



HOME LITURGY // JUNE 21st

Call to Worship:

Isaiah 55:1–3

[1] *“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.*

[2] *Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.*

[3] *Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.*

All Songs can be accessed on our [YOUTUBE](#) (w/ Lyrics) and [SPOTIFY](#) playlist

Song: Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death

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Love Your Enemies Publishing, Matthew Merker Music, Messenger Hymn

Verse 1

*What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.*

Chorus

*O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

Verse 2

*What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?*

Verse 3

*Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
“Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!”
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore.*

Confession of Sin

In confession, we unburden the weight of our sins to God in prayer with confidence that he will forgive us in Christ. Pray this prayer of confession:

*Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing you have made
And forgive the sins of all who are truly remorseful.
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts
So that we can truly lament our sins and acknowledge our sinfulness.
You are the God of all mercy. Grant to us perfect forgiveness and reconciliation.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
And the Holy Spirit, one God, Forever and ever. Amen.*

In addition to the above prayer, spend some time confessing specific sins in private prayer.

Assurance of Pardon

God shows his rich mercy to us by making us alive with Christ! Receive and rejoice in this assurance of pardon as you read it aloud, *1 John 1:5 & 7*

[5] This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. [7] But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Missional Prayer

Pray for God's Kingdom to come and his will to be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10).

- **Pray for Redeemer Fellowship Church - Watertown, MA** - Pastors Erik Raymond and Andrew Belli. Pray for them as they are now meeting again for public worship. Pray for protection and health. Ask God to continue to grow the church both in breadth and depth.
- **Father's Day Prayer** - Spend some time thanking God for the Fathers in your life. Pray for strength, wisdom, and growth in holiness for them. Pray for those who struggle on Father's Day because of loss, absence, or longing. Ask God to show them his perfect and eternal Fatherly care and the glorious reality of adoption into the family of God thru Christ.

Passing of Peace

During this time we encourage you to send a text message to a few people in the church. Let them know you are praying for them and perhaps send them an encouraging passage from Scripture.

Scripture Reading

John 11:1–7

[1] Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. [2] It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. [3] So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." [4] But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

[5] Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. [6] So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. [7] Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

John 11:20–27

[20] So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. [21] Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. [22] But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." [23] Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." [24] Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." [25] Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, [26] and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" [27] She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." (ESV)

John 11:32–37

[32] Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." [33] When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. [34] And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." [35] Jesus wept. [36] So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" [37] But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" (ESV)

John 11:38–44

[38] Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. [39] Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." [40] Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" [41] So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. [42] I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." [43] When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." [44] The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Teaching Video

Click either link - Vimeo or YouTube to watch a Teaching on John 11:1-44 from Pastor Kevin --

[God's Work in Our Waiting \(Vimeo\)](#)

[God's Work in Our Waiting \(Youtube\)](#)

(Find an additional lesson and activity for the kids [HERE](#))

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

HEAD: Questions aimed at our minds to help us *understand* God's word.

- How does Jesus respond when he hears that Lazarus is sick? Why is this a unique response?
- What two purposes does Jesus give for the sign he is about to perform?
- Jesus responds to the exact same question from Martha and Mary in two different ways. What does this teach us about Jesus?
- KIDS - Can you think about a time when you had to wait a long time for something? What are some things you can learn while you're waiting? (Parents- Help your kids see that God uses waiting to teach patience and strengthen our faith).

HEART: Questions aimed at our affections to help us *love* God.

- Read verses 25-27. How does Jesus comfort Martha in her sorrow? How does the truth of these verses bring us comfort in seasons of sorrow and waiting?
- Read verses 33-36. Why does Jesus respond this way? What does this tell us about the heart of Christ?
- There are 3 expressions of doubt in this passage (Martha in verse 21, Mary in verse 32, and the Jews in verse 37). Describe a season when you doubted the goodness or power of Jesus. What did you learn from this experience?
- KIDS - Jesus cries! Talk about a time when you were really sad. Does it encourage you to know that Jesus is sad when his children hurt? What does this tell us about Jesus? (Parents- Help your kids see the humanity and the deep deep love of Jesus for them.)

HANDS: Questions aimed at our hands to help us *live for* God (Personally, Communally, and Missionally).

- Jesus pointedly asks Martha, "Do you believe this?" What are some ways you struggle to believe the sovereign power and care of Jesus?
- Jesus speaks Gospel-truth to Martha, weeps with Mary, and acts on behalf of Lazarus. What does this teach us about loving others?
- How does this apply to the weighty problem of racial injustice in our nation? What are some concrete ways you can love others like this right now?
- KIDS - Memorize verses 25-26. Parents- ask your kids about the meaning of eternal life and show them the importance of answering Jesus' question, "Do you believe this?"

Song: Sovereign Over Us

4476433, by Aaron Keyes, Bryan Brown, Jack Mooring
2011 Jack Mooring Music, Meaux Jeux Music, Thankyou Music, worshiptogether.com

VERSE 1

*There is strength within the sorrow
There is beauty in our tears
And You meet us in our mourning
With a love that casts out fear
You are working in our waiting
You're sanctifying us
When beyond our understanding
You're teaching us to trust*

CHORUS

*Your plans are still to prosper
You have not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood
You're faithful forever
Perfect in love
You are sovereign over us*

VERSE 2

*You are wisdom unimagined
Who could understand Your ways
Reigning high above the Heavens
Reaching down in endless grace
You're the lifter of the lowly
Compassionate and kind
You surround and You uphold me
And Your promises are my delight*

BRIDGE

*Even what the enemy means for evil
You turn it for our good
You turn it for our good and for Your glory
Even in the valley, You are faithful
You're working for our good
You're working for our good
and for Your glory*

Song: Living Hope

4476433, Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham, 2017 Phil Wickham Music,
Simply Global Songs, Sing My Songs, Bethel Music Publishing

Verse 1:

*How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Verse 2:

*Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Chorus:

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Verse 3:

*Then came the morning
that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me*

Song of Benediction: Now To Him

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*Now to Him who is able to keep you from falling,
To him who will keep you 'till the end
To Him be the glory, the honor, and power,
Forever and ever, Amen,
Forever and ever, Amen*