

GUIDE FOR HOME WORSHIP 05/01

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:

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. —Psalm 32:1

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 oblivion 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 He in whom your transgressions are forgiven, who has covered all your sin, who took on your sin, suffering, and was crushed for your evils. May this One, Jesus the Righteous One, strengthen, protect, teach, counsel, and surround you with His song of deliverance that you may rejoice, sing, and be glad in the Lord all of your days. Amen.*

NOTES FOR THE SERMON

Psalm 32: Confession Songs

Lesson #1: Being Honest with God Brings _____ (Psalm 32:1-2)

Our happiness depends upon _____ of our spiritual failure.

Lesson #2: Concealing our Sin Causes Us _____ (Psalm 32:3-4)

Lesson #3: Confession Brings _____ (Psalm 32:5)

Lesson #4: Reconnection with God Brings _____ (Psalm 32:6-7)

Lesson #5: Walking with God Yields _____ from God (Psalm 32:8-10)

Lesson #6: A forgiven heart brings _____ back into your life. (Psalm 32:11)

Dominating David's heart is the greatness of God's _____.

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 32 as a group. Consider it in light of the Gospel.

▶ ASK

- What images does the word "confession" bring to mind?
- How does Psalm 32 show what true confession looks like?
- Read Isaiah 52:13-53:6 + Ephesians 2:8-9 + 1 John 1:8-9 together. How does Jesus' life/death on our behalf help us in our confession of sins before God?

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?