

GUIDE FOR HOME WORSHIP 07/26

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: *Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. (Philippians 1:27-28)*

PRAYER *Father*, our salvation is a work we didn't begin and you alone can finish.

We could never perform our way out of our sin or earn our way into your love. From beginning to end, our salvation is all of grace—the whole redemptive enchilada.

We contributed nothing but our sin, and you gave everything in your Son. Oh, the peace, joy, and freedom that comes with really believing the gospel is as complete and good as you declare it to be. And oh, the wonder of realizing that one day we will be as lovely as and as loving as Jesus, for you will complete this good work of grace in our lives.

For so great a salvation, we worship you; for so great a Savior, we adore you! Amen.

BENEDICTION **Read aloud together:** *Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. (Philippians 2:12-13)*

NOTES FOR THE SERMON

Philippians 2:12-18

My Dear Friends...

Work Out Your Salvation...

The Wilderness, the Chaos, and the Light...

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- **How will your sentences begin this week? What words will you use?** If your sentence begins with “My dear friend...” **Keep going.** If not, **STOP!** And then pay attention to what God replaces your silence with.
- **How will you pay attention** to what God is working in, around, and through you this week?
- **As you speak this week ask:** Are my words bringing light or only heat to this conversation?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

(You are studying the passage for next Sunday. Try it out and see how the passage comes alive)

GET STARTED Pray for God to lead your group by His Word and Spirit.

READ Philippians 2:19-30 slowly as if for the 1st time. Mark down what you observe as you read/hear. Use the [COMMA Questions](#) and [Daily Devo](#) for additional insights.

ASK

Pick a few of these questions and ask them as a group as you study the passage together.

CONTEXT:

What was the main point of the passage immediately before this one?

Are there logical or thematic connections to the passage you are reading?

OBSERVATION:

What seems to be the main point or points?

What sort of change does the author seem to be trying to bring about in the audience? In us?

What surprises you?

MEANING:

How does this text relate to other parts of the book?

How does the passage relate to Jesus? How does He fulfill this command/ ideal/principle?

What does this passage teach you about God?

Why do you think God put this in the Bible?

How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

MEDITATION:

Adoration: How can I love and praise God on the basis of what I've read? E

Repentance: How do I fail to realize this in my life? What wrong behavior, harmful emotions or attitudes result when I forget this?

Gospel Thanks: How can I thank Jesus as the ultimate revelation of this attribute of God and the ultimate answer to this sin or need of mine?

Application: See below...

APPLICATION

How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?

Is there some attitude you need to change?

How does this passage call on you to change the way you live?

How would you be different if this truth were powerfully real to you?