

Order of Worship

June 16th, 2019

“I wince when I write the word *father*. I am one. It is my proudest calling. It is my deepest failure. There is no joy, no pain, no greater futility or pride, no dream, no nightmare that is deeper than my being a father. There is no forgiveness I long for more, nor accolade that will ever mean more to me than one of my children blessing me as a father.”

Dan Allender

“Most of the time we aim too low. We walk in shoes too small for us. We spend our days shooting for a little burst of approval or some small career victory. But there’s a joyful way of being that’s not just a little bit better than the way we are currently living; it’s a quantum leap better. ... [Spiritual] joy is a delicious, if painful, longing. It starts with a taste of something eternal and then the joy consists of longing for that taste again.”

David Brooks, *The Second Mountain*

“God came down and lived in this same world as a man. He showed us how to live in this world, subject to its vicissitudes and necessities, that we might be changed—not into an angel or a storybook princess, not wafted into another world, but changed into saints in this world. The secret is Christ in me, not me in a different set of circumstances.”

Elisabeth Elliot, *Keep a Quiet Heart*

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

All Creatures of Our God and King

Call to Worship

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

All Must Be Well

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

God of steadfast love and faithfulness,
We humbly confess that we have been unfaithful
to our covenant relationship with you and with one another.

We have worshipped other gods: money, power, control, and convenience.
We have served our own self-interest
instead of serving you and your people.
We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.
Forgive us, gracious God,
and restore to us the fullness and intimacy,
the joy and peace of our covenant relationship with you and one another.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

“You are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s treasured possession,
in order that you may proclaim the excellencies of him
who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people;
Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy . . .
All of this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself.”

1 Peter 2: 9-10 and 2 Corinthians 5: 18

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Children ages 3-2nd grade are dismissed to their worship class.

Welcome and Prayers of the People

Emily Anderson

Offering and Doxology

Rejoice

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Life Together

Ethan Smith

ATTENDING TO GOD’S WORD

“The Language of the Heart: Praying Our Joy”

Ethan Smith

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you.”

³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 16

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God

Children return to join their families

FEASTING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: Therefore let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord's Supper Instructions

- The Lord's Supper is open to anyone who is trusting in Jesus' death and resurrection alone for his or her redemption.

- People come forward from the back rows first to receive the elements.
- White grape juice in cups and gluten free crackers are available at the left and right stations.
- At the middle station, you may receive from the common loaf and cup. We follow the practice of intinction where you dip the bread in the wine.
- If you need prayer, there is a group (including elders) available to pray for anyone in need of prayer in the kitchen. There is also a group of women in the room next to the Connections kiosk who can pray for women. The Lord's Supper is available in both prayer rooms.
- Young children who have made a profession of faith may partake in the Lord's Supper when they have met with and been approved by the Session.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Psalm 16 (Fulness of Joy)

ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Benediction

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord makes his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

Numbers 6: 24-26