

Home Worship Liturgy
5/10/2020

A new command I give you; Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:34-35

***Opening Prayer** (*Have one person read this out loud*)

God of grace,

You have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Songs of Praise and Hope (*The words to the songs have been provided below for singing or reflection. If you would like to sing along with a video or simply listen to the music, please either click on the link provided, look it up on Youtube, or play your own instrument if possible.*)

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (Gladden, 1879)

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WXwXQnsaL3A>)

O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the Godward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,

In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
 In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
 Far down the future's broad'ning way,
 In peace that only Thou canst give,
 With Thee, O Master, let me live.

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought (Gilmore, 1962)
 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OpC78nfVdfY>)

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
 O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
 Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
 Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

(Refrain) He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
 By his own hand he leadeth me;
 His faithful follower I would be,
 For by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
 Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
 By waters still, o'er troubled sea,
 Still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

(Refrain)

Lord, I would place thine hand in mine,
 Nor ever murmur nor repine;
 Content, whatever lot I see,
 Since 'tis thine hand that leadeth me. (*Cont...*)

(Refrain)

And when my task on earth is done,
 When by thy grace the victory's won,

E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
 Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak (Havergal, 1972)
 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mLa0Z2YM4U>)

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
 In living echoes of Thy tone;
 As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
 Thy erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
 The wandering and the wavering feet;
 O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
 Thy hungering ones with manna sweet

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
 The precious things Thou dost impart;
 And wing my words, that they may reach
 The hidden depths of many a heart.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
 Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where,
 Until Thy blessed face I see,
 Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share!

Bible Text and Sermon (*To access the sermon video/audio and worship liturgy, please visit our website at idealparkchurch.com and click on the “Current Sermon Series” tab. From there, click on “Watch Now” or “Read Now” for May 10. The link to find the worship liturgy is <https://idealparkchurch.com/current-sermon-series/>). A direct link to the sermon video is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGHMGUKtTHE>.*

Psalm 121¹

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A song of ascents.

1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? 2 My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. 3 He will not let your foot slip - he who watches over you will not slumber; 4 indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 5 The LORD watches over you - the LORD is your shade at your right hand; 6 the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. 7 The LORD will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life; 8 the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Sermon Audio and outline

Tools for the Journey

Psalm 121

Sermon for May 10, 2020

Story of not being prepared for a journey

Tools for the journey

- God's presence
- Prayer
- Lament
- Looking to the destination
- God's Word
- Thankfulness
- Holy Spirit and God's timing

One more things to help us

- As God is with us, God also gives us each other
- The Law of Christ
- Embodying the hope of the Gospel, together

Prayers for our church, community, nation, and world (*Read each of these as you feel led, either out loud or silently. After each section, take time to pray in whatever way you feel led.*)

Lord God Almighty,

We thank you for your presence among us. As you walk with us, you give us so many ways to remember you, lean on you, know your presence, and talk with you. We pray, Holy Spirit, that you would make your presence known to us. Refresh our hearts with the hope in Jesus, the promise of your salvation, and the presence of your power. Make this reality known more and more in our hearts. [*silent prayer*]

We thank you, Lord, for your church. You give us each other as we go along the journey. As we travel together, help us to support one another in difficulty, encourage one another in times of heartache, and remind each other of your steadfast love. Give us opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in both word and deed. [*silent prayer*]

As we remember our local church family, we pray too for our church family worldwide. We pray, God almighty, for those who are suffering persecution, famine, sickness. We pray for our missionaries who seek to share the Gospel far and wide. We lift up our brothers and sisters around the world. [*silent prayer*]

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your goodness, your grace, and your mercy. As we go on the journey of this life, we know that you go with us. You remind us that we are not alone.

We pray this in the power of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Build Your Kingdom Here (Rend Collective)

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcSWpVKKMcs>)

This song may or may not be familiar, but the words are wonderful reminders of God's work in this world. If you know it, please sing along with the link. If you haven't heard it before, let the words fill you with the hope at the work of God in this world!

Time for Discussion

- Which of the “tools” we have talked about have been the most helpful to you? Why?
- How has God uniquely equipped you for the journey?
- Are there scriptural practices that have been helpful to you that we did not talk about in this sermon series? Would you like to talk more about spiritual disciplines? Please feel free to contact pastor Chris with further questions or comments.

When you have gone through this liturgy and discussion, consider calling a friend or two from church to see how they are doing.

“The LORD bless you and keep you, the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26 (New International Version)