



HOME LITURGY // MAY 31st

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 our [YOUTUBE](#) (w/ Lyrics) and [SPOTIFY](#) playlist

Song: Great Are You Lord

4476433, David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan, 2012 Integrity's Alleluia! Music, Integrity's Praise! Music, Open Hands Music, So Essential Tunes

Verse:

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

Bridge:

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

Chorus:

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

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,

Missional Prayer

Our nation and the world are experiencing the weightiness of living in a fallen world in a pronounced way. COVID deaths have surpassed 100,000 in our country (360k Worldwide). The recent killings of Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd have highlighted the racial strife and violence that plagues us. Political division seems more heightened than ever before. As God's people, we are called to lament these things. Let the following scriptures guide your prayers of lament and longing.

- *2 Chronicles 7:14–15 - [14] if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. [15] Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.*
- *Micah 6:8 - He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*
- *Ephesians 2:14–16 [14] For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility [15] by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, [16] and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.*

Passing of Peace

During this time we encourage you to send a text message to a few people in the church. Let them know you are praying for them and perhaps send them an encouraging passage from Scripture.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:10–13

[10] I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. [11] Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. [12] I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. [13] I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (ESV)

Teaching Video

Click either link - Vimeo or YouTube to watch a Teaching on Philippians 4:10-13 from Pastor Clint --

[09 Joy in Contentment \(Vimeo\)](#)

[09 Joy in Contentment \(Youtube\)](#)

(Find an additional lesson and activity for the kids [HERE](#))

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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

- How do we know that Christian contentment is independent of circumstance? What verse/words teach that?
- Explain the difference between happiness and contentment.
- Why is contentment such a hard lesson to learn?
- Understood in its proper context, what does Philippians 4:13 mean?
- *Kids* -- Explain the difference between a want and a need.

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

- What wants in your life have been elevated to the place of need — robbing you of your contentment?
- Pastor Matt Kruse describes envy as a “sideways glance of the soul” -- who or what tempts your soul to glance sideways?
- When a person is content, they are humble in prosperity and calm in adversity. Does that describe your life?
- How often have you evaluated God's love for you by what He is giving or withholding from you?
- How can we trust that God will provide for our needs?
- *Kids* - Talk about a time where you made a want into a need. (Parents help them recall a situation)

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

- List out all that you have to be grateful for.
- What are some ways COVID-19 is teaching you contentment?
- Think of someone you know whose life models contentment. Schedule a time to talk with them to encourage them and ask how they've pursued contentment in their life.
- Kids - Memorize Philippians 4:13 (Parents -- use the "I say - you say" method)

Song: How Deep The Father's Love For Us

4476433, Stuart Townend, 1995, Thankyou Music

Verse 1:

*How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory*

Verse 2:

*Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished*

Verse 3:

*I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom*

Song: Lord, I Need You

4476433, Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher.

2011 sixsteps Music Sweater Weather Music, Thankyou Music, Valley Of Songs Music

Verse 1:

*Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart*

Chorus:

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

Verse 2:

*Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
Where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me*

Bridge:

*So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay*

Song of Benediction: Now To Him

4476433, South of Royal, 2017, The Village Church

*Now to Him who is able to keep you from falling, To him who will keep you 'till the end
To Him be the glory, the honor, and power, Forever and ever, Amen, Forever and ever, Amen*