



HOME LITURGY // SEPTEMBER 13th

Call to Worship:

Psalm 121 - A Song of Ascents.

- [1] *I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?*
[2] *My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.*
[3] *He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.*
[4] *Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.*
[5] *The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.*
[6] *The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.*
[7] *The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.*
[8] *The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. (ESV)*

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

Song: How Great Thou Art

Confession of Sin

As sojourners walking through this world, we often lose sight of our citizenship in heaven in pursuit of inferior treasures. When we confess our sins to our Holy God, he restores us to himself and re-orientes our hearts toward the Kingdom of Heaven. Pray this prayer of confession:

*God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, We are your covenant people-
one church, drawn from all nations.
Our citizenship is in heaven, yet we confess, O LORD, that we
sometimes lose sight of your kingdom and its ways.
We confess that we sometimes live more as citizens of our own land
than as citizens of your kingdom
By your truth, you call all peoples to account. Forgive us for losing our
distinctiveness.
Focus us on the cross and on the salvation you give through Him
who is LORD and King and Judge of us all,
Jesus, The Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

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

Assurance of Pardon

The only way for us to be reconciled to God is through Jesus Christ who suffered and died that we may have life. Receive and rejoice in this assurance of pardon as you read it aloud, *1 Peter 3:18*

[18] For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, (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 Local schools:** Teachers, staff, students, and parents as the new year begins in a unique and challenging way in light of COVID measures.

Teaching Video

Read the scripture passage then watch the Teaching video on John 20:1-30 ([Vimeo](#) // [Youtube](#))

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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

- What does Mary do when she comes to the empty tomb? How does she explain the empty tomb to Peter and John?
- What do Peter and John do once they hear the news from Mary?
- What happens to John once he enters the tomb? Why do you think the disciples, Peter and John, went back to their homes (v. 10)?

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

- What does it take for Mary to recognize Jesus? Why is this significant?
- What does Jesus say to his disciples in Verses 19-23? How does the resurrection of Jesus bring you peace?
- Recount the scene with Thomas. How does this reveal the heart of Christ for doubters like him (and you)?

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

- Read 1 Corinthians 15:14. What would the death of Jesus mean if he did not also rise from the dead?
- From what you know of first-century Jewish culture, why might it be significant that a woman is the first one to encounter the resurrected Jesus? What principles can we learn from this?
- What does it mean for you to be sent by Jesus as his disciples? (v.21)

Song: Jerusalem

Song: Living Hope

Song of Benediction: Now To Him