



HOME LITURGY // MAY 3rd

Call to Worship:

Psalm 108:1-6

- [1] *My heart is steadfast, O God!
I will sing and make melody with all my being!*
- [2] *Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn!*
- [3] *I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.*
- [4] *For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. (ESV)*

(All Songs can be accessed on our [YOUTUBE](#) or [SPOTIFY](#) playlists)

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 confess our sins to God because his ultimate desire from us is not mere religious duty, but hearts that are aware of our need and desperate for his grace. His word tells us that the sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart (Psalm 51:17). When we approach Him in this way, he will not despise us or turn us away. Pray this prayer of confession:

Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left you and chosen to satisfy selfish desires.

For the times we have hurt the members of our families by refusing to do our share.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us

For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us

For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right, and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us

For the times we refused to forgive others.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

In Christ, by faith, we receive the removal of our sins and the provision of salvation. Receive and rejoice in this assurance of pardon as you read it aloud, 1 John 1:5 & 7:

[5] This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

[7] But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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).

- **Pray for First Baptist Church - Sudbury, MA** - Pastor Jay Ridenour and Elders as they seek to love and shepherd the flock.
- **Pray for SMR Waltham** - Think of a few people in the church and pray for them by name - for strength, health, provision, and protection. Pray they would see how God is using this time to shape and conform them into Christ-likeness.

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

Read Philippians 2:12–30

[12] Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, [13] for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

[14] Do all things without grumbling or disputing, [15] that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, [16] holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. [17] Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. [18] Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

[19] I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. [20] For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. [21] For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. [22] But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. [23] I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, [24] and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

[25] I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, [26] for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. [27] Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. [28] I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. [29] So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, [30] for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me. (ESV)

Teaching Video

Click either link - Vimeo or YouTube to watch a Teaching on Philippians 2:12-30 from Pastor Clint --

[05 Joy in Obedience \(Vimeo\)](#)

[05 Joy in Obedience \(YouTube\)](#)

(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.

- Sin has broken humanity in both our will and in our ability to live a life of obedience to God. How then is obedience possible?
- How does obedience work in the life of a believer -- What does God do? What do we do? (Verses 12-13)
- Verses 14-18 mentioned several areas where we need to grow in obedience. List them out.
- Look at Paul's description of Timothy (19-24). In what ways is Timothy a godly example for us?
- Look at Paul's description of Epaphroditus (25-30). In what ways is Epaphroditus a godly example for us?
- Kids - What does the word obedience mean?

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

- These verses highlight both God's activity and our responsibility. People are often tempted in one of two ways: 1. To over-rely on God's activity -- which causes laziness and lack of effort -- or 2. To over-rely on our responsibility -- which can cause a paralyzing fear of failure. Which of these errors are you most prone to make. Explain.
- How does Paul's theology of obedience keep us from the pitfalls of pride and despair?
- What areas of obedience are lacking in your life right now? Consider the categories of faithful contentment, striving holiness, and distinctive brightness. Confess them to God and ask him for forgiveness and a renewed vigor to obey.
- Kids - True obedience is to obey the right way, all the way, in a happy way. Or another way to say it is -- without delay, without discussion, and without disgust. What areas of obedience are hardest for you? (Parents -- spend time hearing from your children. Help them if they can't articulate certain areas that are hard right now. Encourage them both in their confession of what's hard and in your love for them no matter what).

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

- Biblical application is given to us in principle form -- but it can't stay there. We have to get detailed and specific. For the areas of obedience, you discussed/wrote down in the previous section, what is your plan to cultivate obedience?
- Who in the life of Seven Mile Road has encouraged you or provided a godly example for you to follow? Send them a letter, email, text to encourage them and say thank you.
- In what areas of your life are you most tempted to look down on others?
- Kids / The Whole Family - Who in your home has provided a godly example of obedience. Spend time as a family encouraging each other.

Song: I Shall Not Want

4476433, by Audrey Assad, Bryan Brown,
2013 worshiptogether.com songs Fortunate Fall Music

Verse 1:

*From the love of my own comfort
From the fear of having nothing
From a life of worldly passions
Deliver me O God*

Verse 2:

*From the need to be understood
And from a need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely
Deliver me O God
Deliver me O God*

Chorus:

*And I shall not want, no, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness,
I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness,
I shall not want*

Verse 3:

*From the fear of serving others
Oh, and from the fear of death or trial
And from the fear of humility
Deliver me O God
Yes, deliver me O God*

Song: O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

4476433, Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson, 2015 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia

Verse 1:

*I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet.
My Savior on that cursed tree*

Verse 2:

*His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone*

Chorus:

*O praise the name of the Lord our God
O praise His name forever more
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

Verse 3:

*Then on the third at break of dawn,
The Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King*

Verse 4:

*He shall return in robes of white,
The blazing Son shall pierce the night.
And I will rise among the saints,
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face*

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*