

Personal Liturgy

We encourage you to devote some time to engage deeply & directly with God, worshipping in unity with the entire TBM community in the same liturgy, despite our physical separation. The order below is a suggestion that we think would be beneficial, but you can re-arrange the same elements in another order if you feel led to.

- 1. Worship-** In every circumstance, God is worthy of our worship, so any expression of worship is encouraged. You can join our church-wide time of worship songs & prayer via Zoom at 10:00 AM on Sundays; listen & sing along to music (a Spotify playlist for the week will be available on the church's Spotify profile "thebridgemontrorse"); read Psalms of praise & adoration; or utilize your musical talent to sing worship songs.
- 2. Prayer-** This is where the power is: in our listening, petitioning, and crying out to the Lord. Prayer should be peppered throughout the liturgy (before/after teaching, before communion, etc.). Also set aside time to read about the month of Prayer and Fasting (details at the end).
- 3. The Word-** God's Word is an essential source of God's truth & love, which sustain & enrich our lives. You can watch the Bible teaching video posted on YouTube then work through the journal questions provided below, or personally work through the outline & journal questions.
- 4. Communion-** This is an essential act of remembrance, thanksgiving, and celebration of our union with Christ, and also serves as an act of profession of our faith in His life, death, resurrection, and return (Matthew 26:26-29; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 2:42). If you profess faith in Jesus as your Lord & Savior, you can break bread and drink juice/wine to partake of, or celebrate communion over a meal that symbolizes God's provision of life.
- 5. Offering-** Offering is a continuation of our worship by giving back some of what God has graciously given to us. Now more than ever, giving is an act of sacrifice that can feel costly. But by holding everything in our lives with open hands (including our finances), we practice trust in God as our Provider. We invite households to give with a grateful heart by texting bridgemontrorse to 77977 and following the prompts to give online. Pray over the offering- praising God as our Provider and for the ministries the funds support, to spread the Gospel and equip our people.

After the Liturgy

- **Pray-** The life of a disciple is marked by one who lives in communion with the Spirit through prayer. Therefore, pray regularly for the church, neighbors, family, friends, non-believers in your life, and your role in the mission of Jesus to participate in The Great Commission, winning people to Jesus.
- **Act-** Active disciples of Jesus are adoptive children of God. Therefore consider, plan, and act upon any significant attitudes, beliefs, or practices related to a change of head, heart, and hands that was discussed in this week's liturgy related to your personal growth and expression of being a disciple (follower) of Jesus.
- **Share-** As disciples of the way of Jesus, we are to be living examples, evangelists, and lights of hope to the world resulting from our new identity in Him. What did you learn, witness, or experience in this week's gathering that should be shared with someone else? Pray for an opportunity to share and extend an invitation to learn more about Jesus.

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Journal Questions: *Pick a couple to journal your thoughts on, then reach out and share with at least one other person*

- What impacted, encouraged, or challenged your view of your present circumstances from the teaching?
- Possible Follow-Up Questions (*italics questions are repeats if they were not used last week*):
 - Reflect and share about a time you experienced the goodness and love of God in the midst of a hard time.
 - Exercise: Reflect and respond on how you get a different experience of God and circumstances depending on your starting point. What is the outcome when you:
 - Define the character of God by the circumstances around you?
 - Interpret and engage your circumstances around you based on what you know of the Character and promises of God?
 - What do you see scripture teaching us about our responses and opportunities in troubling times? Share the scripture reference wherever possible but share them even if you don't know the reference and you can look them up together.
 - *Is sovereignty ever a bad thing?*
 - *In what ways can we know the character of God?*
 - *How has God proven that He is good to you/to the world?*
 - *Personal Experiences?*
 - *Testimony of the Word? Use <http://www.openbible.info/topics/> and search, "Goodness of God", "Love of God", etc...*
 - *Have you ever experienced "running out of words" to describe God?*
 - *Is it comforting to you to think of God as far above/beyond all that we can comprehend or imagine? Why/why not?*
 - *How does God being Sovereign over all the cosmos and creation change the way you approach your life this week?*
 - *What is a question you could ask or story you could share to help a friend or family member consider the implications of God being Sovereign over all things? (This connects to one of our parting encouragements).*

Worship Songs/Psalms

- Psalm 34
- Suggested Song List (available on "thebridgemontrose" Spotify profile, playlist "this coming Sunday")
 - "Yes I Will" by Vertical Worship
 - "Cornerstone" by Hillsong Worship
 - "Oceans" by Hillsong UNITED

If you are not already in a House Church, please join! This is our main avenue to stay connected, care, and respond to the needs around us. You can find more information at our website- www.thebridgemontrose.org/transformationgroups