

# *Order of Worship*

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“Probably more trouble is caused in the Christian life by an inadequate or mistaken view of [the doctrine of justification by grace through faith] than any other. When the child of God loses his sense of peace with God, finds his concern for others dried up, or generally finds his sense of the sheer goodness and grace of God diminished, it is from this fountain that he has ceased to drink. Conversely, if we can gain a solid grounding here, we have the foundation for a life of peace and joy.”

Sinclair Ferguson, *The Christian Life*, p. 80

“It is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world, as that God has a church for his mission in the world. Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission - God’s mission . . . The idea of a missional church is far from a new idea . . . If we understand the church from our biblical theology as that community of people chosen and called since Abraham to be the vehicle of God’s blessing to the nations, what else can the church be but missional? This is who we are and what we are here for. Indeed, as a friend of mine said recently, ‘All this talk of “missional church” sounds to me like talking about a “female woman”. If it’s not missional, it’s not church.’”

Christopher Wright

“The church’s great news to a dying world is that there is a living God, whose love for his creation is inexhaustible . . . The church has no other and no better message. This is her great declaration.”

Lewis Allen

## GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

*All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*

Call to Worship

*All Things New*

*Oh the Deep Deep Love of Jesus*

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, you made us to know you, enjoy you, and join you in your work in this world. We humbly confess that we often prefer our convenience, our joy, our control - our way in this world.

Forgive us for the times we have failed you in this:

For the fears we have let paralyze us.

For the comfort we have sinfully sought and nursed.

For our hesitancy to invite others to know you.

For our hard-heartedness to those around us.

Forgive us, and fill us with your Spirit.

Give us great boldness to follow you into the world.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

“If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin . . . If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1: 7,9

### *Stronger*

### Covenant of Membership

*Chase and Christina Bennett*

### Covenant of Baptism

*Chase Bennett Jr.*

### *Jesus Loves You*

Jesus loves you this we know; for the Bible tells us so  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak but He is strong  
Yes Jesus loves you; Yes Jesus loves you; Yes Jesus loves you  
The Bible tells us so

\*Children ages 3-5th grade are dismissed to their worship class.\*

### Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

*All: And also with you.*

### Welcome and Prayers of the People

Blair Whitworth

### Offering and Doxology

### Life Together

David Speakman

## ATTENDING TO GOD’S WORD

### “The Church for God’s Mission”

David Speakman

<sup>19</sup> Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. <sup>20</sup> But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. <sup>22</sup> The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, <sup>24</sup> for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. <sup>25</sup> So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup> and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

<sup>27</sup> Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup> And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place

in the days of Claudius).<sup>29</sup> So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea.<sup>30</sup> And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.  
Acts 11:19-30

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.

*Upon a Life I Have Not Lived*

ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD

*O Love that Will Not Let Me Go*

**Benediction**

“The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make 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