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# Order of Worship

June 10, 2018

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

- *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.* (Isaiah 9:2)

## Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
  - Psalm 95:1-6
- We humbly respond with praise
  - “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
  - “Come Thou Fount”

## Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
  - *Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.* (Isaiah 1:16-17)
  - Prayer of Confession
- God's grace
  - *Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.* (Isaiah 1:18)
  - “Jesus Paid It All”
  - “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

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

- *We believe that Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.*

***For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things were created through him and for him.***

*And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

***And he is the head of the body, the church.***

*He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.*

***For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.*** (Based on Colossians 1:15-20)

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 8:28-34

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.

- "How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

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

- "Blest Be the Lamb"

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

- Hebrews 13:20-21

**“Spirits, Swine, and Salvation”**  
Matthew 8:28-34

## **Growth Group Questions**

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1. What are some mysterious things you see in this text regarding the spiritual realm? How should we approach these mysteries as Christians?
2. How does this miracle show the ugliness of evil? Why do we need repeated reminders about how ugly evil is? Why do we forget this?
3. How does this miracle reveal Jesus' power over evil?
4. The villagers did not want Jesus to interfere with their lives. How do we display a similar attitude? How can we fight against this?

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**Next Week: Matthew 9:1-8**