

Order of Worship

August 25, 2019

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

- *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.* (Hebrews 12:1 ESV)

Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
 - *Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.* (Psalm 50:14–15 ESV)
- We humbly respond with praise
 - Congregational Song: “Doxology/The Lord’s Prayer”
 - Congregational Song: “This Is Amazing Grace”

Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
 - *Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.* (Romans 8:26–27 ESV)
 - Prayer of Confession
- God’s grace
 - *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.* (Romans 8:28–30 ESV)
 - Congregational Song: “O Great God”

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

- *We believe that Christ makes intercession for us, by his appearing in our nature continually before the Father in heaven, in the merit of his obedience and sacrifice on earth, answering all accusations against believers, and procuring for them access with boldness to the throne of grace. (Based on Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 55)*

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:

- Judges 16:23-31

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.

- Congregational Song: "Just As I Am"

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

- Congregational Song: "Let It Rise"

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

- *May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:17–19 ESV)*

Faithful Samson?
Judges 16:23-31
Pastor Nathan Hogan

Next Week: Judges 17-21