



HOME LITURGY // SEPTEMBER 6th

Call to Worship:

Psalm 8:1–4 To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.

[1] O LORD, our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
[2] Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
 to still the enemy and the avenger.
[3] When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
[4] what is man that you are mindful of him,
 and the son of man that you care for him? (ESV)

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

Song: Come Thou Fount

Confession of Sin

We are sinners in need of his grace. Our pride leads us to exalt ourselves above others and above God. Pray this prayer of confession:

*To you, Holy God, we confess our sin with as much shame and sorrow as we can muster.
We know it won't be enough because we are on easy terms with our sin.
We confess to you, O God, that we deceive ourselves about our sin,
And then we deceive ourselves about whether we deceive ourselves,
slipping and sliding and sidestepping the truth.*

*O God, you are holy beyond all that we can think or imagine.
You are the source of righteousness, the overflowing fountain of goodness.
You made us to be like you in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness.
And yet here we are, so often soiled, smudged, distracted from your purposes,
and running after the gods of this world.
Please forgive and restore us through Jesus, your Son. Amen.*

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

Assurance of Pardon

The grace and mercy we receive is not because of anything good in us, but solely because of God's purpose and grace. Receive and rejoice in this assurance of pardon as you read it aloud, *2 Timothy 1:9–10*

[9] [God has] saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, [10] and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who

abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. (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).

- **Pray for Juliana Romeo - Juliana is a part of Seven Mile Road and works as a** Campus Minister to Student-Athletes at Bentley University and Merrimack College. Here's what she says about ways you can pray for here: *I feel that God has been putting Acts 2:42-47 on my heart a lot and this is the vision I have for the ministries at Bentley and Merrimack, that regardless of COVID and the hurdles that come with it that God would create this contagious community at Bentley and Merrimack, that regardless of what sport they play or even if they play a sport that God would create this oneness and genuine community at these schools that are led by the Spirit and rooted in love for Jesus. I hope that students can be empowered to share the gospel with their teammates and friends. If you would like to pray for me personally, I would love to ask that God humbles me and teaches me to be led by the Spirit and point others to Himself.*

Teaching Video

Read the scripture passage then watch the Teaching video on John 19:1-42

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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

- According to Jesus, where does Pilate's authority come from?
- According to the text, what does Pilate think about Jesus: Is he guilty or innocent? Why does Pilate approve of the crucifixion of Jesus?
- Read verses 19-20. What double-meaning or irony do you see in this inscription?

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

- Take a moment to read Psalm 22. What connections and fulfillments do you see between Psalm 22 and John's account of Jesus' crucifixion?
- Notice how Jesus cares for his mother from the cross (19:25-27). What does this tell us about the heart of Christ for those who are suffering?
- "It is finished" are the last words Jesus speaks from the cross (19:30). What is finished? Reflect on the finished work of Christ on the cross and how this finished work affects your own life today.

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

- Several times in this passage John points out how the Old Testament scripture is fulfilled. How does this inform the way we read our Bibles?
- Read verse 35 again. What is the primary application John has for his readers? How does this apply to your life right now?

Song: Jerusalem

Song: Nothing But The Blood

Song of Benediction: Now To Him