Our Worship Celebration
May 30, 2021

Prelude
~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 64**
~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

***Weekly Congregational Response**
~Our humble response to God's call to worship

***Prayer of Invocation**
~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

Song of Preparation and Praise - *We Are Not Overcome
~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Romans 3:21-26**
~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Prayer in Response to Our Assurance of Pardon**

Song of Comfort - *Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor
~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - The Women's Extension and David Hall, Midway Presbyterian Church, Powder Springs, GA
~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Gentiles' Need for Jesus, Part 4
Romans 1:28-32

Song of Response - *Holy Communion
~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

***Announcements**
~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

***Benediction - Romans 5:1-5**
~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

**Stand*

"The Gentiles' Need for Jesus, Part 4"
Romans 1:28-32
Robby Baxter

Key Truth: <u>God's merciful judgment further gives us over to the relational destruction that flourishes when we judge Him to be relationally unworthy.</u>

Introduction:
Q: *What makes a good friendship? What makes a flourishing community? What makes a just country?*

Romans 1:28-32: The Relational Cost of Forsaking God:
"All systems of thought must account both for the awesomeness of the cosmos, and the goodness of which humanity is capable; and for the brokenness of the world, our societies, our lives and relationships. Why is there so much beauty; why is it so flawed? Paul's answer is simple: *God*. There is a God who made it all, and made us in His image, to know and reflect His character. And that same God has, in wrath, given us what we have chosen: life without Him, worshiping things which cannot satisfy. In the beauty of the world, we are to see God's existence. In the brokenness of the world, we are to see God's justice. As we do, we run back to the place where we see God's mercy: the cross."
Timothy Keller, ***Romans 1-7 For You***

Q: *In what ways have the relationally disruptive consequences of God's judgment pushed you toward His mercy in the cross, His goodness and love, and His power to renew your mind in holiness? How might this impact the ways in which you relate to others?*

Application:
Romans 1:28-32 teaches us that:
- God's merciful judgment further gives us over to the relational destruction that flourishes when we judge Him to be relationally unworthy.

Benediction: ***Romans 5:1-5***