps. 49:7-9; 130:3

### Q&A 15

**Q. What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?**

A. One who is truly human<sup>1</sup> and truly righteous,<sup>2</sup>

yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.<sup>3</sup>

1 Rom. 1:3; 1 Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:17

2 Isa. 53:9; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 7:26

3 Isa. 7:14; 9:6; Jer. 23:6; John 1:1