

Order of Worship

June 9th, 2019

“Prayer delights God’s ear; it melts His heart; it opens His hand. Plead with Him earnestly, either He will remove the affliction or remove the impatience.”

Thomas Watson

“Worship is meant to consist of much more than singing happy and thankful songs. And ultimately, I had missed something about God himself – the fact that He is not afraid of our struggle, pain, confusion, or even our anger. More than that, he wants us to bring those things to Him in song, and He so intended to underscore this desire for us that He gave us more examples of tearful and pain-filled ‘praising’ than he did jubilant and triumphant celebration . . . If Scripture regulates worship, as we believe, then it calls for something more daring, more poignant, and, yes, more costly than we would prefer to give. Again and again the message of the Psalms re-echoes: ‘To wrestle with God is worship. Bring your broken and turbulent heart with you.’”

Ewan Kennedy

“It is an act of faith and wisdom to be sad about sad things.”

Zack Eswine

“Is there nothing to sing about today? Then borrow a song from tomorrow; sing of what is yet to be.”

Charles Spurgeon

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

O Worship the King

Call to Worship

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

What a Beautiful Name

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

Because He Lives (Amen)

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

Welcome and Prayers of the People

Blair Whitworth

Offering and Doxology

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Life Together

David Speakman

ATTENDING TO GOD’S WORD

“The Language of the Heart: Praying our Lament”

David Speakman

¹ How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

² How long must I take counsel in my soul

and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³ Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
⁴ lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

⁵ But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

⁶ I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Psalm 13

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.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

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