



HOME LITURGY // AUGUST 9th

Call to Worship:

Based on Psalm 108

*Our hearts are ready, O Lord,
Our hearts are ready!
We will sing and make melody!
We will awaken the dawn!
We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
We will sing praises to you among the nations.
For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,
And your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.*

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

Song: All Creatures of Our God and King

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:

*Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left you and chosen to satisfy selfish desires.
For the times we have hurt the members of our families by refusing to do our share.
Father, we have sinned. Forgive us*

*For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern.
Father, we have sinned. Forgive us*

*For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right,
and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.
Father, we have sinned. Forgive us*

*For the times we refused to forgive others.
Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.
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 1 John 1:5, 7

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. 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).

- **Seven Mile Road - Malden** - Pray for Pastors Dan Ko and Justin Gottlieb. Pray for a strong sense of community for the church even though they are not currently able to gather for weekly worship.
- **City Bible Church - Beirut, Lebanon** - Pray for Pastor Marwan Aboul-Zelof and the congregation in light of the devastating blast. The church building was completely destroyed. Pray for the church as they seek to bring the light of the Gospel to their community during such a difficult time. For more information, read the following blog post, [Despair and Light from the Rubble of Beirut](#) by Pastor Marwan.

Teaching Video

Read the scripture passage then watch the Teaching video on John 15:1-17 // Abide in Christ from Pastor Justin Gottlieb on [VIMEO](#) or [YOUTUBE](#)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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

- This passage provides the 7th and final "I am" statement of Jesus. In these statements, Jesus uses metaphor to teach truth about his identity. What are the previous 6 "I am" statements?
- What does "I am the true vine" communicate about the identity of Christ? Summarize his teaching in one sentence. (For Old Testament Background see Isaiah 5:1-7, 27:2-6)
- According to John 15:8, how do people glorify God and prove their allegiance to Jesus?

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

- Chapters 14-17 are called the Farewell Discourse- Jesus' final teaching to his disciples. According to 15:11, what is the primary reason for his teaching?
- How does this reason expand your conception of Jesus and what it means to follow him?
- Read verses 9-11. Does Jesus' description of loving obedience challenge your understanding of what it means to obey God? If so, how?

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

- What are some practical ways to grow in abiding in Christ? (See verse 7)
- What are the major challenges you face that can pull you away from abiding in Christ in everyday life?
- How can we practically help one another remain in the love of Christ?

Song: In Christ Alone

Song: Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Song of Benediction: Now To Him