

Order of Worship

April 28, 2019

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

- *For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. (Isaiah 57:15 ESV)*

Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
 - *The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. (Psalm 24:1–6 ESV)*
- We humbly respond with praise
 - “Give Us Clean Hands”
 - “How Great Thou Art”

Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
 - *With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; with the purified you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down. (Psalm 18:25–27 ESV)*
 - Prayer of confession
- God’s grace
 - *And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on*

earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(Philippians 2:8–11 ESV)

- “Jerusalem”
- “Majesty”

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

- *We believe that Jesus is our wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord. Amen.*

(Based on 1 Corinthians 1:30-31)

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 12:1-10

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.

- “I Surrender All”

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

- “Blessed Be Your Name”

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

- *Peace to all of you who are in Christ.* (1 Peter 5:14 ESV)

Attitudes in Weakness

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Pastor Nathan Hogan

Discussion Questions

1. What strikes you about the way Paul speaks about his visions?
2. Why can it be dangerous to have the wrong perspective about personal spiritual experiences?
3. How has God used your weaknesses to teach you humility?
4. What do verses 8-9 teach us about the nature of prayer?
5. How do our weaknesses reveal the Lord's strength?

Next Week: 2 Corinthians 12:11-21