



## HOME LITURGY // AUGUST 16th

### Call to Worship:

1 Chronicles 29:10b–13

*[10]...“Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. [11] Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. [12] Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. [13] And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. (ESV)*

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

**Song:** 10,000 Reasons

### 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 God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.  
You have called us to be the church,  
To continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.  
Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,  
Isolated than involved, callous that compassionate,  
Obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.  
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.  
Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world.  
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.  
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. 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 8:15–16

*[15] For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” [16] The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,*

## 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).

- **First Baptist Church - Sudbury, MA** - Pray for Pastor Jay Ridenour.

## Teaching Video

Read the scripture passage then watch the Teaching video on John 15:18-16:4 & 16:16-33 // Take Heart from Pastor Kevin on [VIMEO](#) or [YOUTUBE](#)

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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

- According to Jesus, why should we expect opposition and hatred from the world as followers of him? (15:18-25)
- Read 15:25. What does this quotation from Psalm 39 tell us about the purposes of God?
- What other passages in the Bible come to mind when you think about persecution?

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

- Jesus exhorts his disciples to "take heart" in the face of tribulation (16:33). What does he mean by this?
- List all of the reasons you find in these passages to take heart and rejoice, even in the midst of opposition.
- How does the fear of opposition from others keep you from speaking and/or living in light of the Gospel? Give real-life examples. How does the gospel free us from the fear of man?

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

- Read 16:1. How will the words of Jesus help his disciples (including us) face persecution?
- Read 15:20. Not everyone opposed Jesus! How does this encourage you as you seek to bring the gospel to those around you?
- As you consider our culture, what are some ways you see opposition to Christianity increasing? How does this inform your prayers?
- Many brothers and sisters in Christ around the world experience heavy and ongoing persecution for faith in Christ. Spend some time in prayer for the persecuted church around the world. Consider a resource like <https://www.persecution.com/> to help you pray.

**Song:** Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

**Song:** No Longer Slaves

**Song of Benediction:** Now To Him