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# Order of Worship

May 12, 2019

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

- *Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.* (2 Corinthians 13:11 ESV)

## Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
  - *Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.* (Psalm 25:8–10 ESV)
- We humbly respond with praise
  - “O Worship The King”
  - “Psalm 19 (May The Words Of My Mouth)”

## Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
  - *You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.* (Psalm 22:23–24 ESV)
  - Prayer Of Confession
- God’s grace
  - *For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.* (Psalm 103:11–13 ESV)
  - “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”
  - “O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”

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

- *We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises. Amen. (EFCA Statement Of Faith)*

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 13

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.

- “There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood”

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

- “To God Be The Glory”

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

- *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14 ESV)*

# **Weakness, Power, And Testing**

2 Corinthians 13

Pastor Nathan Hogan

## Discussion Questions

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1. In 13.4 Paul reminds us that Jesus was “crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God.” Why is it important for us to remember both of these truths in order to guard against sinful patterns in our lives?
  2. The Corinthians have been testing and examining Paul, but in 13.5 Paul encourages the Corinthians to examine and test *themselves*. What does this mean?
  3. In what ways are you more inclined to test and examine others, but not yourself? How can you guard against this tendency?
  4. What impresses you about the way in which Paul ends this letter in 13.11-14 given the history of the Corinthian church?
  5. Looking back over our study of 2 Corinthians, what has the Lord taught you in this series?
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**Next Week:** The Great Commission