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GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

Order Of Worship

November 19, 2023

*Call to Worship | Matthew 5:10-11 | Blake Arnoult

God invites and calls us into his presence to worship him.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and
utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice
and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they
persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*Song of Adoration | Arise O God

We begin by responding with praise to God for who he is and for what he does.

Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might,
And prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light;
Let healing streams of mercy flow
That all the earth Thy truth may know

Bring distant nations near to sing Thy glorious praise;
Let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause,
And govern by Thy righteous laws

Put forth Thy glorious power, that everyone may see
And earth present her store in converts born to Thee
God, our own God, His church will bless,
And fill the world with righteousness

To God, the only Wise, the one immortal King,
Let hallelujahs rise from every living thing;
Let all that breathe, on every coast,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Music and Lyrics: William Hurn, Chris Miner

*Confession of Faith | 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

With the church in history we confess a basic statement of what Christians believe.

18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written,

**“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”**

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

*Song of Confession | Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Psalms, hymns, spiritual songs are simply prayers that are sung. We respond in repentance and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
'Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone,
Support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want,
Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
For all eternity.

Music and Lyrics: Charles Wesley

Confession of Sin | Romans 3:10-18

We fight the temptation to hide our sin and instead acknowledge it openly to God, but we do so in light of the grace offered in Jesus.

10 None is righteous, no, not one;

11 no one understands;

no one seeks for God.

12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;

no one does good,

not even one."

13 "Their throat is an open grave;

they use their tongues to deceive."

"The venom of asps is under their lips."

14 "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."

15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood;

16 in their paths are ruin and misery,

17 and the way of peace they have not known."

18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Assurance of Pardon | Romans 1:16 | Blake Arnoult

The good news of the gospel is that we are forgiven in Jesus Christ. This assurance is based on God's words of promise and it is therefore certain.

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

*Song of Response | Sweet Comfort

We respond in repentance and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.

Whatever my God ordains is right
His holy will abides
I will be still whatever he does
And follow where he guides

**Sweet comfort, sweet comfort
Yet shall fill my heart
Sweet comfort, sweet comfort
Sorrow shall depart**

Whatever my God ordains is right
He makes my feet to stand
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine
He holds me in his hand

Chorus

This bitter cup, I take it
My fainting heart restored
So here I stand, unshaken
I trust upon the Lord

Chorus

He is my God though dark my road
He holds me, I shall not fall
Whatever my God ordains is right
To him I leave it all

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Latifah Phillips and Sandra McCracken

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We offer our gratitude to God in prayer in response to his gifts and blessings to his people and ask that he make us faithful managers of these gifts.

Song of Thanks | Isaiah 43

As we offer our prayers so we also offer up our thanks in song.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are Mine.

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel
Your Savior

I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)

When you walk through the fire you'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are Mine.

Chorus

I am the Lord

Music and Lyrics: Anonymous

Prayer for Christ's Church

We lift up our requests to God knowing that he hears us when we pray.

*Reading of Scripture | Matthew 7:13-29 | Blake Arnoult

God reveals himself and his work and speaks to us his people through his Word.

13 Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.
14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. 18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

28 And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, 29 for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

“The Warning of the New Covenant”

Matthew: The Sermon on the Mount

Pastoral Prayer

Sacrament of Communion

Sacraments are visible signs of the invisible grace of God - what Christ does by his Holy Spirit within us. Communion (also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist), as the distribution of the elements of bread and wine, symbolizes a meal. Communion is a sign of fellowship. That sign signifies more than just the future heavenly fellowship that is to come. The outward sign signifies the inner reality that sinners already experience fellowship with God in the Spirit because of Jesus. Communion is not a meal for good people. It functions as a renewing seal to desperate sinners of that fellowship we have with our holy and gracious God.

You will be invited to come forward. If you are not a Christian we encourage you to spend this time in reflection on what you've seen and heard in the worship. Children who have not received their first communion are welcome and encouraged to come forward with their families to witness their partaking. We invite children who are ready to make a public profession of faith in Christ to arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become "communicants" at the Lord's Table.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Hallelujah!

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward. We would be happy to serve you at your seat. All communion bread is gluten-free. All communion wine is made from grape juice.

A communion prayer for those searching for the truth:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Communion Song | All I Have is Christ

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace!

Hallelujah all I have is Christ
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

Now Lord I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Jordan Kauflin

Departing Song | Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

We begin to end in faith and song.

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.

Soul, then know thy full salvation rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Music and Lyrics: Henry Lyte, Bill Moore

*Benediction | Jude 1:24, 25 | Blake Arnoult

God sends us out with his blessing. A benediction is not a prayer. We don't bow our heads. We lift them up and even lift up our hands to receive his blessing as we are sent out as participants in his mission to the city of man.

24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Unavailable

November 26 - Happy Thanksgiving!

Spring Supper Clubs

Sign up for 2024 spring supper clubs on our website now!

Supper clubs are a great small group avenue to enjoy fellowship with others in the church by getting together once a month in the spring. Sign up to join on our website or weekly email!

Bible Studies

Men's Morning Study: Monthly on the first Friday of each month, 7am at Bean and Bottle. 9655 Katy Freeway Suite 100.

Women's Evening Study: Monthly on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm at the home of Susan and Jeff Arnoult.

Adult Christmas Party

Sunday, December 3 at 6pm!

Save the date for our adult Christmas party taking place on December 3 at the Plank home!

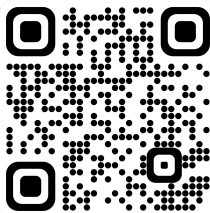
Children's and Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 10 at 11:30am!

Save the date for our children's and youth Christmas Party taking place on December 10 at the Donovan home!

RSVP and Announcements Page

Visit the website above or click the link below to view our comprehensive fall calendar and RSVP to available events!



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Cornerstone Kids

What in the world is...?

Hymns, Praise Songs?

Singing loudly is not just something we do in the shower. God gave us voices to sing about how awesome he is!

Confession?

God wants to hear what we did wrong. Tell him! He not only listens, he also forgives.

Prayer?

God cares so much for us that he taught us to pray. He wants us to know what to pray for and also how to pray. How amazing is that? Take a look in your parents' bulletin to check it out!

The Offering?

Ever wonder why we put money in that basket being passed around? God wants us to give to him and his church in joy as an act of worship!

The Sermon?

This is when the pastor helps us understand what God is telling us in the Bible. And the Bible is God's word!

Communion?

Communion is when we celebrate what Jesus did for us on the cross. We say the bread represents Jesus' body and the wine represents Jesus' blood. Weird huh? And awesome. It means Jesus is really spiritually present with us in Lord's Supper by the power of the Holy Spirit. And when we eat the bread and drink the wine God nourishes our spirits!!! Who gets to take communion? Those who believe in Jesus and have shared their faith with the leaders in the church.

Benediction?

This is the end of the church service where everyone receives God's blessing. Isn't it awesome that God shares this blessing with us?

KID'S CORNER



MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life,
and those who find it are few.

Matthew 7:14



CATECHISM OF THE WEEK



Can anyone be saved through the covenant of works?

No. No one can be saved through the covenant of works.

Why can't anyone be saved through the covenant of works?

Because all have broken it with our sin and are condemned by it.

How, then, can you be saved?

By the Lord Jesus Christ through the covenant of grace.

What does it mean to believe in Christ?

To trust in Christ alone for my salvation.



PRAYER REQUEST

"Father I know following you is hard but I know I
always need you to help me keep following you so
help me because of Jesus."

KID'S CORNER

SERMON NOTES



What's your favorite food? McDonald's, any fast food, donuts, candy, ice cream? I know two people who when they were kids one would eat sticks of butter, the other would get a spoon and eat butter out of the tub.

There's food that looks good but it's really bad for you. And then there's food that looks bad for you but it's good: broccoli, kiwi, guacamole, old, blue smelly cheese.

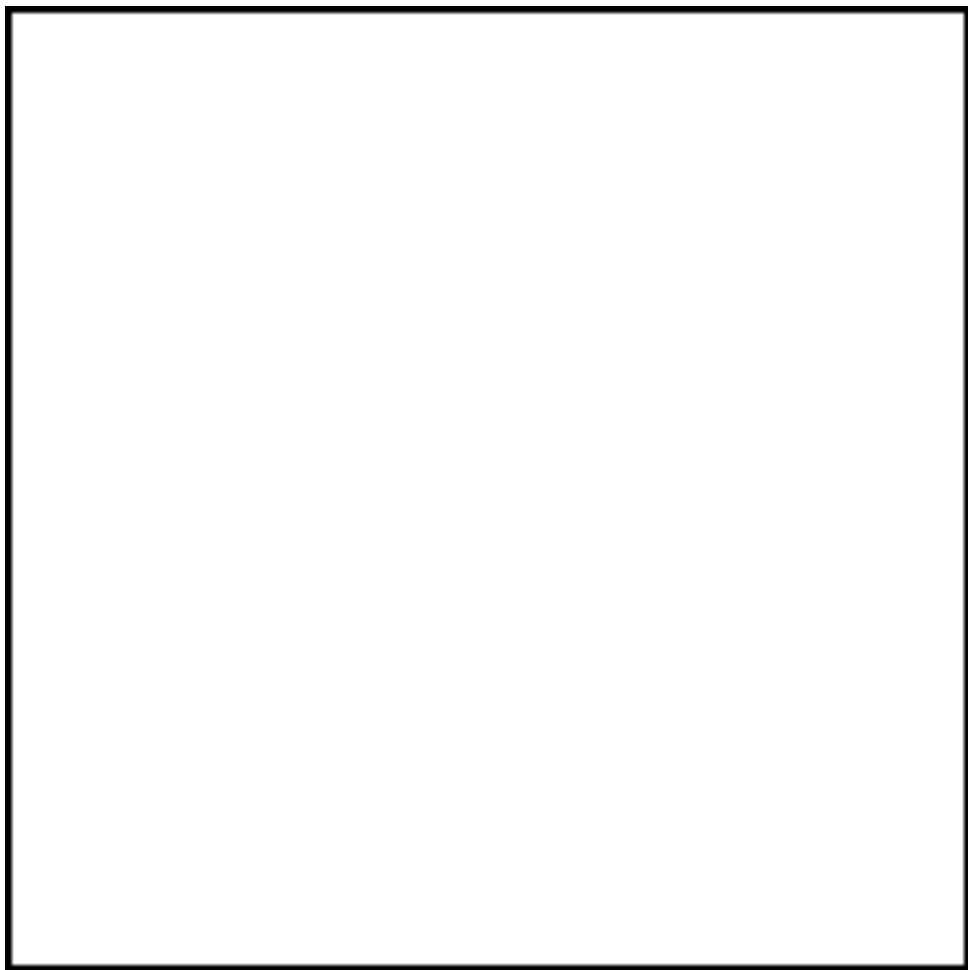
Sometimes things that look good turn out to be bad. Just because something looks good on the outside doesn't mean they're good on the inside. There's a lot of stuff in life that the world says is good that turns out to be bad. Like, "Live however you want to live." "Don't let anyone tell you what to do." "Look out for number 1." "You're good enough just the way you are." That stuff is bad for you.

Sometimes things that look bad turn out to be the best. Like the gospel. Like Jesus. At the end of his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 7 Jesus is going to tell us to watch out for the bad stuff and to run to him for the good stuff.

Jesus may look weak and it may seem like Jesus is not good for anything and if you believe in him you're a big weirdo. But the truth is Jesus lived for you and died for you to save you from everything that's bad. And he didn't stay dead. He was raised and now rules everything from heaven. The gospel about Jesus is true and it's the only power that can save you and anyone else, so have faith! Believe in Jesus!! And believe he's for you and for anyone who wants him.

A Drawing

Show off your artistic talents below!



Word Search

Find these words from the sermon!

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AUTHORITY, DESTRUCTION, FALSE, FOOLISH, FRUIT,
JESUS, KINGDOM, LIFE, NARROW, ROCK

Unscramble the Verse!

Unscramble the verse from today's passage!

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The Sermon and Your A-Z's!

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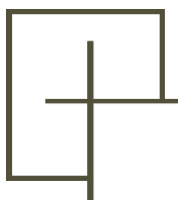
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- no writing utensils other than those provided in the Lobby by Cornerstone
- no coming on stage
- no standing on chairs

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