

Dear Congregation,

Below is this week's home worship guide. It has been created for general use— but especially for those who cannot attend worship services in person. Links are provided for suggested worship hymns, and for the morning sermon.

Note that the Worship Guide is now being published **Sunday** afternoon. The sermon was recorded during the worship service in our sanctuary this morning.

## Sunday, August 09, 2020

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 98:7—9

<sup>[7]</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who dwell in it!

<sup>[8]</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands;  
let the hills sing for joy together

<sup>[9]</sup> before the LORD, for he comes  
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity. (ESV)

**Opening Prayer:** Almighty God, our Father, our refuge, and fortress of salvation. To You we come to give praise. For You are unchanging in Your love, from which You have poured out grace and mercy to us through Jesus, who is Lord of all. Grant us hearts be filled with joy and expectation of the hope You have provided. In the name of Jesus our Savior we pray. Amen.

**Songs for Worship:** Titles & Links Below

***O How I Love Jesus***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w1wMBD6SXVE>

***A Mighty Fortress is Our God***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=evO6rejRSul>

**Scripture Reading:** Jeremiah 22:1—5

<sup>[1]</sup> Thus says the LORD: "Go down to the house of the king of Judah and speak there this word, <sup>[2]</sup> and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, who sits on the throne of David, you, and your servants, and your people who enter these gates. <sup>[3]</sup> Thus says the LORD: Do justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place. <sup>[4]</sup> For if you will indeed obey this word, then there shall enter the gates of this house kings who sit on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they and their servants and their people. <sup>[5]</sup> But if you will not obey these words, I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that this house shall become a desolation. (ESV)

**Sermon**

***Dealing with Injustice***

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<http://www.atticapres.org/Sermons/2020-08-09.mp3>

**Sermon Text**

Acts 25:1—12

<sup>[1]</sup> Now three days after Festus had arrived in the province, he went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea. <sup>[2]</sup> And the chief priests and the principal men of the Jews laid out their case against

Paul, and they urged him, <sup>[3]</sup> asking as a favor against Paul that he summon him to Jerusalem—because they were planning an ambush to kill him on the way. <sup>[4]</sup> Festus replied that Paul was being kept at Caesarea and that he himself intended to go there shortly. <sup>[5]</sup> “So,” said he, “let the men of authority among you go down with me, and if there is anything wrong about the man, let them bring charges against him.”

<sup>[6]</sup> After he stayed among them not more than eight or ten days, he went down to Caesarea. And the next day he took his seat on the tribunal and ordered Paul to be brought. <sup>[7]</sup> When he had arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many and serious charges against him that they could not prove. <sup>[8]</sup> Paul argued in his defense, “Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I committed any offense.” <sup>[9]</sup> But Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, said to Paul, “Do you wish to go up to Jerusalem and there be tried on these charges before me?” <sup>[10]</sup> But Paul said, “I am standing before Caesar’s tribunal, where I ought to be tried. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you yourself know very well. <sup>[11]</sup> If then I am a wrongdoer and have committed anything for which I deserve to die, I do not seek to escape death. But if there is nothing to their charges against me, no one can give me up to them. I appeal to Caesar.” <sup>[12]</sup> Then Festus, when he had conferred with his council, answered, “To Caesar you have appealed; to Caesar you shall go.” (ESV)

**Benediction:** Jude 24—25

<sup>[24]</sup> Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>[25]</sup> to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

Amen. (ESV)

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