

Worship Service

January 29th, 2017

Songs of Invitation

As you enter the worship service this morning we encourage you to open your heart to God with this simple prayer: *"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord"* Psalm 19:14 ESV

Welcome

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly...show hospitality to one another without grumbling" 1 Peter 4:8-9 ESV

The church is the household of God and because of this we seek to show one another hospitality by welcoming each other as brothers and sisters in Christ, and by welcoming those who are new as honored guests.

Call to Worship

"...singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." Colossians 3:16 ESV

Our Call to Worship is the invitation extended to us by God, because of what Jesus has done for us, to join in the joyful sound of God's heavenly household.

Songs of the Family

"...sing and make melody to the Lord with your heart."
Ephesians 5:19 ESV

Offering and Church Life

"Contribute to the needs of the saints..." Romans 12:13 ESV
As a family we sacrifice our money to serve and love others through the ministry of the church. During this time we also stay connected to what is happening in the life of the church.

Scripture Reading

1 John 2:15-17, 1 John 5:1-4 ESV

Sermon

"For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world" 1 John 5:4 ESV
Pastor Jamin Goggin

THE MAIN POINT:

The Way of the Cross Overcomes the World

Scripture References: *James 4:4, Romans 12:1-3, Romans 13:11-14, 2 Peter 2*

Sending Blessing

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.." Colossians 3:16 ESV
Parting Reflection: In what ways did God speak to you today in his Word and by his Spirit?

Prayer

Read

Getting Familiar with God's Word

- Slowly read 1 John 2:15-17 two times

Reflect

Taking God's Word into our Hearts

- Which part of this passage stands out to you as you read it and why?

Pray

Responding to God's Word in Prayer

- Take several minutes and speak to the Lord about what stood out most to you and why.

Rest

Finding Wholeness in God's Word

- Take the last few minutes of your time in prayer to let your heart and mind rest on this truth: "*the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.*"

Small Groups

Checking In

Welcoming and Warming Up (For Small Groups)

1. Practicing Hospitality: *How was God at work in your life this week?*
2. Group Rules: *A Training in Love (1 Timothy 1:5)*
 - a. Do's and Don'ts of Listening
 - b. Confidentiality

Prayerfulness

Continuously Remaining in God's Love

1. Read 1 John 2:15-17, 1 John 5:1-4
2. In what ways did God speak to you in his Word and by his Spirit in this week's worship service?

Wisdom

Cherishing and Discerning the Truth in Love

1. Read 1 John 2:15-17. We hear a strong command in this passage, "Do not love the world." The way of the world is marked by "the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and the pride of life." In short, sinful self-gratification and self-glorification. While these may sound like very generic problems, they have personal and particular force in our own lives. In what ways, do the structures of our world tempt you toward pleasure seeking and boasting?
2. Read Romans 12:1-3. The way of the world is constantly beckoning us toward a rejection of Jesus' way. Paul tells us to not be "conformed" to the way of the world. He calls us to continue to present ourselves to God that by his Spirit our minds would be transformed. That our beliefs and desires would be ordered in love of God rather than love of the world. That we would seek our fulfillment and happiness in God. He tells us that it is this transformation of mind that will enable us to truly discern God's way. What is made clear in this passage

is that being on guard against the temptations of the world and embracing the way of the cross is a continual call. We must “test” and “discern” daily what is of the world and what is of God. It is easy to get dizzied and dazzled by the world. How can you more intentionally commit to this call to present yourself to God each day? What practices can you incorporate in your daily life to cultivate this discernment?

Compassion

Moving Toward the Poor, Marginalized, and Broken in Love

1. There are many worldly structures around us bent toward evil. Often these structures go unnoticed by us because we benefit from them. For example, perhaps the truth is you are not as concerned about the materialism of our culture because it benefits you. However, often these structures harm others. What worldly structures are in fact harming others and what might it look like to empathize with and seek justice for the poor or marginalized?

Reconciliation

Repentance and Forgiveness for the Sake of Love

1. When our lives are ordered around pleasure and recognition we end up viewing others as resources for gratification or competition. This can even happen in the church. However, when we embrace the way of the cross our relationships are ordered by love and service. In what ways have you felt used by others and viewed as a threat? What would it look like to move towards these people in forgiveness?

Checking Out

Blessing and Sending Out

1. What stood out to you about our group time tonight (1-2 sentences each)?
2. Close in prayer and read 1 John 2:15-17

