

HOME LITURGY - SUNDAY, MARCH 15th

While we are unable to gather together for corporate worship, we encourage you to take this time to meet with God in his word in your own home. Let the following liturgy be a guide to you in your personal and/ or family worship.

Orient Your Heart to The Greatness of God

Read Matthew 11:28-30-

[28] Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [29] Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30] For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (ESV)

-Song: Is He Worthy? ([Link to Audio/ Lyric Video](#))

Confess Your Sins to God

In order to come to a God who is holy, we must acknowledge that we are not holy. We are sinners in need of his grace. God graciously invites us to confess our sins to him so that we may experience times of refreshing through genuine repentance.

Prayer of Confession- Our Sins Are Too Heavy to Carry

*Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image,
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.*

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

Assurance of Pardon

Praise be to God that he does not leave us in our sin! Those who cry out to him in faith have confidence that he hears and he forgives, pouring his great mercy upon us in Christ.

Read Ephesians 2:4–7

[4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—[6] and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7] so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. (ESV)

Missional Prayer

Spend some time praying for God’s Kingdom to come and his will to be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10). In light of COVID-19, pray for the many affected both directly and indirectly by the virus. Pray for the fearful, the sick, the economic repercussions of the virus, etc. Pray that in this trial others would see the ultimate hope that is found in Jesus Christ. Ask God to show you practical and tangible ways to love, serve, and bless others during this difficult season.

The Word of God

(Doing family worship with the kids? [HERE is a link to a kids lesson](#))

Read John 10:1-30

In this passage we read two more "I am" statements of Jesus. "I am the good shepherd" and "I am the door." Jesus uses imagery that is central to the heritage of Israel to show that he is the promised Messiah; the shepherd-leader of God's people. Just as sheep return to their shepherd through the door of the sheepfold, those who believe in Jesus enter into a loving, protecting relationship with God.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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

- As John's Gospel progresses, Jesus reveals both his identity and mission more explicitly. According to John 10, who is Jesus and what did he come to accomplish?
- Consider the "I Am" statements of Jesus so far: I Am the Light of the World (Chs. 8-9), I Am The Door, and I Am The Good Shepherd (Ch. 10). What do each of these statements teach us about the character of Jesus?

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

- Read Psalm 23 in light of John 10. What is your response to reading these truths of God's loving concern for you?
- Read John 10:17-18 again. How does The Good Shepherd save the lives of his sheep? What does this teach us about our salvation?

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

- Read verse 10. Can you say that you live an *abundant* spiritual life? Why/ why not?
- In verse 28 Jesus teaches that salvation is secure in him. How does this truth bring you comfort? How does it motivate you to live a godly life?

-Song: Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me ([Link to Audio/ Lyric Video](#))

-Song of Benediction: Now To Him ([Link to Audio/ Lyric Video](#))