

HOME LITURGY // SEPTEMBER 20th

Call to Worship:

Matthew 11:28-30

[28] Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [29] Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30] For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (ESV)

All Songs can be accessed on this **YOUTUBE** playlist (w/ Lyrics)

Song: Jesus is Better

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-orients our hearts toward the Kingdom of Heaven. Pray this prayer of confession:

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, We are your covenant peopleone 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

What grace God has given us! He does not wait for us to clean up our act. We never could on our own. Instead, he finds us when we are dead and makes us alive. Receive and rejoice in this assurance of pardon as you read it aloud, *Ephesians 2:4*–7

[4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—[6] and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7] so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. (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).

• Seven Mile Road, Hyannis: Pastor Clint is preaching at their outdoor gathering today. Pray for this time and pray for God to continue to build his church on Cape Cod. Pray for Church Planters- Jeremy, Liana and the kids; Noelle, Nathaniel, and baby boy (due Nov. 25th!)

Teaching Video

Read the scripture passage then listen to the Sermon Audi on John 21:1-14 <u>HERE</u> (no video this week)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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

- Consider all three post-resurrection appearances of Jesus (John 20:19–23; 24–29; 21:1–14). What have each of these three appearances uniquely communicated?
- Just like chapter 20, 21:1-14 records event details surrounding Jesus' post-resurrection. What are some of these details that show us this was a historical, eye witness account?
- When do the disciples recognize Jesus? Why is this significant?

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

- Jesus' appearance involves a meal. Think back on the gospel of John (and other Gospel accounts). Why are meals with Jesus significant? What do they tell us about the heart of Christ for sinners like you and me?
- How does Peter respond when he recognizes Jesus? Knowing the background of Peter's denial of Christ, why might this response be a bit surprising?
- Do you feel the freedom to move toward Jesus in your brokenness, just as Peter does, or are you hesitant? Why or why not?

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

- The disciples were empty-handed until Jesus shows up. In what ways are you relying on your own self-sufficiency? Will you come "empty-handed" to Jesus?
- Food and drink communicate the fullness of Christ in The Gospel of John (Bread, Wine, Fish). In what ways are you tempted to turn away from the fulness of satisfaction in Christ and search for it elsewhere?
- Just as Jesus desired to share a meal with his disciples ("Come have breakfast"), he longs for a deep relationship with his people. What are the practical ways you are cultivating your relationship with Christ?

Song: All The Poor And Powerless

Song: Come To The Altar

Song of Benediction: Now To Him