

Order of Worship

September 16, 2018

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

- *For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.* (1 Thess. 4:14 ESV)

Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
 - “Behold Our God”
- We humbly respond with praise
 - *Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments. Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.* (Ps. 119:129-132 ESV)
 - “I Give You My Heart”

Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
 - *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.* (Matt. 6:19-21 ESV)
 - Prayer of Confession
- God’s grace
 - *Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.* (Isa. 55:1-3 ESV)
 - “The Lord Is”

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

- “This Is Our God”

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 1:8-11

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.

- “You Alone Can Rescue”

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

- “All My Ways Are Known To You”

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

- *Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.*
(Rev. 7:12 ESV)

“Tribulation and Rescue”

2 Corinthians 1:8-11

Pastor Nathan Hogan

Discussion Questions

1. Do you ever feel burdened beyond your strength? When?
2. Why isn't Paul ashamed of his tribulations?
3. Do you ever feel like suffering is shameful? Explain. How does this text help in this regard?
4. According to verse 9 what is a key purpose of tribulation? How have you experienced this? How are you at remembering this? Why?
5. How should verse 9 inform the way we face tribulations?
6. How does Paul's view of prayer in verse 11 compare with yours?

Next Week: 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4