

Please feel free to pause this video giving yourself time to reflect and pray.

Call to Worship

Psalm 19

- The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.
- 4 Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,
5 which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
- 6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
- 8 the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
- 9 the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
- 13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;

let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Confession and Assurance:

Confession:

Leader

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want
He makes me lie down in green pastures
He leads me beside still waters, He restores my soul
And leads me into paths of righteousness for his name's sake

Together

Yet we surrender to our own restless hearts
Turning to our own rebel lusts and
Avoiding the abundance of Your all-sufficient supply

Leader

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil, for You are with me, Your rod and Your staff comfort me

Together

Yet we surrender to our own restless hearts
Not trusting in your ever abiding presence
And allowing fear to lead us away from Your righteous path

Assurance:

Leader

In the death and resurrection of Jesus,
You've been welcomed to feast with God

Together

You prepare a table before me
In the presence of my enemies

You anoint my head with oil and my cup overflows

Leader

In Christ, you are sons and daughters, who have received the fullness of the benefits of God, forgiving your sin, redeeming your life, satisfying you with good, and crowning you with steadfast love and mercy

Together

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever

Thanks be to God!

Intercession

Philippians 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Message- “The Problem of Suffering” John 9:1-3

“As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.”

Benediction

Questions for Discussion and Meditation:

1. Do you struggle with the idea that God is sovereign in suffering?
2. Do you tend to think that God is unable to act in our suffering or that He doesn't care enough to? Why do you think that is? How could you combat these false ideas with truth?
3. Is there a time of suffering in your life you can look back on and see what God's purpose might have been? Can you think of some ways He might be using the current COVID-19 pandemic?
4. What are some ways you could use the suffering in your life as a platform for God's glory?

5. In what ways are you struggling to be content with the circumstances God has you in? What would it look like if you were fully content and trusting right now?
6. What ways can you think of to practically remind yourself of God's trustworthiness and redemptive purpose in your life and the world this week?