

GUIDE FOR HOME WORSHIP 04/26

Worship is an essential part of the Christian life. Here are **a few tips** for participating at home:

- It may seem awkward at first, but I'd encourage you to "push through the awkward." It gets more comfortable with time.
- Families with small children may have trouble going through the entire service and that's okay! They may need to have **a break to get some wiggles out**. You can also use the kids resources posted at: opcmilford.org/kidsresources/
- Select someone to act as the leader for the service/take turns leading different sections below (Call to worship, prayer, benediction). Older children are often more engaged if they have leading/reading roles.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read aloud before clicking play on the musical worship:

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for you in my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by. —Psalm 57:1

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, we praise you for being **the God** from whom all blessings flow; **the Judge** who declared us righteous in Christ; and **the Lord** now working in all things for our good. In response to such incredible grace and love, we gladly take the low place of humility and confession.

Forgive us for caring more about people's approval than cherishing your acceptance.

Forgive us for being quick to judge others and slow to forgive them.

Forgive us for scheduling ourselves into exhaustion and bad attitudes.

Father, teach us how to live and love at the pace of grace. In Christ's name, we confess our sins and offer our prayer. Amen.

Take a moment to confess your sins, knowing that he hears you.

STREAM THE SERVICE

BENEDICTION

Read aloud together: *Now may the Savior, who has abolished death as our Champion, come to you in your sorrows, stay by your side in the darkness, carry you through your distresses, and give you joy in the midst of the fight. Amen.*

NOTES FOR THE SERMON

Psalm 57: Fight Songs

Part One of a Fight Song: Name Your Champion (Psalm 57:1-3)

The Champion in David's battle is _____.

Part Two of a Fight Song: Name Your Enemy (Psalm 13:4-6)

David tells God how he _____ amidst life's battles.

Part Three of a Fight Song: Sing your Song (Psalm 13:7-11)

David rises up with determination to _____ God in the midst of the battle.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

(to be used in community with others)

Tips: Talk through these questions over some food and take joy together in the truths and promises you've heard today in God's Word, in song, and as you discuss together.

▶ GET STARTED

- Pray together for God to lead your conversation by His Word and Spirit.

▶ READ

- Read Psalm 57 as a group and consider it in light of the Gospel.

▶ ASK

- What are you up against this week? How does Psalm 57 shape the way you are facing it?
- God ultimately "sent out his steadfast love" (Ps. 57:3) in the person of Jesus. How are you experiencing his love for you right now? Or in what ways are you wrestling with this?

COMMUNION WITH GOD

- What is one truth about God that you are clinging to right now from the sermon or from your personal devotional time?
- What is one act of obedience the Holy Spirit is calling you towards this week?
- What is your one prayer request for personal renewal?

COMMUNITY WITH GOD'S PEOPLE

- What is one burden you want to share with us that you need help shouldering?
- What is one burden you are currently shouldering for others that we can assist you with?
- What is one blessing you want to share with us that we can help you celebrate?

COMMISSIONED TO GOD'S WORLD

- Who is one neighbor that you are caring for right now?