
Order of Worship

June 17, 2018

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

- *Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:4-5)*

Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
 - *Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord, give praise, O servants of the Lord, who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God! Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant! (Psalm 135:1-3)*
- We humbly respond with praise
 - “How Great Thou Art”
 - “Here I Am To Worship”

Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
 - *Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you. (Psalm 143:1-2)*
 - Prayer of Confession
- God’s grace
 - *Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. (Isaiah 53:10-11)*
 - “Heavenly Father, Beautiful Son”
 - “The Solid Rock”

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

- *We believe that we were dead in the trespasses and sins in which we once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience, among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ... For by grace we have been saved through faith. And this is not our own doing, it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Based on Ephesians 2:1-8)*

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 9:1-8

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.

- "Beautiful Scandalous Night"

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

- "How Can I Keep From Singing"

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

- *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. (Rom. 15:13)*

**“A Pardon and a Proof” (Matthew 9:1-8)
Pastor Martell Sánchez**

Growth Group Questions

1. A recurring promise in the Old Testament was that God would come and pardon his people's sins. See, for example, Isaiah 43:25; Jeremiah 31:34; and Micah 7:18-20. What does Jesus' pardoning and healing of the paralytic teach us about Christ and what he came to do (Matt. 9:6)?
2. How can we be used like the four friends to bring others to Christ? Where might we look for people like this paralytic?
3. What lesson do you take from Christ's response to the disturbance and mess caused by the five men for the sake of having a needy sinner come to his feet?
4. What obstacles do you find in your way to Christ? How can you deal with these obstacles in light of this passage?

Next Week: Matthew 9:18-26