

HOME LITURGY // JULY 26th

Call to Worship:

Psalm 95:1–7

[1] Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! [2] Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

[3] For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

[4] In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

[5] The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land,

[6] Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

[7] For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

All Songs can be accessed on <u>YOUTUBE</u> (w/ Lyrics)

Song: You Are My Vision

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 most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Those who believe the gospel are freed from the guilt burden of sin. Hear and believe this assurance of pardon from *Romans* 8:1-2

[1] There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. [2] For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. (ESV)

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).

• **Renewal Church, Boston, MA** - Pray for Pastor Jared Kirk and the congregation as they navigate what it looks like to function as a church during this unique season. Pray for ongoing spiritual growth through the word, a deep unity of spirit, and ongoing mission.

Teaching Video

Read the scripture passage then watch the Teaching video on John 14:1-14 from Pastor Kevin on <u>VIMEO</u> or <u>YOUTUBE</u>

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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

- How does Jesus comfort the confused and discouraged disciples in verses 1-3?
- In verse 8 Philip asks to see God the Father. In one sense, this is a good desire. So why does Jesus respond with a rebuke in verse 9?
- Read Verse 12: What does Jesus mean by "greater works"? Where and how do we see the ministry of Jesus expand after the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus?

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

- Jesus is the one who is about to suffer greatly on the cross, yet he is comforting his disciples. What does this tell you about the heart of Christ for you?
- Does the promise of heaven encourage you in your current troubles and discouragements? Why/ why not?
- Philip knows that a vision of God will satisfy ("it is enough for us"), but misses the fact that Jesus is the answer to this desire. In what ways do you miss Jesus and seek satisfaction elsewhere? (Fill in the blank, "Show me _____ and it is enough.")

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

- If the "greater works" of verse 12 are the Spirit-empowered words and works of Gospel proclamation that lead to the salvation of sinners, how is God currently working through you to accomplish these works? (ie. how are you living on mission?)
- In what ways do you need to be praying for the mission?
- In what ways do you need to be trusting God for the mission?
- In what ways do you need to be obeying for the mission?

Song: Man of Sorrows Song: Living Hope Song of Benediction: Now To Him