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# Order of Worship

January 6, 2019

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

- *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.* (Heb. 11:1 ESV)

## Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
  - *But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.* (Ps. 5:11-12 ESV)
- We humbly respond with praise
  - “Hope In You”
  - “Trading My Sorrows”

## Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
  - *I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.* (Eph. 4:1-3 ESV)
  - Prayer of Confession
- God’s grace
  - *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. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.* (Isa. 53:11-12 ESV)
  - “The Lord Is”
  - “’Tis So Sweet”

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

- *We believe God the great Creator of all things does uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by his most wise and holy providence, according to his infallible foreknowledge, and free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy. Amen. (Westminster Confession of Faith 5.1)*

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 4:16-5:5

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.

- "God Moves"

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

- "I'll Fly Away"

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 himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. (1 Thess. 5:23-24 ESV)*

# **The Weight of Glory**

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5

Pastor Nathan Hogan

## **Discussion Questions**

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1. Paul says our outer self is wasting away. How have you experienced this reality in your life?
2. When Paul says that our tribulations are light and momentary does it sound like he is trivializing our suffering? Why does he speak this way?
3. How do we tend to minimize the trials of others? Why do we do this?
4. Why do we struggle with remembering the weight of our eternal glory? How can we help one another in remembering this?
5. Why does Paul “groan” for a resurrected body? Is this true of you? Why or why not?

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**Next Week: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10**