

# WORSHIP GUIDE: SUNDAY AM APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 — 10:15am

## *Worthy of Genuine Love*

**Welcome:** [Pastor Bernie]

- We return back to the book of Malachi. We've worked through the first 2 of 6 disputes and will take a look at the 3<sup>rd</sup> one today. In this third dispute, we see that God has an issue with Judah. Judah has been faithless toward God. We will consider how God calls them back to genuine faithfulness.
- Therefore, today in our service we will remind ourselves how He is worthy of genuine love and faithfulness.

### **WORTHINESS OF WORSHIP**

**Opening Scripture Call to Worship:** Ps 147:1-5 [Pastor Bernie]

*Praise the Lord!*

*For it is good to sing praises to our God;*

*for it is pleasant,<sup>[a]</sup> and a song of praise is fitting.*

<sup>2</sup> *The Lord builds up Jerusalem;*

*he gathers the outcasts of Israel.*

<sup>3</sup> *He heals the brokenhearted*

*and binds up their wounds.*

<sup>4</sup> *He determines the number of the stars;*

*he gives to all of them their names.*

<sup>5</sup> *Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;*

*his understanding is beyond measure.*

<sup>6</sup> *The Lord lifts up the humble;<sup>[b]</sup>*

*he casts the wicked to the ground.*

**Congregational Song:** To You Alone

Let us join our hearts together

And give thanks in one accord.

We would glorify the Father

And give praise to Christ, our Lord.

O, indwelling Holy Spirit,

Guide our thoughts and tongues we pray,

For our pride and selfish vanity

too often cloud our praise.

*To You alone we sing today;*

*To You alone our prayers we raise.*

*To You alone we give the glory,  
For You alone, Lord, are worthy of our praise.*

O, what joy there is in knowing  
Jesus Christ is lord of all,  
That each step in my life's journey  
Is in answer to His call  
In the cheerful meditation  
that His blood has ransomed me,  
I find hope and reassurance  
His plan is best for me.

*To You alone we sing today;  
To You alone our prayers we raise.  
To You alone we give the glory,  
For You alone, Lord, are worthy of our praise.*

**Prayer of thanks for His worthy character** [Pastor Joel]

**Congregational Song:** Worthy of Worship

Worthy of worship worthy of praise  
Worthy of honor and glory  
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing  
Worthy of all of the off'rings we bring

*You are worthy, Father Creator  
You are worthy, Savior Sustainer  
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful  
Worthy of worship and praise*

Worthy of rev'rence worthy of fear  
Worthy of love and devotion  
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees  
Worthy of all this and added to these

*You are worthy, Father Creator  
You are worthy, Savior Sustainer  
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful  
Worthy of worship and praise*

Almighty Father Master and Lord  
King of all kings and Redeemer

Wonderful Counselor Comforter Friend  
Savior and Source of our life without end

*You are worthy, Father Creator  
You are worthy, Savior Sustainer  
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful  
Worthy of worship and praise*

## **GENUINE LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS**

**Scripture:** Luke 21:1-4 [Mark Swedeen]

*Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box,<sup>2</sup> and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins.<sup>[b]</sup><sup>3</sup> And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them.<sup>4</sup> For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."*

**Prayer:** of thanks and commitment to give out of genuine love for Him: [Mark Swedeen]

**Congregational Song:** O Church Arise

O Church Arise and put your armor on  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle-cry is Love  
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valor  
When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died  
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet

For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from the grave  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride  
Give grace for every hurdle  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory

### **Children 3-K5 dismissed**

**Message:** Malachi 2:10-16 [Pastor Steve]

*<sup>10</sup> Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why then are we faithless to one another, profaning the covenant of our fathers?<sup>11</sup> Judah has been faithless, and abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem. For Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the Lord, which he loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god. <sup>12</sup> May the Lord cut off from the tents of Jacob any descendant<sup>[e]</sup> of the man who does this, who brings an offering to the Lord of hosts!*

*<sup>13</sup> And this second thing you do. You cover the Lord's altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. <sup>14</sup> But you say, "Why does he not?" Because the Lord was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. <sup>15</sup> Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union?<sup>[f]</sup> And what was the one God<sup>[g]</sup> seeking?<sup>[h]</sup> Godly offspring. So guard yourselves<sup>[i]</sup> in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth. <sup>16</sup> "For the man who does not love his wife but divorces her,<sup>[j]</sup> says the Lord, the God of Israel, covers<sup>[k]</sup> his garment with violence, says the Lord of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless."*

**Congregational Response:** Song of Meditation [Piano plays while congregation has a time of personal prayer]

**Closing Announcements:** [Pastor Bernie]

- Thanks for help from congregation with the school play

- Teacher Appreciation Week for SFCS – May 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>
- Baccalaureate, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm
- Summer in-home fellowships – Sign up by today, April 30<sup>th</sup> if you desire to host or lead a study. Remember that you could commit to 1 or both of the 6-week sections.