

WORSHIP GUIDE

MAY 17TH, 2020

Use this guide as a script. If possible, ask for a volunteer, roommate, or virtual participant to read the parts aloud. There are links to the songs to play and sing along with or sing them a cappella. We want this to be a helpful guide for you and your community to participate together, worshipping the Lord.

We invite you to stand as you sing, to help position yourself to be engaged and focused as you participate in the gathering of God's people.

Links to "Sunday Worship Guide Playlist"
- [Spotify playlist](#) & [YouTube playlist](#) of songs for today

CALL TO WORSHIP

Have someone read this scripture aloud to begin:

Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Let's sing, celebrate, and thank God for the fact that we have been adopted into His family as sons and daughters, brothers and sisters.

SONG

In Tenderness - Citizens

In tenderness he sought me, weary and sick with sin
And on His shoulders brought me, back to His fold again
While angels in His presence sang, until the courts of heaven rang.

Oh, the love that sought me!
Oh, the blood that bought me!
Oh, the grace that brought me to the fold of God
Grace that brought me to the fold of God.

He died for me while I was sinning, needy and poor and blind
He whispered to assure me: "I've found thee; thou art Mine"
I never heard a sweeter voice, it made my aching heart rejoice.

Oh, the love that sought me!
Oh, the blood that bought me!
Oh, the grace that brought me to the fold of God
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Upon His grace I'll daily ponder, and sing anew His praise
With all adoring wonder, His blessings I retrace
It seems as if eternal days, are far too short to sing His praise.

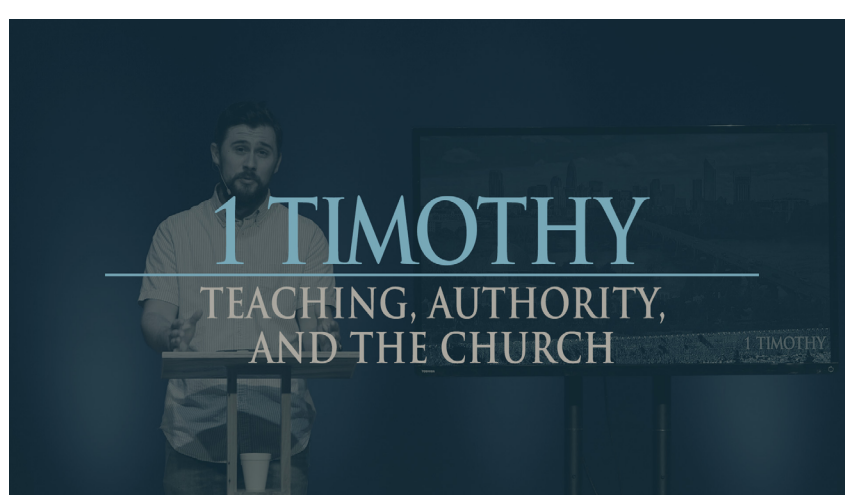
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PRACTICE

Pray aloud together.

We learned earlier in our 1 Timothy study of the power of prayer and how God uses it to bring about His purposes in the world. Take 30 seconds to 1 minute to pray for God's kingdom to come into the world. You can pray for the healing of someone who is sick, a neighbor or friend to come to know Jesus, and anything in between. If you are gathering with more than one person, give multiple people an opportunity to pray.

SERMON



SONGS

Hallelujah for the Cross - Chris McClarney

I would be hopeless without Your goodness
I would be desperate without Your love
Slave to the darkness if it wasn't for the cross

You have won me with Your kindness
Chased me down when I was lost
Where would I be if it wasn't for the cross?

Hallelujah, thank You, Jesus
I was a prisoner, now I'm not
With Your blood, You bought my freedom
Hallelujah for the cross

All my shame was met with mercy
Now Your mercy will be my song
And oh, the glory, oh, the power of the cross

Hallelujah, thank You, Jesus
I was a prisoner, now I'm not, oh
With Your blood, You bought my freedom
Hallelujah for the cross

And by Your stripes, I'm healed
And by Your death, I live
The power of sin is overcome
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Grace Alone - The Modern Post

I was an orphan lost at the fall
Running away when I'd hear your call
But Father, you worked your will
I had no righteousness of my own
I had no right to draw near your throne
But Father, you loved me still

And in love before you laid the world's foundation
You predestined to adopt me as your own
You have raised me up so high above my station
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone

You left your home to seek out the lost
You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus, your face was set
I worked my fingers down to the bone
Nothing I did could ever atone
But Jesus, you paid my debt

By your blood I have redemption and salvation
Lord, you died that I might reap what you have sown
And you rose that I might be a new creation
I am born again by grace and grace alone

I was in darkness all of my life
I never knew the day from the night
But Spirit, you made me see
I swore I knew the way on my own
Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone
But Spirit, you moved in me

At your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken
Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone

So I'll stand in faith by grace and grace alone
I will run the race by grace and grace alone
I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone
I will reach the end by grace and grace alone

BENEDICTION

Read this aloud:

Creator and Mighty God, you have promised strength for the weak, rest for the laborers, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love. Creator and Mighty God, help us to continue in your promise. Amen.

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