

Grandview Church All-Ages Worship at Home

Sunday March 29th 2020

Consider holding your time for worshiping at home at the same time as you usually attend the worship service on Sunday. Remind the children in your home that people from our church community and around the world are worshiping God now, hearing stories of Jesus and praying for each other and the world. It is the love of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit that connects us all, even when we are apart.

Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We are glad to gather here today on the traditional, unceded territories of the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh nations.
(Or Coast Salish peoples, depending on where you live.)

All: We are glad to gather in the light of Christ.

(light a candle as a sign of Christ's light in your home and in the world)

One: O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you

All: as the day rises to meet the sun.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Depending of the ages of the children in your home, you could sing one or both of the following songs:

Song: Behold

Behold, behold.

Behold, behold.

Behold the Lamb

Who takes away

The sin of the world.

Have mercy

Have mercy

Have mercy on us.

Song: Burn This as a Light (D G A)

**When journeying through your dark night, Burn this as a light
Until the dawn horizon, burn. Burn this as a light**

**What God has voiced inside you, burn. Burn this as a light
Creation all about you, burn. Burn this as a light**

**The song of children laughing, burn. Burn this as a light
The sound of people singing, burn. Burn this as a light**

**The morning star arises, burn. Burn this as a light
Raising our joys from sorrows, burn. Burn this as a light**

**The tree of life bearing fruit, burn. Burn this as a light
The healing of the nations, burn. Burn this as a light**

**When you come to take us home
We'll lay our oil lamps down
In the abiding light of the lamb
We'll lay our oil lamps down
Beside your glorified body
We'll lay our oil lamps down
Healed by the holy hands of love
We'll lay our oil lamps down**

Psalm Reading: Psalm 130

(One person can read the passage or you can take turns each reading a verse.)

Depending of the ages of the children in your home, you could sing one or both of the following songs:

Song: Wait on the Lord

**Wait on the Lord, waiting on the Lord, We will walk the way of peace
Wait on the Lord, waiting on the Lord, We will find our way.**

**Wait on the Lord, waiting on the Lord, We will walk the way of peace
Wait on the Lord, waiting on the Lord, We will find our way.**

**We will find our way. We will find our way.
We will find our way. We will find our way.**

Song: The Lord is My Light (Taize)

The Lord is my light,

My light and salvation:

In God I trust,

In God I trust.

Story: Jesus washes the disciples feet*

From John 13:1-5, 12-15 and Mark 14:22-26

or from *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, "The Servant King," p.286

**If there are no children in your home, you may choose to listen to the sermon at this point instead. The recording of the sermon is included in the Grandview worship email for this Sunday.*

Wondering Together

These are wondering questions that don't have right or wrong answers. This is a time to reflect with your heart and imagination (and not quite so much with your rational brain). Just follow your kids' lead; they know what it's about.

- I wonder what part of this story is your favourite
- I wonder what part of this story you think is the most important, a part you couldn't leave out
- I wonder what it is like to have dirty, stinky feet
- I wonder what it is like to be the servant who cleans other people's dirty, stinky feet
- I wonder how Jesus felt when he knelt down in front of his friends with a basin of water and a towel like a servant and washed each of their dirty feet
- I wonder how the friends felt when Jesus washed their dirty feet
- I wonder why Jesus told his friends to wash one another's dirty feet
- I wonder what it is like for us to wash each other's feet

You may want to allow for some quiet time for people in your home to draw about the story or you may want to move right into "Praying for Others" (below).



Praying for Others: Into God's Hands Prayer

Think about something or someone that makes you feel sad. Sometimes we call these sad, heavy feelings "burdens."

Draw large hands on a piece of paper and inside the hands draw the people, situations, or feelings that are like heavy burdens. As you draw think about God's hands being big enough to hold all of our burdens. You may want to pray these words as you draw: "I place this in your strong and caring hands, O God."

(You can also do this imaginatively, or by choosing a bowl that represents God's hands and placing symbolic objects or slips of paper in the bowl.)

***Children can sometimes carry heavy burdens or anxieties. This prayer is a way that they can learn to release those burdens and anxieties to God.*

Song: O God of Tender Mercies

O, God of tender mercies we call

O, God of endless glory we call to you

May you dawn from on high

And bring us the light that will lead our feet to peace (repeat)

And for those who sit in the shadow of death

May your light shine bright as day.

And for we who sit in the shadow of death

May your light shine bright as day.

O, God of tender mercies we call

O, God of endless glory we call to you

Blessing

(This can be said all together or one person can say the blessing over those who are gathered.)

From dust you came

To dust you shall return.

Blessed be the name of the LORD

For God's love is from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

Blow out the Christ candle at the end of your worship time together.