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## Order of Worship | October 28, 2018

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

- *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (2 Cor. 5:17 ESV)*

### Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
  - *Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! (Ps. 66:1-2 ESV)*
- We humbly respond with praise
  - “An All About Jesus Medley”
  - “Rock of Ages”

### Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
  - *And the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” And the Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people.” (Ex. 32:7-9 ESV)*
  - Prayer of Confession
- God’s grace
  - *Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. (Jer. 31:31-34 ESV)*

- “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

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

- We believe that Christ is the mediator of a new ministry that is much more excellent than the old. As the mediator of a new covenant, Christ gives the promised eternal inheritance to those who are called, through his death that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away. (Based on Hebrews 8:6-9:15)

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 3:7-11

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.

- “Just as I Am”

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

- “He is Exalted”

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

- *Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20-21 ESV)*

“New vs Old”  
2 Corinthians 3:7-11  
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### Discussion Questions

1. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34 to familiarize yourself with the content of the New Covenant. What kinds of promises does God make? Why would we say these promises are fulfilled in Christ?
2. Think back to the comparisons Paul makes in 2 Corinthians 3:7-11. What threefold description does Paul make of the Old Covenant (the Law)? What threefold description does Paul make of the New Covenant? What is his main argument as he compares the old to the new?
3. While the church in Corinth struggled with a lot of things, it seems they never struggled with Judaizing the faith (the Christians in Corinth were primarily Gentile). Why do you think Paul makes it a point to remind them how much better and more glorious the gospel is than the Law? Why do we also need to remember this today, even if we don't struggle with Judaizing our faith?

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**Next Week:** 2 Corinthians 3:12-18