

HOME LITURGY // MAY 24th

Call to Worship:

Psalm 113:1-6

[1] Praise the LORD!
Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!

[2] Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore![3] From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

[4] The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!
[5] Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,
[6] who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? (ESV)

All Songs can be accessed on our **YOUTUBE** (w/ Lyrics) and **SPOTIFY** playlist

Song: All Creatures of Our God and King

4476433, St. Francis of Assisi, adaptation and Add. words (v. 3-4) by Jonathan Baird and Ryan Baird. © 2013 Sovereign Grace Worship.

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King Lift up your voice and with us sing O praise Him! Alleluia! Thou, burning sun with golden beam Thou, silver moon with softer gleam O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 2

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 3

All the redeemed washed by His blood Come and rejoice in His great love O praise Him! Alleluia! Christ has defeated every sin Cast all your burdens now on Him O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 4

He shall return in pow'r to reign Heaven and earth will join to say O praise Him! Alleluia! Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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:

Lord, you should us true humility by becoming one of us Yet too often we practice pride

You cried alongside your friends and for the city of Jerusalem Yet too often we rush past the pain of others and are careless about our cities

You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out Yet too often we love those who are strong, respected, or popular

You freely forgave and healed Yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain

You lived a perfectly holy life Yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness

You prayed that we who believe in you should be united with each other and you Yet too often we focus on the differences that separate us from other believers

You were mocked, whipped, and even killed for us Yet too often we deny you

You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world Yet too often we blend into or hide from our culture Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with your glory, Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

God's people wrestle with sin, but sin doesn't define us. Jesus has given himself to purify us. He calls us his own. Receive and rejoice in this assurance of pardon as you read it aloud, *Titus 2:11–14*

[11] For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, [12] training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, [13] waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, [14] who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. (ESV)

Missional Prayer

Spend some time praying 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 Church Malden, MA Pray for Pastors Dan Ko and Justin Gottlieb. Pray for them as they make decisions in light of COVID-19 and re-opening. Pray for a deep sense of community even in this time of distancing. Pray for ongoing spiritual growth of the church.
- Pray for Leaders- Your pastors as we seek to make wise, informed, and prayerful decisions
 for the church. Pray for local, state-wide, and national leaders. Pray for their salvation. Pray for
 encouragement. Pray as they make difficult decisions about the re-opening of our country and
 communities.

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 4:1-9

[1] Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

[2] I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. [3] Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

[4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. [5] Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; [6] do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[8] Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9] What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. (ESV)

Teaching Video

Click either link - Vimeo or YouTube to watch a Teaching on Philippians 4:1-9 from Pastor Kevin --

08 Joy in Spiritual Peace (Vimeo)

08 Joy in Spiritual Peace (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.

- Why is it so important to Paul that Euodia and Syntyche be reconciled? (v.2-3) What implications does this command have for the church today?
- Paul repeats the command to rejoice (v.4). Why does he do this? Take a few minutes to reflect on this repeated theme in the letter. Where else do we see the words "joy" and "rejoice" in Philippians?
- In verses 4-9 Paul gives six commands. What are they?
- KIDS- Think of a time recently when you were upset with someone. How does God's word help you know how to work through disagreement? (Parents- help your kids see how so often our disagreements stem from selfish desires. Point them to the humility of Christ)

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

- What ways may you be tempted to unnecessary disunity with fellow Chrtistians?
- What does the call to prayer in verse 6 tell us about the heart of Jesus for weak and anxious people like us?
- How does the phrase "The peace of God" point us to the Gospel of Jesus Christ? (see Rom. 5:1, Col. 1:20)
- What are you anxious about right now? What does this reveal about your relationship with God?
- Verse 7 tells us that the peace of God is promised to us as we give ourselves to prayer.
 How would you describe your level of peace with God right now and why?
- KIDS What are you anxious and fearful about right now? What does God want you to do with these anxieties and fears?

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

- Are there any ways you need to pursue reconciliation with fellows Christians? If so, how will you do this?
- What are some practical ways you can cultivate a consistent prayer life?
- Evaluate your thought life. Are you more prone to "passive thinking" or "active thinking"? How will you actively fill your mind with God's truth? (v.8-9)
- KIDS/ EVERYONE spend some time praying right now, telling God all of your burdens and requests.

Song: O Great God

4476433, Bob Kauflin, 2006 Sovereign Grace Praise, Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music [DC Cook])

Verse 1:

O great God of highest heaven
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forevermore

Verse 2:

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

Verse 3:

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your Name through me

Song: This I Believe

4476433, Ben Fielding, Matt Crocker, 2014, Hillsong Music Publishing (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Verse 1

Our Father everlasting, The all creating One, God Almighty Through Your Holy Spirit, Conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior

Chorus

I believe in God our Father,
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection,
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus

Verse 2

Our Judge and our Defender, Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness,
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

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

Bridge

I believe in You I believe You rose again I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

Chorus 2

I believe in life eternal,
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion,
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection,
When Jesus comes again
For I believe, in the name of Jesus