

## **WORSHIP AT HOME GUIDE – June 28, 2020**

### **Prelude:** *Be Thou My Vision*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word*

### **Opening Prayer: The Guest House, by Jellaludin Rumi (13<sup>th</sup> century poet and Sufi mystic)**

This being human is a guest house.  
Every morning a new arrival.  
A joy, a depression, a meanness,  
some momentary awareness comes  
as an unexpected visitor.  
Welcome and entertain them all!  
Even if they are a crowd of sorrows,  
who violently sweep your house  
empty of its furniture,  
still, treat each guest honorably.  
He may be clearing you out  
for some new delight.  
The dark thought, the shame, the malice.  
meet them at the door laughing and invite them in.  
Be grateful for whatever comes.  
because each has been sent  
as a guide from beyond.

### **Opening Hymn:** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* (National Hymn)

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the stary band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.
2. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

**Scripture:** Genesis 19:1-11, Matthew 10:40-42

### **Genesis 19 :1-11**

The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and bowed down with his face to the ground. <sup>2</sup> He said, “Please, my lords, turn aside to your servant’s house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you can rise early and go on your way.” They said, “No; we will spend the night in the square.” <sup>3</sup> But he urged them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. <sup>4</sup> But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house; <sup>5</sup> and they called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, so that we may know them.” <sup>6</sup> Lot went out of the door to the men, shut the door after him, <sup>7</sup> and said, “I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. <sup>8</sup> Look, I have two daughters who have not known a man; let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please; only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof.” <sup>9</sup> But they replied, “Stand back!” And they said, “This fellow came here as an alien, and he would play the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them.” Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near the door to break it down. <sup>10</sup> But the men inside reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. <sup>11</sup> And they struck with blindness the men who were at the door of the house, both small and great, so that they were unable to find the door.

### **Matthew 10:40-42**

<sup>40</sup> “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

### **Sermon:** Hospitality – The Practice of Our Faith

- Bedouin Hospitality – Reading Genesis through Middle Eastern Eyes
- Welcoming Jesus
- Welcoming the Prophet
- Welcoming the Righteous
- A Cup of Cold Water
- Jesus and...The Practice of Radical Hospitality

## **Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **Charge and Call to Action –**

Think of 3 ways you might practice hospitality this week. It's needed now more than ever.

If you are willing – email Pastor Kerra a story about a way you practiced your faith through hospitality.

## **Closing Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised**

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.
  
2. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.
  
3. O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still;  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.
  
4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

**Blessing – Psalm 84: 10-12 (The Message)**

One day spent in your house, this beautiful place of worship, beats thousands spent on Greek island beaches. I'd rather scrub floors in the house of my God than be honored as a guest in the palace of sin.

All sunshine and sovereign is God, generous in gifts and glory. God doesn't scrimp with God's traveling companions. It's smooth sailing all the way with God-of-the-Angel-Armies.

**Response:** Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Postlude: *My Country, 'Tis of Thee\**

*My country, 'tis of thee,*

*Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;*

*Land where my fathers died,*

*Land of the pilgrim's pride,*

*From every mountain side*

*Let freedom ring!*

*Our Father's God, to Thee,*

*Author of liberty, to Thee we sing;*

*Long may our land be bright*

*With freedom's holy light;*

*Protect us by Thy might,*

*Great God, our King.*

\*As in the Presbyterian Hymnal, 1990, #561

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