

Reclaiming the Family Hearth

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We hear much about the family these days. Its disintegration is being blamed for many social ills in our country. But blaming rarely helps to heal what hurts. Yes, families are breaking down today. Yes, social problems can be traced to the family. The question needs to be, “How can families be strengthened and made whole?”

The answer may lie in part in reclaiming the family hearth. Many of us forget that families existed before the church or synagogue. The first altar around which primitive people worshipped was the hearth with its open fire burning in the center of the home. Later this center moved to the table where meals were celebrated. It was around the hearth and the table that the stories and events of the family were remembered. The mothers and fathers were the spiritual leaders of the home, fulfilling a priestly role in the family. They held the power of blessing long before the rise of a temple or church. Even when temples were established the home was still considered to be the primary place of worship. And in each home there was a central, sacred place for prayer.

Part of the strength that binds a family together is linked with this notion of the family hearth. There is truth in the old saying, “The family who prays together, stays together.” But prayer is much more than what we say to God. Prayer is learning to be attentive to the stream of God’s love which flows through us all. For prayer to be a positive reality in families it must be nurtured in joyful, fun ways from earliest childhood.

The most obvious idea which can help families reclaim the hearth is to make a worship center in the home. Choose a small table to be your “hearth” or “altar.” Light a candle and decorate it with items that remind you of God and creation. Ask children to read a favorite verse or story from the Bible. Sing songs of faith. Join hands in a circle for a brief prayer each morning or night. Look at old family albums or movies together, remembering stories from the past. Have family meetings where children and parents can share concerns and work out conflicts.

Families do not have to allow themselves to be swept away by the current of mainstream society. We do have choices. We can strengthen our families but only by paying attention to the spiritual formation God desires for all of us. It is not the church synagogue, but the family which is the primary center in which God shapes and forms us. We can reclaim the family hearth with simple and brief, but regular spiritual practices.

Family Worship

Explained

Introduction

This worship booklet was written to help families at St. John United Methodist, Anchorage, Alaska, hold brief services of worship while they are enjoying the outdoors. Winters are long and cold and dark in Alaska. To help us cope we need our summers to fish, camp, bike, and hike and soak up the beauty of God's creation. My personal goal each summer is to spend so much time outside that I get tired of all the green by late August. If this goal is not reached I can be found camping in September until I do!

I truly believe that the family is the primary place where God shapes and forms us into God's image. Faith is transmitted to children not so much by parents taking them to church, but by being the church at home. This resource is one way for families to begin a practice of home worship. The following is a simple order of worship families can use to help them experience the love of God together.

Lighting of the Candle – Children will love to light a candle. You might even have a candle for each child to light which may help avoid squabbles. You also may consider building a family worship center, a special place for the candles, cross, and Bible. If you are camping you can ask kids to decorate the worship center with items found in nature.

Song – Ask family members to choose a song prior to the worship. If no musical instrument is available try to select a song that is easy to sing without accompaniment. You might also consider asking family members to play a song on the recorder or other instrument.

Scripture – If young children want to read the scripture selections they may want to read from their own Bible. If not, a family Bible can be used.

Order of the Cross – Ask children to make a cross. The Order of the Cross is a time to pass the cross around to every family member. The rule is that when the cross is in a person's hands, every other member must be quiet and listen while they share any joys or concerns they may have. Families can be asked to share how they experienced God in their day.

Prayer – You are encouraged to join hands in a prayer circle and ask everyone to share a prayer. If someone cannot think of anything to say out loud they can say, "Thank you, God." If this doesn't work for your family you may want to ask someone to read the printed prayer.

The Peace – This is a simple time when everyone hugs everyone else in the family. Other expressions of love and peace may be shared as well. After the prayer the worship leader can say, "Let us offer one another hugs as a sign of God's love and peace."

Extinguishing the Candle – The worship service is over when the candles are extinguished. Depending on the number of people present and their ages this simple service will only take 5-10 minutes.

Family Worship
Theme: God's Grace

Lighting of the Candles

Song

Scripture John 1:14-18

Order of the Cross

Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for your free gift of love to us which is your grace. Help us to share this love with members of our own family and with those who are teased and ridiculed and mistreated. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Peace

Let us offer one another hugs as a sign of God's love and peace.

Extinguishing the Candles

Family Worship
Theme: Love

Lighting of the Candles

Song

Scripture 1 John 4:16-21

Order of the Cross

Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for your love for us. Sometimes we forget that you love us and we fail to love one another. Help us to sense your love right now and may we show your love to others. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Peace

Let us offer one another hugs as a sign of God's love and peace.

Extinguishing the Candles

Family Worship
Theme: Forgiveness

Lighting of the Candles

Song

Scripture Luke 7: 36-50

Order of the Cross

Prayer

Forgiving God, we confess that we have said and done things to hurt one another. Thank you for Jesus who makes forgiveness possible. Help us to soften our hearts that we may forgive one another and live in your love. Amen.

The Peace

Let us offer one another hugs as a sign of God's love and peace.

Extinguishing the Candles

Family Worship
Theme: Inner Peace

Lighting of the Candles

Song

Scripture Philippians 4: 4-7

Order of the Cross

Prayer

God of peace, there are times when we do not live with your peace in our hearts. Instead there is chaos and turmoil. Even though there may be storms around us may we allow your inner peace to calm our hearts. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Let us offer one another hugs as a sign of God's love and peace.

Extinguishing the Candles

***Family Worship
Theme: Conflict***

Lighting of the Candles

Song

Scripture Matthew 5:1-12

Order of the Cross

Prayer

Dear God, sometimes we are afraid of disagreement and conflict. Help us to know that conflict is a natural part of being human. Help us to know that we cannot please everyone. May we always be open to your guidance so that we take responsibility for our own words and actions. In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Peace

Let us offer one another hugs as a sign of God's love and peace.

Extinguishing the Candles

Family Worship
Theme: Patience

Lighting of the Candles

Song

Scripture Galatians 5:22-23

Order of the Cross

Prayer

Patient God, we confess that we are often impatient. We want things now. We want life to go our way. And sometimes we get grumpy with our family. Forgive us, God, and give us your spirit of patience and the ability to wait for things to happen in your time. Amen.

The Peace

Let us offer one another hugs as a sign of God's love and peace.

Extinguishing the Candles

Family Worship
Theme: God's Creation

Lighting of the Candles

Song

Scripture Genesis 1:1-31 or portions

Order of the Cross

Prayer

Creative God, we are often in awe of the beauty and majesty of your creation. Thank you for the water that fills the lakes and rushes down mountainsides and showers us from the sky. Thank you for the sun that warms our skin and helps the earth become green. Thank you for the animals, even the ones we don't like, who share the forests with us. And help us to take care of your creation at all times. Amen.

The Peace

Let us offer one another hugs as a sign of God's love and peace.

Extinguishing the Candles

Family Worship
Theme: Prayer

Lighting of the Candles

Song

Scripture Matthew 5: 5-13

Order of the Cross

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Peace

Let us offer one another hugs as a sign of God's love and peace.

Extinguishing the Candles

Family Worship
Theme: Joy

Lighting of the Candles

Song

Scripture Luke 2:8-14

Order of the Cross

Prayer

God of joy, we thank you that you make joy possible in our hearts. We often confuse joy with happiness. Help us to know your joy even if life is not going the way we want. And may we be aware today of the beauty around us and the opportunity to be joyful. Amen.

The Peace

Let us offer one another hugs as a sign of God's love and peace.

Extinguishing the Candles

Family Worship
Theme: Thanksgiving

Lighting of the Candles

Song

Scripture Colossians 3:12-17

Order of the Cross

Prayer

Dear God, we thank you for this day and our family. Thank you for the many ways your love is shown to and through us. Give us grateful hearts for the simple gifts of life: for health, for shelter, for food, for friends and family. Help us to appreciate what we have and share with others in need. Amen.

The Peace

Let us offer one another hugs as a sign of God's love and peace.

Extinguishing the Candles

Family Worship
Theme: Listening

Lighting of the Candles

Song

Scripture Psalm 46:10

Order of the Cross

Prayer

Listening God, we thank you that you listen to our prayers. Help us to listen to you in our prayers. Give us the strength to be still and know that you are our God. And help us to listen to your voice in nature, through life's experiences, and through the words of others. In Christ's name. Amen.

The Peace

Let us offer one another hugs as a sign of God's love and peace.

Extinguishing the Candles

Family Worship
Theme: Gentleness

Lighting of the Candles

Song

Scripture Titus 3:1-2

Order of the Cross

Prayer

Gentle God, we want to be gentle in our relationships with others, but sometimes we yell. Sometimes we are loud and not very gentle. Forgive us and help us to speak softly even when we are angry. In your name, we pray. Amen.

The Peace

Let us offer one another hugs as a sign of God's love and peace.

Extinguishing the Candles

Family Worship
Theme: Self-Control

Lighting of the Candles

Song

Scripture Galatians 5:22-23

Order of the Cross

Prayer

Dear God, we offer you our praise this day. Thank you for your love which surrounds us with beauty. Help us to learn the lesson of restraining our whims and desires. Give us the strength to discipline ourselves so we may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Let us offer one another hugs as a sign of God's love and peace.

Extinguishing the Candles

SONGS OF FAITH AND FUN

AIN'T IT GRAND

Ain't it grand to be a Christian, ain't it grand. (Repeat) On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and ALL DAY SUNDAY! Ain't it grand to be a Christian, ain't it grand?

BLIND MAN

Blind man stood on the road & cried (3x)
Show...Show me the way. (2x)

Leper stood on the road & cried (3x)
Show...Show me the way. (2x)

Jesus stood on the road & cried (3x)
I...I am the way (2x) JESUS!

FILL MY CUP/AMAZING GRACE

Chorus: Fill my cup, let it overflow (3x)
Let it overflow with love

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved someone like me!
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind, but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

FATHER, WE ADORE YOU

Father, we adore you. Lay our lives before you. How we love you.

Jesus, we adore you. Lay our lives before you. How we love you.

Spirit, we adore you. Lay our lives before you. How we love you.

I AM A C

I am a C, I am a CH, I am a CHRISTIAN. & I have CHRIST in my HEART & I will LIVE ETERNALLY

HALLELU, PRAISE YE THE LORD

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah,
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord! Praise ye the Lord,
Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! PRAISE YE THE LORD!

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD

He's got the whole world in his hands. (4x)
He's got you and me, brother...
He's got you and me, sister...

IT'S A HAPPY DAY

It's a happy day and I thank God for the weather. It's a happy day and I'm living it for my Lord. It's a happy day and things are gonna get better; living each day by the promises in God's word.

I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean...

I've got joy like a fountain...

JOY IN MY HEART

I have the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. Down in my heart, down in my heart. I have the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, Down in my heart to stay.

Chorus: And I'm so happy, so very happy. I have the love of Jesus in my heart. I'm so happy, so very happy. I have the love of Jesus in my heart.

I have the peace that passeth understanding...

I have the love of Jesus Christ, my Savior...

I have the wonderful love of the Blessed Redeemer way down in the depths of my heart...

PASS IT ON

It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing. That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it, you spread his love to everyone, you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding. The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming. That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it. You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found. You can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want the world to know, the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

GOD IS SO GOOD

God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, God's so good to me.

God answers prayer...

I'll do God's will...

LOVE ROUND

Love, love, love, love

The gospel in a word is love.

Love your neighbor as your brother,

Love, Love, Love.

Love, love, love, love

The gospel in a word is love.

Love your neighbor as your brother,

Love, Love, Love.

Jesus, Jesus

Let us tell you how we feel,

You have given us your Spirit,

We love you so.

I LOVE YOU

I love you! I love you! And it doesn't really matter if you love me cause I love you!

KUM BA YAH

Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah. (3x)

O, Lord, Kum ba yah!

Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah.(3x)

O, Lord, Kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord...

Someone's praying, Lord...

Come by here, my Lord...

REJOICE IN THE LORD

Rejoice in the Lord, always, again I say rejoice. Rejoice in the Lord, always, again I say rejoice. Rejoice, Rejoice! Again I say, Rejoice! Rejoice, Rejoice! Again I say, Rejoice! Rejoice in the Lord, always, again I say REJOICE!!

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I will praise God, Alleluia! (4x)

Jesus loves us, Alleluia! (4x)

Lord, we love you, Alleluia! (4x)

DO LORD

Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me (3x)

Away beyond the blues.

I've got a home in glory land that out shines the sun. (3x)

I took Jesus as my Savior you can take him too.(3x)

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,

Bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun,

And hold you in the palm of God's hand.

JOHNNY APPLESEED SONG

Oh, the Lord is good to me

And so I praise the Lord

For giving me the things I need

The sun and the rain and the appleseeds

The Lord is good to me.

WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Chorus:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, We will walk with each, we will walk hand in hand. And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side, We will work with each other, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son, And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

IN GOD'S TIME

In God's time, in God's time. God makes all things beautiful in God's time.
Lord, please show me every day,
As you're teaching me your way,
That you do just what you say, in your time.

In your time, in your time. You make all things beautiful in your time.
Lord, my life to you I bring,
May each song I have to sing,
Be to you a lovely thing, in your time.

HUMBLE THYSELF

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.(4x)
And he shall lift you up.
And he shall lift you up.

Amazing grace how sweet the sound. (4x)
That saved someone like me.
That saved someone like me.

I once was lost but now am found. (4x)
Was blind but now I see.
Was blind but now I see.

SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first, the kingdom of God, and his righteousness. And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find. Knock and it shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

JESUS IS THE ROCK 'N HE ROLLS MY BLUES AWAY

Chorus: Jesus is the Rock 'n he rolls my blues away-3x

When you're out on the street
And you really feel down and low
When you're out on the street
And there's no place to go
When you out on the street
Well, Jesus gonna save your soul, cause...

When you wake up in the morning
And the sky ain't bright and blue
When you wake up in the morning
And the big world's after you
When you wake up in the morning
Jesus gonna pull you through, cause...

When you look in the mirror
And your face causes it to crack
When you're through with your day
And you feel like you've been attacked
Well, Jesus gonna love you
And Baby, now that's a fact, cause...

AH, LA, LA, LA

A-la, la la, la...la, la, la, le, lu, jah
A-la, la, la, la...la, la, le, lu, jah
A-la, la, la, la..la, la, la, le, lu, jah
A-la, la, la, la...la, la, la...le, lu, jah

Shake a neighbor's hand, shake a hand next to ya, Shake a neighbor's hand, A-la, le, lu, jah
Shake a neighbor's hand, shake a hand next to ya, Shake a neighbor's hand..a-la, le, lu, jah
Tweek a friends cheek tweek a cheek next to ya

Bamboo

Chorus: River, she come down, River, she come down.

You take a stick of bamboo (3x)
You throw it in the water, Ah-ah, ah-ah, Hanna.

You travel on the river (3x)
You travel on the water, Ah-ah, ah-ah, Hanna.

My home's across the river, (3x)
My home's across the water, Ah-ah, ah-ah, Hanna.

JESUS IN THE MORNING

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus at the noontime, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down.

Love him...
Serve him...
Praise him...

MORNING HAS BROKEN

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where its feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

SWING LOW

Chorus: Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home.

1. I looked over Jordan & what did I see,
Coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels lookin out for me.
Coming for to carry me home.

2. If you get there before I do
Coming for to carry me home,
Tell all my friends that I'm a coming too
Coming for to carry me home.

3. I'm sometimes up and sometimes down
Coming for to carry me home,
But still my soul is glory bound
Coming for to carry me home.

HIS BANNER OVER ME IS LOVE

In Christ I am a new creation
His banner over me is love. (3x)

He fills me full of holy joy...

Jesus is the rock of my salvation...

He calls us to his faith community...

He builds his Church on a firm foundation

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the Light of His glory and grace.

LORD OF THE DANCE

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun, And I danced in the moon & the stars & the sun
And I came down from heaven & I danced on the earth, At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Chorus: Dance then wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance said he.

2. I danced for the scribe & the Pharisee
But they would not dance & they would not follow me. I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on.

3. I danced on the Sabbath & I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame
They whipped & they stripped & they hung me high. And they left me there on a cross to die

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black. It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone...But I am the dance and I still go on.

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high
I am the life that will never, never die
I'll live in you if you'll live in me
I am the Lord of the Dance said he.

GRANDMA'S FEATHER BED

When I was a little bitty boy just up off the floor, We used to go to Grandma's house every month end
or so, We'd chicken pie and country ham 'n homemade butter on the bread, But the best darn thing
about Grandma's house was her great big feather bed.

chorus: It was nine feet tall and six feet wide, soft as a downy chick (CHEEP, CHEEP) It was made
from the feathers of forty 'leven geese, took a whole bolt of cloth for the tick (TOCK) It'd hold eight
kids 'n four hound dogs & a piggy we stole from the shed. (OINK OINK) Didn't get much sleep but we
had alot of fun on Grandma's feather bed.

After supper we'd sit around the fire, the old folks'd spit and chew, Pa would talk about the farm and
the war, Granny'd sing a ballad or two. I'd sit and listen and watch the fire till the cobwebs filled my
head, Next thing I'd know I'd wake up in the morning in the middle of the old feather bed.

Well, I love my Ma, I love my Pa, I love Granny & Grandpa too, I been fishin with my uncle, I rassled
with my cousin, I even kissed Aunt Lou (OOOOO!) But if I ever had to make a choice, I guess it ough-
a be said that I'd trade them all plus the gal down the road for Grandma's feather bed.

MICHAEL

Chorus: Michael row the boat ashore, Alleluia. (2x)

Sister help to trim the sail. (2x)

River Jordan is chilly and cold. (2x)

The river is deep & the river is wide-
Milk and honey on the other side.

PHAROAH, PHAROAH

Chorus: Pharoah, Pharoah, OOOH, Baby, Let my people go! UHHH! Yeah, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah
I said, Pharoah, Pharoah, OOOH, Baby, Let my people go! UHHH! Yeah, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah.

Well a burning bush told me just the other day
That I should come over here and stay
Gotta get my people outta Pharoah's hand
And lead them all to the promised land, I said

Well-a me 'n God's people coming to the Red Sea, And Pharoah's army coming after me
I raised my rod and stuck it in the sand
All of God's people walked across dry land,
I said...

Well-a Pharoah's army is a coming too
So what do you think that I did do
I raised my rod and I cleared my throat
And all of Pharoah's army did the dead man's float, I said...

Spirit Song

1. O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Chorus: Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

2. O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain, and you=ll enter into life in Jesus= name.

LORD BE GLORIFIED

In my Life Lord be glorified, be glorified
In my Life Lord be glorified Today

In my Song Lord be glorified, be glorified
In my Song Lord be glorified Today

In your church Lord be glorified, be glorified
In our church Lord be glorified Today

(Make up your own)

DAY BY DAY

Day by day, Day by day
Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray.
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly day by day, day by day.

I'M GONNA SING

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says "Sing,"
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says "Sing,"
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says "Sing,"
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I'm gonna Shout.....
I'm gonna Preach.....
I'm gonna Pray.....
I'm gonna Sing.....

AMEN

Chorus: A-men, A-men, A-men, A-men, A-men, Hallelujah!

See the baby...Sleepin in the manger...
On Christmas morning.

See him at the temple...talkin to the elders..
Who marvelled at his wisdom.

See him at the seaside...preaching & healing..
To the blind and feeble.

See him in the garden...prayin to his Father.. In deepest sorrow.

Yes, he is our Savior...Jesus died to save us, And he rose on Easter.

Hallelujah...in the kingdom...with our Savior.

PRAISE FOR BREAD

(Morning)
(Noontime)
(Evening) has come, the board is spread;
Thanks be to God who giveth bread;
Praise God for bread.

BLESS THIS HOUSE Tune: Edelweiss

Bless this house, bless this food.
Come O Lord and sit with us.
May our hearts flow with peace.
Come with your love and surround us.
Friendship and peace may they bloom and grow,
Bloom and grow forever.
Bless our friends, bless our food.
Bless all your kind forever.

GRACE SONG

Be present at our table, Lord,
Be here and everywhere adored;
These mercies bless, and grant that we
May live and work today with Thee.

I LOVE THE MOUNTAINS

I love the mountains, I love the rolling hills,
I love the flowers, I love the daffodils;
I love the fireside when all the lights are low.
Boom-dee-ah-da, Boom-dee-ah-da, Boom-dee-ah-da.

FOR HEALTH AND STRENGTH

For health and strength and daily food we praise Thy name, O Lord.

I'LL FLY AWAY

CHORUS I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by I'll Fly away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away, To a home on God's
celestial shore, I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have grown,
I'll fly away,
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days, and then
I'll fly away,
To a land where joys shall never end,
I'll fly away.

TALLIS' CANON

All praise to Thee, my God this night, For all the blessings of the light; Keep me, oh, keep me, King of Kings, Beneath Thine own Almighty wings.

SARASPONDA

girls: Sarasponda, Sarasponda,
boys: Boomda, Boomda, Boomda, Boomda, Boomda, Boomda,

Sarasponda, Ret-set-set!
Boomda, Boomda, Boomda.

Ah-do-ray-oh! Ah-do-ray-boom-day-oh! Ah-do-ray-
boom-day-ret-set-set! Aw-say-paw-say-oh!

I Will Call Upon the Lord

I will call upon the Lord
Who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies.

The Lord liveth (clap) And blessed be my rock, (clap, clap)
The God of salvation be exalted. (Repeat)

Thy Word

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path (repeat)

When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end.

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus, be my guide
And Hold me to Your side
And I will love You to the end.

WE ARE THE CHURCH

CHORUS

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, All around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building, The church is not a steeple, The church is not a resting place, The church is a people.

We're many kinds of people. With many kinds of faces,
All colors and all ages, too. From all times and faces.

Sometimes the church is marching,
Sometimes it's bravely burning,
Sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, Always learning:

And when the people gather, There's singing and there's praying. There's laughing and there's crying sometimes, All of it saying:

At Pentecost some people Receive the Holy Spirit.
And told the Good News thru the world
To all who could hear it:

I count if I am 90, or 9 or just a baby;
There's one thing I am sure about
And I don't mean maybe:

Grin Again Gang

Grin again gang, get gung ho about Jesus.
Smile sweetly Susan so you send Satan sadly away.
Buck up brother Bill because a bunch of bitter
boys became a bunch of better boys behind a big, big smile.
Grin again gang, get gung ho about Jesus.

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bucket, NO! I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Share this light with others too, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shine Jesus Shine

Lord the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the World, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Chorus: Shine Jesus shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow river flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.

Lord I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance.
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world
Red and yellow, black and white
They are precious in his sight
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

It's You

It's you, it's you, it's you that makes the world go round. (3x)
It's you that makes the world go round.

So pass it on, God's love is free for everyone (3x)
God's love is free for everyone.

Come! Come! Everybody Worship!

Come! Come! Everybody worship with a prayer or song of praise!
Come! Come! Everybody worship! Worship God always!

Love the Lord Your God

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.
Love the Lord your God with all your mind,
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

EI Shaddai

EI Shaddai, EI Shaddai
EI El-yon-na A-do-nai
Age to age You're still the same
by the power of Your name;
EI Shaddai, EI Shaddai
er-kam-ka-na A-do-nai
We will praise and lift You high,
EI Shaddai

Through Your love and through the ram
You saved the son of Abraham
Through the power of Your hand
You turned the sea into dry land;
To the outcast on her knees
You were the God who really sees,
And by Your might You set Your children free

Chorus

Through the years You made it clear
That the time of Christ was near,
Though the people couldn't see what Messiah ought to be;
Though the word contained the plan,
They just could not understand;
Your most awesome work was done
Through the frailty of Your Son

Chorus

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Part 1: What does the Lord require of you, what does the Lord require of you?

Part 2: Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God

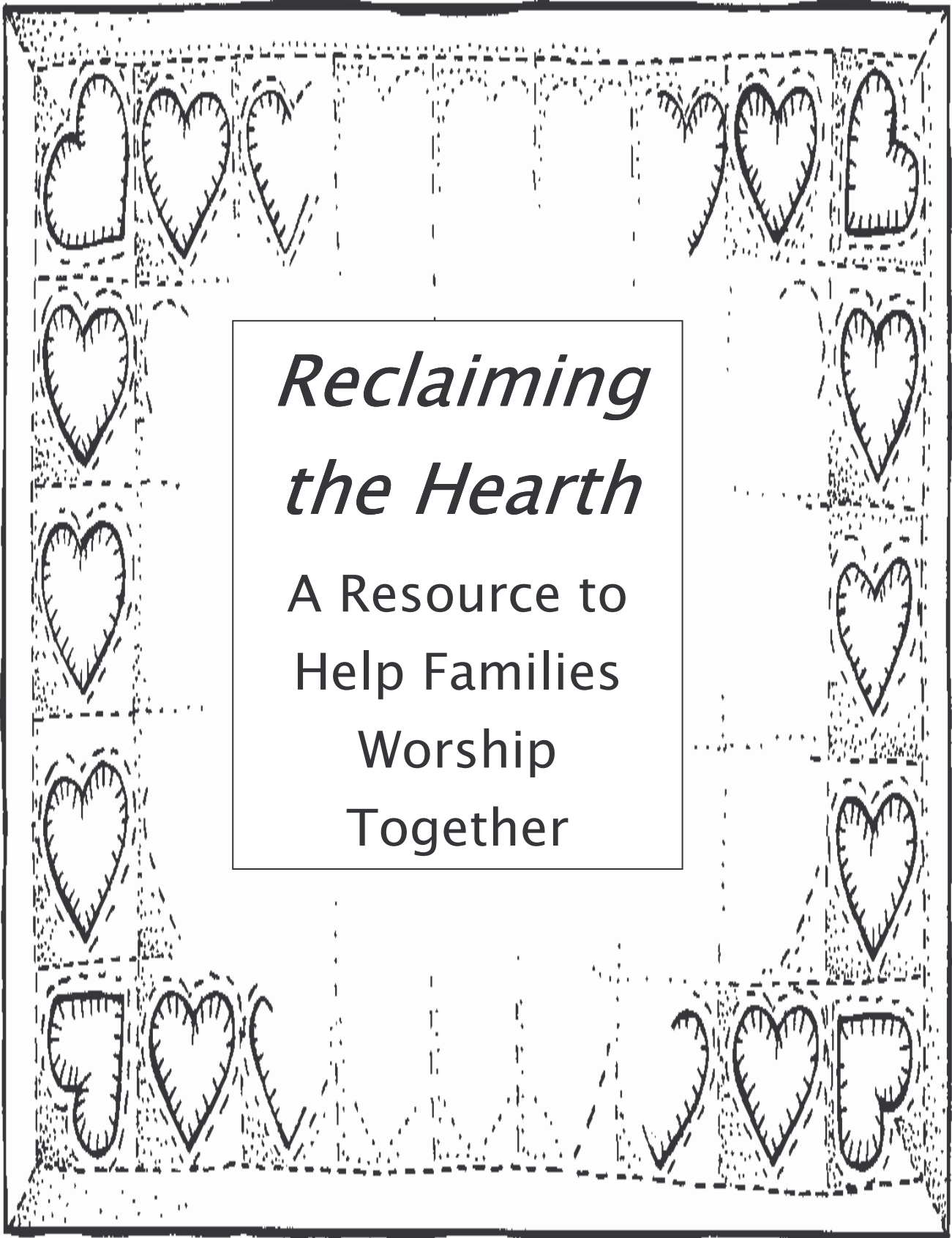
Part 3: To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

Holy is the Lord

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord
Give him glory evermore
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord

Table Grace (To tune of "Freely, Freely") written by David Beckett

We are gathered here as family
Joining hands in love we offer thee
Our thanks, O Lord, for daily food
From the earth and sea, your gifts are good.



*Reclaiming
the Hearth*

A Resource to
Help Families
Worship
Together