



**THE  
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WORSHIP LEAFLETS**

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# PRESENT WORD

## W O R S H I P   L E A F L E T

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 119:149–152)

*Leader:* In your steadfast love hear my voice; O Lord, in your justice preserve my life.

**All: Those who persecute me with evil purpose draw near; they are far from your law.**

*Leader:* Yet you are near, O Lord, and all your commandments are true.

**All: Long ago I learned from your decrees, that you have established them forever. Thanks be to God!**

### HYMN: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

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When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.<sup>1</sup>

**SCRIPTURE READING:** *Josh. 1:1–11, 16–17 (To be read from the reverse side, responsively or in unison.)*

### OPENING PRAYER

*Leader:* Blessed God, you promise never to fail or forsake us and command us not to fear. We

will not fear life or death, things above or below, for your love prevails against all. We will go where you lead us, having courage through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend.

**All: Amen.**

### CONFESSION

**All: Holy God, your Spirit upholds and guides us. Your love gives us breath, yet we take you for granted and do not live as confident disciples. We are timid in the face of bigotry, cowardly before injustice, and turn from those who suffer. We know your law but veer away, unable to follow Jesus' path. We are quick to despair and slow to grasp the power of your love to transform. Forgive us and give us courage to be bold, just, and joyous, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

*Leader:* Christ is with us, as he promised. If we abide in Christ, Christ dwells in us.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

### HYMN: "How Firm a Foundation"

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.<sup>2</sup>

### BENEDICTION

*Leader:* The merciful God is with us. Every moment, closer than breathing, Everywhere, before and behind, Evermore, through Christ and the Holy Spirit: One God, jubilant and kind!

**All: Amen!**

1. The Cyber Hymnal, [www.cyberhymnal.org](http://www.cyberhymnal.org).  
2. The Cyber Hymnal, [www.cyberhymnal.org](http://www.cyberhymnal.org).

## JOSHUA: A LEADER FOR THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING FOR TODAY: Joshua 1:1–11, 16–17

**1:1** After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying,

**2**“My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites.

**3**Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses.

**4**From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory.

**5**No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.

**6**Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them.

**7**Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go.

**8**This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful.

**9**I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

**10**Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people,

**11**“Pass through the camp, and command the people: ‘Prepare your provisions; for in three days you are to cross over the Jordan, to go in to take possession of the land that the LORD your God gives you to possess.’ ”. . .

**16**They answered Joshua: “All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.

**17**Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so we will obey you. Only may the LORD your God be with you, as he was with Moses!

**A VERSE TO REMEMBER:** “I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”  
(*Josh. 1:9*)

**FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Gideon: A Deliverer for the People (*Judg. 6—8*)