

# Lighthouse Worship

The Chains of Love

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- **Opening Prayer**

Take a few moments in silence and repentance before the Lord. Then welcome Him to move in your presence together. The Lord has something for each person today. May we hear His voice and step into His call.

- **Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 27:1, 13-14** The LORD is my light and my salvation-- so why should I be afraid? The LORD is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?...<sup>13</sup> I am confident I will see the LORD's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.

**Psalm 46:1-3, 6-7, 10** God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea. Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge! ....<sup>6</sup> The nations are in chaos, and their kingdoms crumble! God's voice thunders, and the earth melts! The LORD of Heaven's Armies is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress....<sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world."

*In the national chaos and tumult of this past week, it's important that we take a moment to remember that God is still sovereign and powerful. Take time this week to dwell on these truths.*

- **Worship Through Song**

Our God (Chris Tomlin): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01Yj7H-eSjM>

- **Responsive Reading**

Leader: If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

**People: Set your mind on things above, not on the things that are on the earth.**

Leader: Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

**People: We have such a high priest, who has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of Majesty in the heavens.**

Leader: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

**People:** For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

**ALL:** Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

(Col 3:1-2; Rom 8:34; Heb 4:14-16)

- **Lighthouse Message – The Chains of Love**

YouTube Channel: Alliance Bible Church, Anchorage

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYnhhwO3DYtDWIcIVtelFrg>

- **Discussion**

1. What is *misplaced* love? How does it threaten to keep us stuck when Jesus calls us to follow Him?
2. What is *misaligned* love? How does this also threaten to keep us locked in place when Jesus calls us to more?
3. What is an idol? In what ways can we consider these things idols?
4. What are material possessions, activities, relationships, passions & interests, personal values that you have loved or embraced in an unhealthy way and have kept you stuck? How did (or is) Holy Spirit calling you to live differently?

- **Prayer**

Pray for one another and anything else the Lord brings to mind.

- **Worship Through Song**

I Will Follow (Chris Tomlin): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWk9I26nX5w>

- **Benediction**

May Christ Jesus be the beacon we follow above all else, shedding the chains that lock us into place, stepping out of the quicksand of idolatry, and running the race He has set before us.

## REMINDERS:

- **Giving:** <https://www.abcanchorage.org/giving>
- **ABC Updates:** <https://www.abcanchorage.org/updates>