



ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, April 9, 2023

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SONG OF GATHERING & PREPARATION

The people of God always sang as they ascended the hill in Jerusalem up to the temple to worship (see Psalms 120-134). We, as well, prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.

In Christ Alone

CALL TO WORSHIP | Ephesians 1:3, 6, 11-14 (ESV)

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reveals to us who God is and what He expects of us.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ... to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ... In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

We pray together praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Ephesians 1:15-20 (ESV)

We read God's Word together and are reminded that mercy and grace are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of His church and the kingdom of God.

O Praise the Name

PRAISE & CELEBRATION

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done for us.

Living Hope

King of Kings

CONFESSION OF FAITH

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

From the New City Catechism:

- Q. 13. Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly?
- A. Since the fall, no mere human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly, but consistently breaks it in thought, word, and deed.
- Q. 14. Did God create us unable to keep his law?
- A. No, but because of the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, all of creation is fallen; we are all born in sin and guilt, corrupt in our nature and unable to keep God's law.
- Q. 15. Since no one can keep the law, what is its purpose?
- A. That we may know the holy nature and will of God, and the sinful nature and disobedience of our hearts; and thus our need of a Savior. The law also teaches and exhorts us to live a life worthy of our Savior.

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Grade)

Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.

GREETING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

We express in prayer our gratitude to God for what He has done and ask Him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and world.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD | Tim Rice, Lead Pastor and Director of Church Planting

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.

SONG OF RESPONSE

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

You've Already Won

BENEDICTION

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace, both now and forevermore. Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

Proclamation of God's Word

Text: Mark 15:40-16:8 (ESV)
Title: Jesus' Resurrection

Teacher: Tim Rice

40 There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. 41 When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem. 42 And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, 43 Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 44 Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. 45 And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. 46 And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. 47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid. 16:1 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back-it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 6 And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." 8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

INTRO: What do you believe about the possibility of real change?

WHAT IS REALLY POSSIBLE?

What is a constant biblical assumption?

DEATH AND DESPAIRWhy are the witnesses in this story credible, and what did they expect?

RESURRECTION POWER

What do we learn from the empty tomb and the angel's words?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

- 1. Praise the LORD that He has the very power of being in His control. Worship Him, God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that as the Author of Life for His power even over death
- 2. How have you lived crushed by the status quo, by the way things just are, as if the brokenness of this world will never really change? Confess your unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and give you hope.
- 3. Give thanks to Jesus, the resurrected Savior, that He offers His very life *to* us. Thank Him for how His resurrection changes despair into hope, fear becomes triumph, and that what sin undermined, Jesus now secures.
- 4. Who do you know that is cynical, living as if nothing broken ever really changes or gets better? Pray for them, asking the Lord to make known to them His love and resurrection power.
- 5. Ask the Holy Spirit to work His fruit of love, joy and hope more and more into your heart. Read Ephesians 1:17-21 and pray for His power to work cynicism out of you and joy into how you think and live.

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Seeing Jesus Together Workshop

Weekly, Starting April 23

Contact **Brown Peterson** for information.



Two-Part New Member Class

April 30, Following Worship
Contact Ashley Coleman for information.



Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June 19-23

Contact Callie Sandman for information.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

April 10-15, 2023

(3-year plan: read blue passages | 1-year plan: read all)

Monday	1 Corinthians 3 2 Kings 18	Exodus 21 Isaiah 62
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 4 2 Kings 19	Exodus 22 Isaiah 63
Wednesday	I Corinthians 5 2 Kings 20	Exodus 23 Isaiah 64
Thursday	I Corinthians 6 2 Kings 21	Exodus 24 Isaiah 65
Friday	I Corinthians 7 2 Kings 22	Exodus 25 Isaiah 66
Saturday	Psalm 68	Psalm 16 Psalm 119:25-48

Scripture Memory for the Week: Mark 16:5-7 (ESV)

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