

GUIDE FOR HOME WORSHIP 04/19

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:

But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me. —Psalm 13:5-6.

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, we love you because you first loved us and gave Jesus as a sacrifice for our sins. We humble ourselves before you today because of your promise to complete your work in our lives. We praise you for your loving welcome, daily mercies, and sufficient grace.

Forgive us for treasuring the pleasures of the world more than the riches of grace.

Forgive us for dwelling too much on our fears and too little on your beauty.

Forgive us for rehearsing the failings of others more than the truths of the gospel.

Forgive us for being quick to whine and slow to worship.

We offer our confession in Jesus' name and for your glory. Lead us forward in our worship of you today. Amen.

STREAM THE SERVICE

BENEDICTION

Read aloud together: *Now may the Shepherd who laid down his life for the sheep restore your soul, lead you in right paths, walk beside you in the dark valley, and bring you safely home to the home of the Lord forever more. Amen (based on Psalm 23)*

NOTES FOR THE SERMON

Psalm 13: Singing the Blues

Complaint to God (Psalm 13:1-2)

Step #1 in singing a Lament Psalm is being totally _____ with God about how you feel.

Prayer for Help (Psalm 13:3-4)

Step #2 in singing a Lament Psalm is being very _____ with God about your need.

Statement of Trust (Psalm 13:5-6)

Step #3 in singing a Lament Psalm is _____ in the love of God for your rescue.

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, by His Spirit, to open your eyes to behold wonderful things (Ps. 119:18) as your group meets with the Lord.

▶ READ

- Read Psalm 13 as a group and consider it in light of the Gospel.

▶ ASK

- How does Psalm 13 speak into your current experience?
- How might God be calling you to respond to him through Psalm 13?

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?