

# Order of Worship

September 9, 2018

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

- *Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.* (Isa. 40:1 ESV)

Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
  - *Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart. I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.* (Ps. 119:111-112 ESV)
- We humbly respond with praise
  - “Forever”
  - “The Lord Is”

Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
  - “O Great God”
- God’s grace
  - *And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.* (Col. 2:13-14 ESV)
  - “I Come Running”

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

- *We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. Amen.* (Nicene Creed, 451 AD)

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:

- 2 Corinthians 1:1-7

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.

- “Rock of Ages”

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

- “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

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

- *To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! (Rev. 5:13 ESV)*

**“God of Comfort”**  
2 Corinthians 1:1-7  
Pastor Nathan Hogan

## **Discussion Questions**

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1. What does it mean to comfort someone or receive comfort?
2. Why is comforting someone such a challenging task?
3. Describe a time you were comforted by someone else? What was comforting about this person's actions?
4. Would others describe you as a source of comfort? Why or why not? How can you grow in being a comforter?
5. What difference will it make in your afflictions if you remember that God is using these afflictions to prepare you to be a better comforter of others?

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Next Week: 2 Corinthians 1:8-11