

Order of Worship

March 1st, 2020

“When you’re so ashamed that you could die, God believes in you. And you can’t do right even though you try, God believes in you. Blessed are the ones who grieve, the ones who mourn, the ones who bleed. In sorrow you sow but in joy you reap. God believes in you.”

Pierce Pettis

“God speaks to us: not only to move us to do what he wants, but to enable us to know him so that we may love him. Therefore, God sends his word to us in the character of both information and invitation. It comes to woo us as well as to instruct us; it not merely puts us in the picture of what God has done and is doing but also calls us into personal communion with the loving Lord himself.”

Jl Packer, *Knowing God*, 110.

“I wish you'd see yourself as beautiful as I see you. Why can't you see yourself as beautiful as I see you?”

The Avett Brothers, "Will You Return?"

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

O Help My Unbelief

Call to Worship

Psalm 120:1

Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

Lamb of God, we are burdened:

We do not love you as we should.

We forget our dependence on you and do not honor you.

Instead of glorifying you, we try to bring ourselves glory.

Lamb of God, we are burdened:

We do not love others as we should.

We hurry through our days and miss opportunities to be your hands and feet.

We judge quickly and respond thoughtlessly.

Lamb of God, we are burdened:

We are weighed down by the bad things that are done to us.

We hold grudges, harbor bad feelings, and believe lies told about us.

Lamb of God, we are burdened:

We are overwhelmed by our sin and the sins of others.

Man of sorrows, you know our pain and suffering.
By your wounds we are healed.
Take our burdens, we pray, and free us from the sin that so easily entangles. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.

from 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

Isaiah 43

Covenant of Baptism

Evelyn Kathleen Denton

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

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

John Harrison

Offering and Doxology

Eternally Imagined

Life Together

David Speakman

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

"The Call of God"

David Speakman

¹ The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD gave them into the hand of Midian seven years. ² And the hand of Midian overpowered Israel, and because of Midian the people of Israel made for themselves the dens that are in the mountains and the caves and the strongholds. ³ For whenever the Israelites planted crops, the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them. ⁴ They would encamp against them and devour the produce of the land, as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance in Israel and no sheep or ox or donkey. ⁵ For they would come up with their livestock and their tents; they would

come like locusts in number—both they and their camels could not be counted—so that they laid waste the land as they came in. ⁶ And Israel was brought very low because of Midian. And the people of Israel cried out for help to the LORD.

⁷ When the people of Israel cried out to the LORD on account of the Midianites, ⁸ the LORD sent a prophet to the people of Israel. And he said to them, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I led you up from Egypt and brought you out of the house of slavery. ⁹ And I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out before you and gave you their land. ¹⁰ And I said to you, ‘I am the LORD your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell.’ But you have not obeyed my voice.”

¹¹ Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. ¹² And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, “The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor.” ¹³ And Gideon said to him, “Please, my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the LORD has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian.” ¹⁴ And the LORD turned to him and said, “Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?” ¹⁵ And he said to him, “Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.” ¹⁶ And the LORD said to him, “But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man.”

Judges 6:1-16

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.

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD

Blessed Assurance

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