

October

Worship

October 4th- October 25th

Provided is a simple, devotion type, outline of worship. We have this as one option available so we can all stay connected as the body of believers, no matter the method chosen for worship. Please use it, as you will, so we can all reflect and meditate on God's word together.

We are in what we are calling our "Home-Found Faith" series which asks us to consider how we practice our faith at home and how that translates in the world.

How to Prepare for Worship

BE PRESENT—Worship as a family and try (if able) to not use the time to multi-task; when we are fully present, we let the Holy into our lives.

PREPARE—Have your Bible so you can read along, have what you need on hand to partake of Communion, have your devices charged and ready, and any other things you might need. Do not be afraid to make substitutions if necessary or adapt to your own circumstances.

PARTICIPATE—If it is self-directed or led by others, no matter the method, actively participate in the Worship experience even if it is one you have not had before. The more you willingly participate, the more engaged you become, and the better we experience the Holy.

BE OKAY—Take a deep breath and be okay with the unfamiliar, the uncomfortable, and the things we are not used to doing. Please use these prompts, as tools, to create your own experience and expression of worship, on any day of the week. Do not worry about it being perfect.

INVITE—Invite friends, loved ones, any you may know, to join in Worship with you. Share in Worship directly, as you are able or take the time to share what you've experienced as part of Worship by calling and talking about it, or writing, or... however you feel led. By inviting others to experience Worship with us, we share God's love.

GIVE—make sure you continue to actively give in your tithes and offering to the church, either online, via text, or in the mail.

October 4th: Deuteronomy 11:18-21 “It Starts At Home”

You are invited to pray: On this day of Worship, O Lord, we praise your name. Let us seek to express our worship of you in our every encounter and wherever we may be. Guide us as we form relationships around your bread of life and let us feast together on your teachings. Provide us opportunities and courage to share, share in the abundance of your love, so much that it is reflected from our hearts to our words, actions, and deeds. Amen.

Take a moment to read the scripture: Deuteronomy 11:18-21

**Our Message Reflection today is entitled:
“It Starts At Home”**

Faith is not learned solely at church, in fact if we only learned faith and the practice of faith at Church, we would not be particularly good followers of the word of God. Faith, it starts at home. We learn how to practice our faith the best by observing the faith practices of those nearest to ourselves. Do we see them living out the words we learn in Sunday School or not? Do we take what we hear in Church each week into our daily practices or do we assume that others see it in us? What are ways of re-starting our Faith, re-building our faith, rejuvenating our faith at home?

As you finish your time in reflection you are invited to continue in Worship by partaking of Communion, the Words of Institution for the Bread and Cup can be found in your Bible: 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

**Use what you have on hand to represent the elements.*

*End your time in communion by reciting **The Lord’s Prayer.***

*Reflect on the practice of tithing, giving, and sharing out of our abundance as a part of our worship and as an expression of our faith. You are invited to then sing the **Doxology.***

Conclude your worship with Prayer: We thank you Lord, for this day of praise, of worship. We praise you Lord for instilling in us a desire to live our faith out in every area of our lives. Amen.

**If you wish to add any songs to your worship experience some of the more requested familiar hymn lyrics are at the end of this packet.*

October 11th: 2 Corinthians 3:12- 4:6

“Shedding of Our Masks”

You are invited to pray: Help us God, on this day to come to you, ready to remove the veils we put over our hearts, minds, and souls in an unwillingness to see you. Let us seek you, let us find you. Let us walk forth boldly as believers in your light and life. Amen.

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Our Message Reflection today is entitled: “Shedding of Our Masks”

It feels good to remove the mask after wearing it, no matter for how long. Remove it and be ourselves. Yet...I readily admit to being one of those who can forget I have it on and can forget to take it off even when I should. I am not just talking about the cloth masks we wear right now, but every mask. Masks of confidence, even as we tremble. Masks of knowledge that are not quite in the know. Masks of all shapes, sizes, feelings, expressions, densities. The masks that keep our faith hidden, not revealed fully.

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Conclude your worship with a Prayer of your own making.

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October 18th: 2 Corinthians 12: 9-10 “Can We Be Vulnerable?”

You are invited to pray: Lord of all, let us be present on this day and let us devote ourselves to your teaching as we hear your Word, worship, and praise your name.

We seek to share the heart of the Gospel in word and in deed as we live in this world. Let your joy reside in our hearts, and your peace in our homes, and let your Good News be our guide each and every day so that we always know we are worthy of your love. Amen.

Take a moment to read the scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Our Message Reflection today is entitled: “Can We Be Vulnerable?”

Can we be made strong in our weaknesses? Can we be vulnerable enough with ourselves, let alone others, to name our weaknesses? We often acknowledge the power of Christ in our strengths, why do we not acknowledge the power of Christ in our weaknesses, our vulnerabilities?

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Conclude your worship with Prayer: Oh God, we pray to you, asking that you help us remember you are with us, always. We pray that we proclaim your presence in our hearts loudly, with praise and thanksgiving, in our strengths and in our weaknesses. Amen.

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October 25th: 2 Corinthians 4:15-16 “Grateful, Not Obligated”

You are invited to pray: Lord of all, let us be present on this day and let us devote ourselves to your teaching, to your Word. Lead, us to seek your Holy Spirit anew in our scriptures. Help us to receive Jesus Christ afresh into our lives as we read and hear the Good News in praise and worship on this day. Amen.

Take a moment to read the scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:15-16

Our Message Reflection today is entitled: “Grateful, Not Obligated”

Grateful, not obligated. It is rare indeed when we can simply on many levels simply say “thank you” and mean it. Mean it without having the person respond “no, thank you.” Or mean it without having to consider the ways we must repay another for what has been done. Perhaps this is what is freeing in our faith. We can be simply grateful for the grace given, and our gratitude can overflow from us in a well of thanksgiving all to glorify God, under no obligation, but simply praise.

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Conclude your worship with Prayer: Lord of all things, people, and of me. Let my praises flow. Let thankfulness be uttered from my lips with each opening. Let my praises be known and let me always be grateful for your grace. Amen.

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Hymns

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way. When sorrows like sea billows roll. Whatever my lot thou hast taught me to say: It is well, It is well with my soul.

*Chorus: It is well with my soul. It is well,
It is well with my soul*

Tho' Satan should buffet, Tho' trials should come Let this blest assurance control. That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate and hath shed His own blood for my soul (Chorus)

My sin O the bliss of this glorious tho't, my sin not in part but the whole. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, O my soul. (Chorus)

And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight. The clouds be rolled back as a scroll. The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend even so it is well with my soul. (Chorus)

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What A Friend We Have In Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. O what peace we often forfeit. O what needless pain we bear. All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden? Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

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Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now am found Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

Verse 3: The Lord has promised good to me His Word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

Verse 4: Through many dangers toils and snares I have already come 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far And grace will lead me home

Verse 5: Yea when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease I shall possess within the veil A life of joy and peace

Verse 6: When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first begun

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Chorus: Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness, Morning by morning, New mercies I see. All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Verse 1: Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow, Of turning with Thee, Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not, As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Verse 2: Summer and winter And springtime and harvest, Sun moon and stars, In their courses above, Join with all nature, In manifold witness, To Thy great faithfulness, Mercy and love.

Verse 3: Pardon for sin, And a peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence, To cheer and to guide, Strength for today, And bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, With ten thousand beside.

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Be Thou My Vision

*Be Thou my vision ,O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me, Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, By day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light*

*Be Thou my wisdom, Be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee, And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, And I with Thee one*

*Riches I heed not, Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, Now and always
Thou and Thou only, Be first in my heart
High King of heaven, My treasure Thou art*

*High King of heaven, When vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, Whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all*

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In The Garden

*Chorus: And He walks with me and He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known*

*I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses*

*He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing*

*I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling
But He bids me go thro' the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling*

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His Eye Is On The Sparrow

*Why should I feel discouraged
Why should the shadows come
Why should my heart be lonely
And long for heaven and home*

*When Jesus is my portion my constant friend is He
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me*

Chorus

*I sing because I'm happy I sing because I'm free
For His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches me*

*Let not your heart be troubled
His tender words I hear
And resting on His goodness
I lose my doubt and fear*

*Tho' by the path He leadeth but one step I may see
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me
(Chorus)*

*Whenever I am tempted whenever clouds arise
When songs give place to sighing
When hope within me dies*

*I draw the closer to Him from care He sets me free
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me
(Chorus)*

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