



HOME LITURGY // AUGUST 23rd

Call to Worship:

Psalm 92:1–4, A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath.

- [1] *It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;*
[2] *to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,*
[3] *to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.*
[4] *For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy. (ESV)*

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

Song: This is Amazing Grace

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:

*O gracious and accessible God,
God of peace, father of mercy, God of all comfort:
We confess before you the evil of our hearts;
We acknowledge that we are too inclined toward jealousy, and revenge,
To ambition and pride, which often give rise to conflict and bitter feelings
between others and us.
Too often have we both offended and grieved you, in this way, o long-suffering father.
Forgive us this sin and permit us to share in the blessing you have promised the
peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God
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 5:8–10

[8] but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. [9] Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. [10] For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

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).

- **Ruggles Baptist Church - Boston, MA** - Pray for Pastor Josh Cahan. This year is the church's 150th anniversary. Praise God for his faithfulness over the years. Pray that the church could raise up one or two more faithful elders to shepherd the flock. Pray for evangelistic impact; that gospel conversations and relationships going on would be fruitful and lead to conversion and baptism. Pray for unity and patience amid different perspectives and comfort levels with the pandemic.

Teaching Video

Read the scripture passage then watch the Teaching video on John 17:1-26 // from Pastor Clint on VIMEO or YOUTUBE

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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

- Jesus first prays for himself ([vv. 1-5](#)). What do we learn about the work of Christ from this portion of his prayer?
- He then prays for his disciples ([vv. 6-19](#)). What do we learn about Jesus' concern and desire for them in this portion of his prayer?
- Finally, Jesus prays for later believers ([vv. 20-26](#)). What do we learn about Jesus' concern and desire for them in this portion of his prayer?

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

- What does Jesus say he is *not* praying for? Why is this significant?
- Jesus' heart displayed toward sinners in this passage is one of love and joy. Do you believe that God loves you and wants you to be joyful? (v.13) Why/ why not?
- Imagine the disciples recalling this prayer in later moments of their life; moments of discouragement and fear. How might this prayer of Jesus bring comfort to his disciples (including you) during difficult times?

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

- Describe the Christian's relation to the world according to verses 6, 11, 14, 16, and 18. Does this describe you? Why/ why not?
- Why is Christian Unity (v.21) so important to Jesus? What are potential threats to Christian Unity you see around you?
- What does it mean for you to be sanctified in the truth? (v.17) In what ways are you growing in sanctification?

Song: How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Song: Oh God

Song of Benediction: Now To Him