

Order of Worship

February 2nd, 2020

“Behind every agonizing ‘No’ from God is his ‘Yes’ to something better, his ‘Trust Me’ with the timing, and his ‘I AM with you right now’”.

Walter Henegar

“When the scriptural people of God seek redemption, they want personal salvation, and they express their desire in what sounds like a cry of the heart. But to them redemption goes far beyond personal salvation. When biblical people want God to redeem, what they want is freedom and righteousness throughout the land. They want God to unseat Pharaoh or Caesar. They want God to drive the Midianites back across the border. They’re Exodus people, after all. They’re Passover people. They have a history of being squeezed by Egypt, Babylon, or Rome. In their eyes, God’s redemption means justice is coming, liberation is coming, the King of all the earth is coming!”

Cornelius Plantinga, *Engaging God’s World*

“Answer me this question, and I will tell you — Has God the Spirit taught you that you are accursed? Has he made you feel the bitterness of sin? Has he made you cry, ‘Lord, have mercy upon me, a sinner?’ Then, my dear friend, Christ was cursed for you; and you are not cursed. You are not cursed now. Christ was cursed for you. Be of good cheer; if Christ was cursed for you, you cannot be cursed again.”

Charles Spurgeon

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Behold Our God

Call to Worship

Hebrews 10:4-7

Be Unto Your Name

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

O Father, we are gathered before You, the Maker of Heaven and Earth,
whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite,
to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed;
we have not loved You with all our heart and soul,
we have not loved You with all our mind and strength;
we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.
In Your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done
and for the good we have left undone,
so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred.
But, please, Father, do not leave us in sorrow.

With You, O Lord, there is forgiveness.
In Your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation;
so that we may love You with a holy love. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

“If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness that you may be feared . . . He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

Psalm 130:3-4 and Colossians 1:13-14

Before the Throne of God Above

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

Welcome and Prayers of the People

Dudley Bell

Offering and Doxology

Trinity Song

Life Together

David Speakman

ATTENDING TO GOD’S WORD

“The God Who Hears, The God Who Saves”

David Speakman

⁷ And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD. They forgot the LORD their God and served the Baals and the Asheroth. ⁸ Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia. And the people of Israel served Cushan-rishathaim eight years. ⁹ But when the people of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the people of Israel, who saved them, Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb’s younger brother. ¹⁰ The Spirit of the LORD was upon him, and he judged Israel. He went out to war, and the LORD gave Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand. And his hand prevailed over Cushan-rishathaim. ¹¹ So the land had rest forty years. Then Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

Judges 3: 7-11

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

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.

ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD

There is a Fountain

Benediction

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound in hope!”

Romans 15:13