

## INTENTIONAL Worship Weekly

### **Understanding Worship:**

- Worship as a personal response to God.
- Worship as the collective gathering of the church.

### **What happens as we gather as church for worship?**

- God comes to us (word and sacraments).
- We minister to one another as the gathered people of God.
- We respond to God (prayer and praise).

### **Questions for reflection:**

- What stood out the most about our understanding of worship?
- How could you be more intentional about worship in your life?

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# GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

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## 1 Chronicles 16:23-34

<sup>23</sup> Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

<sup>24</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

<sup>25</sup> For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods.

<sup>26</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

<sup>27</sup> Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.

<sup>28</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

<sup>29</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;

<sup>30</sup> tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

<sup>31</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

<sup>32</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

<sup>33</sup> Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

<sup>34</sup> Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

## John 4:19-26

<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."