

Order of Worship

September 30, 2018

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

- *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. (Col. 2:13 ESV)*

Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
 - *I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. (Ps. 121:1-4 ESV)*
- We humbly respond with praise
 - “This Is My Father’s World”
 - “You Stand Alone”
 - Gospel Assurance:
- Our need for Jesus
 - O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments,
we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness,
for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. (Based on Dan.9:4-5, 9-10 ESV)
- God’s grace
 - *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. (Rom. 8:1-4 ESV)*
 - “He Who Is Mighty”
 - “’Tis So Sweet”

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

- *We believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (who of nothing made heaven and earth, with all that is in them; who likewise upholds and governs the same by His eternal counsel and providence) is for the sake of Christ His Son, my God and my Father; on whom I rely so entirely, that I have no doubt but He will provide me with all things necessary for soul and body; and further, that He will make whatever evil He sends upon me, in this valley of tears, turn out to my advantage; for He is able to do it, being Almighty God, and willing, being a faithful Father. Amen. (Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 26)*

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 2:5-11

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.

- "Arise, My Soul, Arise"

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

- "Great Things"

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

- *For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom. 11:36 ESV)*

“Devilish Despair”
2 Corinthians 2:5-11
Pastor Nathan Hogan

Discussion Questions

1. As best you can, describe the situation in these verses.
2. How does Paul exemplify mercy and forgiveness in these verses?
3. Paul has encouraged the Corinthian church to exercise both discipline and forgiveness. Is one of these more difficult for you? Why?
4. What can happen to a church with discipline, but no forgiveness, or vice versa?
5. How can Satan use unforgiveness in the church? How can we guard against this?

Next Week: 2 Corinthians 2:12-17