

Taking Worship Home

Talk about one or more of the following with a friend or family member.

Talk about a situation in your life that involved LOTS of water. Was it a good thing or a bad thing?

Name three things that you own that used to belong to someone else. Are these heirlooms, gifts, hand-me-downs, or ...? What memories do you associate with those objects?

Name one person in your every day community that you would like to get to know a little better. What interests you about them? What gifts do they have?

Discuss with someone who can point you back to Jesus and his love for you.

Share an experience of abundance. When have you had more than enough, more than you could use, so much you just had to share it with others? What happened next?

Time, forgiveness, and money are all things we can be stingy with. What things do you tend to hold in a closed fist? What does it take to open your hand to receive what Jesus wants to give?

Talk about three things you see Jesus pouring into your life right now. Talk about three things you could pour into other people this week.

How does what you have to pour out relate to what Jesus has poured into you?

Sermon Notes



Sunday

**I will pour out my Spirit on all people...
Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.
Joel 2:28-29**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill all the empty places of my life. Pour the power of your presence into my mind, my heart, and my attitudes. Conform my way of seeing others to the way Jesus sees me, as he pours himself out to fill me up.

Spirit of abundance, don't hold back any gift or blessing I need in order to be a blessing to others. Whenever I feel dry or empty, gently turn me back to the cataract of your grace.

Let my cup overflow into the lives of others as I seek to live out the generous, out-pouring love of my Savior. Teach me to give myself away, even as you give yourself to me without reservation. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill me to overflowing. Amen.



**Sunday, May 12
St. Luke, Ann Arbor
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Monday

**(Jesus said:) “Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” By this he meant the Spirit.
John 7:38**

Come, Holy Spirit, water of life! Rivers flowing from Christ, God’s temple among us, you fill me richly with faith and love. You are the gift of God for the thirsty soul.

Refresh me with God’s life-giving Word, so that I might worship the Father in spirit and truth. Make me receptive to God’s lead, strong in belief in a world set against you, a faithful witness to Christ in word and deed. Amen.

Tuesday

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45

Jesus, you turn my world upside down! I think I know what power and authority looks like when I see business leaders or politicians, and then you come and show me what true power is. You, who are equal with God, expressed your divine power by giving yourself away. You emptied yourself, poured yourself out, became a servant—became *my* servant.

Give me the faith to receive with open hands what you pour out. Then give me an attitude like yours to exert the authority of your Kingdom by giving myself away. Amen.

Wednesday

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
Galatians 5:22-23**

O Holy Spirit, you filled the Son of God with gifts to be our suffering Servant. Fill us also with your gifts, so that we may mirror our Lord’s service to others in a world filled with need.

Generous Spirit, graft me into the living Vine, the Lord Jesus Christ, that I may bear abundant fruit in my life. Kill the weeds of my selfish pride that threaten to suffocate and hinder my growth. Fill me with Christ’s patient love, and help me share it with all. Amen.

Thursday

**Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
Matthew 6:12**

I stand in your presence with closed fists, O Lord. I know I am holding onto my own guilt and shame. I know I cling relentlessly to sins committed against me. There are people in my life who do not deserve forgiveness; people I don’t want to forgive.

Come, Holy Spirit, and soften my heart. Gently open my hands to release the anger and the hurt caused by other people. Give me a willingness to forgive. Release me from the weight of my own sin.

I open my hands in your presence, Lord, and commit my debt and my debtors to your care. Amen.

Friday

**But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.
Philippians 2:17**

I thank you, Heavenly Father, that you have given me the ability and opportunity to pour into the lives of others. Have I told you lately about some of my favorite people and what they are up to? I place these people especially before your throne of grace...

Thank you Lord, for the people you have placed in my life. Show me how I can serve them in your name this week. Amen.

Saturday

**And the disciples were filled with joy
and with the Holy Spirit.
Acts 13:52**

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill me with your joy! I rejoice in your presence and power in my life.

Thank you for joining me to Jesus, to his life of service, his victory over death, and his eternal glory! Thank you for giving me unique gifts, gifts that are useful to the people around me! Thank you for the delight of your intimate guidance and the confidence of your prayers for me!

Let this day be a day of joyful peace for me as I spend it reflecting on what you pour into my life. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill me with your joy! Amen.