

RPC Home Worship

Sunday, March 22, 2020 - 10 AM

Below you will find some elements from Sunday worship to be used this morning for worship. This is for singles, couples, and families. We are participating at the same time, in our homes, as a local church and as the Body of Christ, to give Christ our praise and honor. If you have children, be sure to allow them to participate with the readings, prayer, and praise.

Call to Worship: Taken from Psalm 98

Someone Read:

Oh sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
2 The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Prayer of Appeal:

Ask God for his presence and blessing during this time of worship.

Reading: Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

Someone Ask:

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All Respond:

That I belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
not to myself,
but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,
who at the cost of His own blood
has fully paid for all my sins
and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;
that He protects me so well
that without the will of my Father in heaven
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation.
Therefore, by His Holy Spirit,
He also assures me of eternal life,
and makes me wholeheartedly willing,
and ready from now on to live for Him.

Sing or Recite: Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art

High King of Heaven, my victory won
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

Reading:

Psalm 46 English Standard Version (ESV)

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
- 3 though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
- 6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah
- 8 Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
- 10 "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Sing or Recite: Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Online Message:

Go to rpcinverness.com and click on the youtube link for this morning's sermon.

Share and Reflect:

If you have children be sure to rephrase these questions so they may participate.

- How do you see people reacting in fear during this crisis and in present culture?
- How does fear effect you?
- What is most comforting to you in Psalm 46?
- What does Psalm 46 say about the nations? Do we put too much trust in "princes" and "presidents"? Discuss.
- Verse 10 says to "be still and know God". What do you think this means?
- How should v. 10 direct our daily spiritual habits?
- How does the Gospel make **you** "still before God"?

Closing Prayer:

- Pray for one another.
- Pray for our leaders and health workers.
- Pray for repentance in our lives and in our nation.
- Thank God for his sustaining hand, how he curbs our fears, and gives us refuge in times of trouble.