

GUIDE FOR HOME WORSHIP 05/24

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

- **Push through the awkward.** Worshiping this way gets more comfortable with time.
- **Take turns leading** different sections below (Call to worship, prayer, benediction).
- **Take heart!** (if you have small children). They might not make it 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/

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read aloud before clicking play on the musical worship:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story ... —Psalm 107:5-8

PRAYER

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. (2 Cor. 3:12)

Father, it feels so good to be set free from the old “He loves me; he loves me not” spirituality. **Because the gospel is true**, we can be bold, assured, and at home in your presence. Hallelujah, there's no more need to pose or pretend with you, Lord. We have traded our my “fig leaves” for the righteousness of Jesus.

By your grace, we discovered our condition was far worse than we ever imagined, but we have also discovered you love us far more than we could have hoped or dreamed. Now we no longer have to be afraid to die and face judgment, and we can learn to be less fearful to face the challenges of life and opinions of others. Grant us even greater freedom today, Father, as we receive your Word with open hearts. Amen.

STREAM THE SERVICE

BENEDICTION

Read aloud together: *Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. (1 John 3:2-3)*

NOTES FOR THE SERMON

Psalm 107: Thanksgiving Songs

Redeemed from Wandering (Psalm 107:1-9)

- In the Gospel, God delivers us from _____.

Redeemed from Darkness (Psalm 107:10-16)

- In the Gospel, God delivers us from _____.

Redeemed from Foolishness. (Psalm 107:17-22)

- In the Gospel, God delivers us from _____.

Redeemed from Danger (Psalm 107:23-32)

- In the Gospel, God delivers us from _____.

Blessing Comes Only from God's Unfailing Love (Psalm 62:11-12)

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.

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?

▶ GET STARTED

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

▶ READ

- Read Psalm 107 as a group. Consider it in light of the Gospel.

▶ ASK

- Psalm 107 recounts God redeeming his people from: **wandering** (the Exodus), **darkness** (the Exile), **foolishness** (by ignoring God), and **danger** (of the everyday + the serious variety).
- **Paul showed** that Christ has redeemed His people in each of these ways. Which one stands out to you the most?
- What has God redeemed you out of during this season? What work might He desire to do in your life this week?