

# *Order of Worship*

## October 6th, 2019

“And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”

1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

“If God were not angry at injustice and deception and did not make a final end to violence, that God would not be worthy of worship. . . If I don’t believe that there is a God who will eventually put all things right, I will take up the sword and will be sucked into the endless vortex of retaliation. Only if I am sure that there’s a God who will right all wrongs and settle all accounts perfectly do I have the power to refrain.”

Miroslav Volf

“Why is power a gift? Because power is for flourishing. When power is used well, people and the whole cosmos come more alive to what they were meant to be. And flourishing is the test of power . . . I pray that when you put [this book] down, you will be one step closer to the flourishing for which you were created, and that as we, together, make something of the world, the cosmos itself would groan a bit less and sing a bit more, as the whole creation awaits the revealing of the children of God.”

Andy Crouch, *Playing God*

### GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

*Come People of the Risen King*

Call to Worship

*The Love of God*

*God Be Merciful to Me*

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

### *In Christ Alone*

### Covenant of Baptism

*Charles Richard Shore*

#### *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 3-2th 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

Deanne Trollinger

### Offering and Doxology

*Abide With Me*

### Life Together

David Speakman

### ATTENDING TO GOD’S WORD

#### “Power for the Powerless”

David Speakman

<sup>1</sup> About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup> He killed James the brother of John with the sword, <sup>3</sup> and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. <sup>4</sup> And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. <sup>5</sup> So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

<sup>6</sup> Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. <sup>7</sup> And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him,

saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. <sup>8</sup> And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." <sup>9</sup> And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup> When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. <sup>11</sup> When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

<sup>12</sup> When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. <sup>13</sup> And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. <sup>14</sup> Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate. <sup>15</sup> They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, "It is his angel!" <sup>16</sup> But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed. <sup>17</sup> But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Tell these things to James and to the brothers." Then he departed and went to another place.

<sup>18</sup> Now when day came, there was no little disturbance among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. <sup>19</sup> And after Herod searched for him and did not find him, he examined the sentries and ordered that they should be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and spent time there.

<sup>20</sup> Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food. <sup>21</sup> On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. <sup>22</sup> And the people were shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a man!" <sup>23</sup> Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last. <sup>24</sup> But the word of God increased and multiplied.

Acts 12:1-24

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.

### *Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace*

#### **ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD**

### *And Can It Be*

#### **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