THE MINOR PROPHETS

Joel: Call On The LORD

Joel 2:1-2, 10-14, 26-32





ORDER OF WORSHIP | January 26, 2025

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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.

How Great Thou Art

CALL TO WORSHIP | Proverbs 10:29 (ESV)

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

The way of the Lord is a stronghold to the blameless, but destruction to evildoers.

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 2:11-14, 17-22 (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.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility. ... And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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.

Bless God

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.

It Is Well

Made For More

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 Heidelberg Catechism:

- Q. 3. From where do you know your sins and misery?
- A. From the law of God.
- Q. 4. What does God's law require of us?
- A. Christ teaches us this in a summary in Matthew 22: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.
- Q. 5. Can you keep all this perfectly?
- A. No, I am inclined by nature to hate God and my neighbour.

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

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, Founding & Teaching Pastor

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

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING | Mercy Fund Offering

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.

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

All The Poor And Powerless

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: Joel 2:1-2, 10-14, 26-32 (ESV) Title: Joel: Call On The LORD Teacher: Tim Rice

1 Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming; it is near, 2 a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains a great and powerful people; their like has never been before, nor will be again after them through the years of all generations. ... 10 The earth quakes before them; the heavens tremble. The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining. 11 The Lord utters his voice before his army, for his camp is exceedingly great; he who executes his word is powerful. For the day of the Lord is great and very awesome; who can endure it? 12 "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; 13 and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. 14 Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God? ... 26 "You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. 27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame. 28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. 29 Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. 30 And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. 32 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls."

INTRO: How do you imagine the world's last day? (e.g. Nanny's cup)

LORD OF THE DAY What does this kind of prophecy reveal about the LORD? CALL ON THE LORD

What can prompt us to ask for help?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

- 1. Worship the LORD for His willingness to answer all who call truly upon Him. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He can be trusted to save us utterly from the doom we rightfully earned by our sin.
- 2. How have you lived as if you'll never be accountable? Or how have you thought of yourself as "better"? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to rescue you from the judgment you justly deserve.
- 3. Give thanks to Jesus for His grace to turn toward you in your sin and to meet you as you turn to Him. Thank Him for making a way of escape for us by His willingness to not escape and die the death that we deserved.
- 4. Who do you know that needs to turn back to the Lord? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their eyes to their spiritual need and to His gracious beauty and worth.
- 5. Read Joel 2:26-27. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you insight into what it means that by Jesus' death, resurrection and the outpouring of His Spirit that He is *in your midst; dealing wondrously with you... and that there is none else*.

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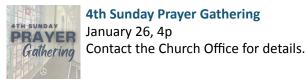


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The Weekender - New Members' Class

January 31 & February 1 Contact <u>Ashley Coleman</u> for details.



THE WEEKENDER

Women's Bible Study Starting February 4 & 5 Contact <u>JoAnn Johnson</u> for details.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

January 27 - February 1, 2025

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

Monday	Luke 19 2 Samuel 12	Genesis 19 Isaiah 11
Tuesday	Luke 20 2 Samuel 13	Genesis 20 Isaiah 12
Wednesday	Luke 21 2 Samuel 14	Genesis 21 Isaiah 13
Thursday	Luke 22 2 Samuel 15	Genesis 22 Isaiah 14
Friday	Luke 13 2 Samuel 16	Genesis 23 Isaiah 15
Saturday	Psalm 57	Psalm 5 Psalm 109

Scripture Memory for the Week: Joel 2:26 (ESV)

26 "You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame."

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