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**\*Video Instructions**

This morning's liturgy will work in tandem with a pre-recorded video. Please visit [www.reslifenc.org](http://www.reslifenc.org) to find the YouTube link and listen to the opening video instructions from Pastor Mark.

\*Please return to the video for all items marked with an asterisk

**Opening Scripture Reading** Group leaders please read aloud

**Psalm 67**

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
2 that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.  
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!  
4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.  
5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!  
6 The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.  
7 God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

**\*Lord Most High**

**Confession & Prayer Time** Group leaders please read aloud

**Galatians 5:7-18**

You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion is not from him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump. 10 I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. 11 But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. 12 I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!  
13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one

word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

**Prayer of Confession:**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon:**

[We] did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but [we] have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. — based on Romans 8:15-17

**\*Jesus Loves Me**

**\*Children's Message:** A coloring page and song for the children is available at [www.reslifenc.org](http://www.reslifenc.org)

**\*Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me**

**\*Acts 1:5-11**

5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

**\*Sermon: The Ascension**

**\*Breathe On Us**

**Discussion Questions** Group leaders please lead in discussion and prayer time

1. What were one or two things that you may not have heard before in this week's sermon? Any general thoughts?

2. A question for the kids: do you remember all five ingredients of the kingdom?
3. Can you name an obstacle you've faced when trying to witness to another person about Jesus?
4. During your prayer time, consider praying for that one person God is calling you to witness to.

**Closing Prayer**

Please take time to bring up any prayer requests. Delegate someone from your group to email requests to [admin@reslifenc.org](mailto:admin@reslifenc.org). We will be sending all prayer requests out in the Monday night email.