



The *Sunday Recap* is a quick rundown of our time of worship together on Sunday and a quick look at next Sunday. Our hope is that this will help us continue to reflect on the good news of the gospel all week and prepare for the upcoming Sunday. Enjoy!

#### **SCRIPTURE TO MEDITATE ON:**

##### **Matthew 5:3**

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

#### **REFLECTION QUESTIONS:**

- What did you experience at prayer and scripture worship together Sunday?
- Did anything stick with you from the readings or the songs we sang together? What was it and why did it stick with you?
- What was on your heart and mind to pray about during our prayer time? Has that been something God has been leading you to pray about for a while or was it a new prayer?
- Who are two people you know that don't have faith in Jesus that you can pray will come to know Him?

#### **QUESTIONS FOR KIDS**

- What can we be thankful for today?
- Who can we pray for this week?
- What are the names of two people we know who don't know Jesus that we can pray for?

#### **SONGS WE SANG:**

\*Check out our *Spotify* playlist here: <https://goo.gl/BQddvV>

[Your Love Never Fails](#) by Jesus Culture

[He Will Hold Me Fast](#) by Keith and Kristyn Getty

[Great is Thy Faithfulness](#) by Shane and Shane

[Revelation Song](#) by Kari Jobe

[Awake My Soul](#) by Derek Webb

## **READINGS:**

### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 95:1-7

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.  
Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

### ***Prayer of Silence & Listening***

Psalm 46:10

“Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”

Heavenly Father,

On our minds right now is the to do list of things that need done at our house, the emails and phone calls that we need to get to, and the many tasks that await us in the week ahead. The list is much bigger than our idol of control can tolerate. By your Spirit, settle, center, and free us to trust you. We want to be present with your church right now, and attentive to your voice.

We begin by acknowledging yet again that you are God and we are not. That you are in control of all things, and we are not.

We don't want our goal for the week to be simply to get a bunch of stuff done. We want to receive your love and give that love to others. But we realize we will have little to give if we are not receiving from you. May you, who will be honored in every nation and throughout the world be honored in our church, our hearts, our homes, and our work.

Right now we want to simply be present with you. We want to listen to you, hear your small still voice, and enjoy your presence with us, right here, right now today.

Take a few minutes to simply enjoy God's presence and be still and quiet before Him....

### ***Prayer of Confession and Lament***

Dear heavenly Father,

For your joyful welcome and heart of mercy, we give you praise. For your patience and forbearance we worship and adore you. Apart from our standing in grace, we could not stand before you. In humility and hope, we offer our confession

Forgive us for being selfish with our money and your grace

Forgive us for indulging our fantasies and nursing our grudges

Forgive us for being slow to listen and quick to complain  
Forgive us for using your grace to excuse our sin and using your law to control others.

[[Take a few moments now to confess your sins to your Father who has forgiveness waiting for you...]]

### ***Prayer of Assurance of Salvation***

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Dear Jesus, nothing is more surprising to us than to hear that we are “in Christ”. In you, we have more than we need, more than we realize, and more than we could ever want or hope for. When God rescued us from the dominion of darkness and hid our life in you, we became part of the new creation era. Every promise in the Old Testament finds its emphatic “Yes!” In you. Every vision of the New Heavens and New Earth will be fully realized because you completely fulfilled the work God gave you to do. You are the Lamb of God who took away our sin; the Lord of Lords, who is making all things new; the Lamb of the New City, whose glory will radiate the new heaven and new earth. Hallelujah, what a savior you are! Hallelujah, what a salvation we have in you!

Take a few moments to tell Jesus what it means to you that He saved you by his life, death, and resurrection.

### ***Prayer of Thankfulness***

Corinthians 4:7 says:

What do you have that you did not receive?

We realize that we have only because He has given. All we have is a gift from Him. Let's thank Him for His goodness towards us...

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:  
for the breath  
that sustains life,  
for the food of this earth  
that nurtures life,  
for the love of family and friends  
without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:  
for the beauty  
that the eye can see,  
for the joy  
that the ear may hear,  
for the unknown  
that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder,  
And draws us to consider there is a Creator

We thank you for setting us in communities  
We thank you for this church, where we can know of your presence  
for family and friends who love us  
For jobs that provide, and coworkers to share daily tasks with  
for children who lighten our moments with delight.

We thank you for this day:  
for life and one more day to love,  
for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace,  
for neighbors and one more person to love and by whom be loved,  
for your grace and one more experience of your presence,  
for your promise: to be with us, to be our God, and to give salvation.

For these, and all blessings,  
we give you thanks, eternal, loving God, through Jesus Christ.

Take a few moments to express your thanks to God for how He has particularly blessed you.

### ***Prayers for Salvation of Others***

*2 Corinthians 5:18-20*

*All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

Lord, you have not only saved us, but also are telling the world about salvation through us. You have given us the message of reconciliation to take to our friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers. We first have to ask for your forgiveness for not pursuing relationships with those who don't know you. We ask that you would give us hearts that desire to see others know of the saving power of Jesus.

Give us a heart to listen to those who don't know you. Let us truly love those in our lives who don't know you. Let us not see them as a project, but as someone who was created by you for relationship with you. Let us not see ourselves as better or smarter, but as sinners just like them who need a savior. May we share with them not simply the words of salvation but also our entire lives as well.

We bring to you now prayers for the salvation of our family, children, friends, neighbors, coworkers and others we know who don't yet know you.

Spend time now asking the Lord to save specific people in your life...

# PREPARE FOR THIS SUNDAY

To help you prepare your heart and mind for this Sunday, we encourage you to read the scripture & readings and listen to the songs we'll be singing this Sunday. May God prepare our hearts to hear what He has to say to us.

**We're starting a New Series this week!** We're going to get a look at the entire story of the Bible in just 5 weeks. Looking forward to hearing from God together!

**Week 1 - Rescued Into Him: Created in Communion**

## Sermon Text-

**Genesis 1:26** Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."

## Call To Worship

L: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. -Psalm 24:1

**C: Praise the Lord, all you nations. Praise him, all you people of the earth. For his unfailing love for us is powerful; the Lord's faithfulness endures forever. Praise the Lord!**

- Psalm 117

## Prayer of Confession

L: Lord, we have valued 'doing' over 'being', and have trusted in our strategic efforts to give us new life.

**C: Forgive us for trusting ourselves as gods.**

L: Lord, we have judged for ourselves what is worth our time and what is worthless, often missing your invitation in the ordinary moments of life.

**C: Forgive us for trusting our own judgments instead of resting in yours.**

L: We have been preoccupied feeding our egos and our comfort. The kingdoms we pour our time and resources into are already crumbling.

**C: Forgive us for rejecting your kingdom and for disbelieving your promise.**

L: We come humbly before you, our maker and redeemer.

We acknowledge that your ways often seem strange to us.

We confess that we are blind to so many aspects of your kingdom.

**C: Jesus, open the eyes of our hearts.**

L: Jesus, you are the forever king who's reign is marked by sacrificial love and compassion for the sinner.

**C: Jesus, may your splendor captivate our hearts.**

L: Lord, you even invite us into your kingdom, bidding us to taste, see, and enjoy!

**C: May your loving acceptance eternally satisfy our souls.**

## Passing of the Peace

We were outcasts, strangers, and orphans. But through Jesus we have been adopted in and made God's own people. We are now beloved children of God. As we take great joy in our new status by faith in Christ, let us also take great joy in greeting each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

***Word of Assurance***

And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them.

**Jeremiah 32:38-40**

***Benediction***

L: To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. (1 Tim. 1:17) Go in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Peace be with you!

**C: And Also with you!**