
Order of Worship

May 13, 2018

Preparing our Hearts: If you arrive a little early, prepare your heart for worship by reading and thinking about this text:

- *As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Ps. 103:12 ESV)*

Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
 - Psalm 34:1-3
- We humbly respond with praise
 - “You Stand Alone”
 - “As The Deer”

Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
 - *LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. (Psalm 131:1-3)*
 - Prayer of Confession
- God’s grace
 - *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith-- more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have*

not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory. (1 Peter 1:3-8)

- “Tis’ So Sweet”
- “It Is Finished”

What we Believe: As a church we want to affirm our unity in what we believe.

- *We all believe with the heart, and confess with the mouth, that there is one only simple and spiritual Being called God; and that He is eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, immutable, infinite, almighty, perfectly wise, just, good, and the overflowing fountain of all good. Amen. (Belgic Confession, Article 1)*

Prayer: We bring our requests to the Lord through Jesus Christ.

Church Life/Greeting: In Christ, we live and fellowship together as believers. We take time to learn what is going on in our church, and to greet one another as we worship.

Prayer for Understanding: We pray that God will open our hearts and minds to the preaching of His Word.

Sermon:

- Matthew 8:1-4

Lord’s Supper: In taking communion together, we remember the death of Christ as we proclaim it to one another as we consume the elements.

- “Revelation Song”

Praise to God (Doxology): We end our time of worship together as we resound in praises together.

- “Our God”

God Blesses: We go into the world this week with God’s blessings as He enables us to serve Him.

- 1 Timothy 6:15-16

“I Am Willing”
Matthew 8:1-4

Growth Group Questions

1. Why do you think it is significant that this miracle comes right after Jesus' Sermon on the Mount?
2. Why is leprosy a good picture of our condition apart from Jesus?
3. What does the fact that Jesus touched the leper teach us about Jesus?
4. Why is it important to remember that Jesus is both willing *and* able to save?
5. What happens if we neglect one of these truths?

Next Week: Matthew 8:5-13