

Lord, in Your sovereign power, You chose to bless us with Your presence, Your provision, and Your patience. You alone are good. We ask, as we enter into this time of congregational worship, that You remind us of the depths of our need for You. Direct our heart and mind to Your truth and Your grace. Bolster our love for You as we strive to shine brightly for Your glory and the good of our neighbors.

Your word teaches us that, as our heavenly Father, You are intimately aware of the distractions and temptations that we face. You know the need we face for confession of sin. You know the eroding influence that fear and fret have upon our faith. As Your children, we ask for Your preserving and cleansing grace to shine upon us.

May we now stand ready to worship You in spirit and in truth. May we with one voice sing praise to Your worthy name. May we with one mind eagerly receive Your word, poised to believe it and act upon it, with joy.

We have received the work of Christ; we bear the name of Christ; and now, we ask all this in accordance with Christ. Amen.



(Senior Pastor Dr. Doug Richey / Sunday, October 2, 2022)