

Order of Worship

October 20th, 2019

“No room remains empty for long. If God is driven out, the gods come trooping in.”

Lesslie Newbigin

“Idols are non-gods and as such are much more congenial to us than God, for we not only have the pleasure of making them, using our wonderful imaginations and skills in creative ways, but also of controlling them. They are gods with all the God taken out so that we can continue to be our own gods.”

Eugene Peterson

“Those who make idols become like them; so do all who trust in them. O Israel, trust in the LORD!”

Psalm 115: 8-9a

“Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love . . . Salvation belongs to the LORD!”

Jonah 2: 8-9

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Call to Worship

Jeremiah 10:5

Our Great God

Blessed Be Your Name

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus,

Forgive our sins:

Forgive the sins that we remember and the sins we have forgotten.

Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation

and those times we have been stubborn in the face of correction.

Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements

and when we have failed to boast in Your works.

Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others

and the leniency we have shown ourselves.

Forgive the lies we have told to others

and the truths we have avoided.
Forgive us the pain we have caused others
and the indulgence we have shown ourselves.
Lord Jesus, Wounded Healer, have mercy upon us,
and make us whole again. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned - every one - to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all . . .

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”

Isaiah 53: 6 and Isaiah 1: 18

Great Are You Lord

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

Welcome and Prayers of the People

Delane Clark

Offering and Doxology

Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him

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

“Superstition and the Living God”

David Speakman

⁸ Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, ¹⁰ said in a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.” And he sprang up and began walking. ¹¹ And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, “The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!” ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. ¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, ¹⁵ “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. ¹⁶ In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷ Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.” ¹⁸ Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them.

¹⁹ But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰ But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. ²¹ When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. ²³ And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Acts 14:8-23

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.

*Spirit of the Living God***ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD***Whom Shall I Fear***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