

# OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION

## JUNE 14, 2020

### **Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

### **Welcome - Matt O'Sullivan, Youth Director**

### **\*Call to Worship - Psalm 57**

~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 - *Great is Thy Faithfulness***

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

### **\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Hebrews 2:14-18**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

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

### **\*Song of Comfort - *Death Was Arrested***

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

### **Pastoral Prayer - Cameron Barham**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

### **Sermon - The Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness** Luke 19:11-27

### **\*Song of Response - *Did Christ Over Sinners Weep?***

~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 - Galatians 6:14-18**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

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# "THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: FAITHFULNESS"

## LUKE 19:11-27

### CAMERON BARHAM

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**Key Truth: We love God and our neighbors by faithfully investing the Gospel that Jesus entrusted to us in our spheres of influence for God's glory and the life of the world.**

#### **Introduction:**

**Q: *What role did someone else's faithfulness in the Gospel in word and deed play in your becoming a Christian?***

**Faithfulness:** Because God is to be trusted to fulfill His promises to His people through the person and work of Christ, we seek to hallow God's name in the vows we've made in His name and to prove trustworthy and true to our commitments to our neighbors in the sustaining work of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Luke 19:11-27: The Investment of the Faithful and the Guaranteed Returns:**

"To each of His followers the Saviour has given the glad tidings of redemption through Him, so that each one may, as it were, make it bear interest—may cause its beneficent operation to spread through the whole world. Every believer must be faithfully employed in this work for the extension of His sovereign dominion on earth until He comes back."

Norval Geldenhuys, *Commentary on the Gospel of Luke*

**Q: *What has the Lord entrusted to you to be faithful with for His glory for the life of the world? Are you more concerned with keeping what you currently have or risking it for the sake of the growth of the Kingdom and the glory of the King?***

#### **Application:**

**Luke 19:11-27** teaches us that we love God and our neighbors:

-by faithfully investing the Gospel that Jesus entrusted to us in our spheres of influence for God's glory and the life of the world

"... a religion without a deep love to God and compassion for the lost is a contradiction in terms, a monstrosity which is unworthy of the name "Christian." It may well prove to be nothing but cold, unrepentant deism disguising itself under the noble banner of orthodoxy."

C. John Miller, *Repentance: A Daring Call to Surrender*

**Faithfulness:** We love God by seeking to hallow God's name in the vows we've made in His name and love our neighbors by proving to be trustworthy and true to our commitments.

**Benediction: *Galatians 6:14-18***