

Sunday, May 24, 2020

ORDER *of* SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are a family of believers partnering together to glorify God, serve one another and advance the cause of Christ. Before the service officially begins, we have a short time of announcements to welcome those who are new and help members know some of what God's doing here at CBC.

REFLECTION

God wants us to worship Him from the heart. Take some time to prepare yourself to approach Him in faith and love.

"And he said to them, 'Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great.'" Luke 9:48

"If I am bored with ordinary people in ordinary places, then am I not bored with what God delights in? If I think that local limits of body and place are too small a thing for a person as gifted as I am, then don't I want to escape what God himself gladly and daily inhabits? If I stare at a face, a flower, a child, or a congregation and say, 'But God, not this. I want to do something great for you!' Am I not profoundly misunderstanding what God says a great thing is?" Zack Eswine

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our service begins by hearing from God as He calls us to come and worship Him.

"God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:9

PRAYER OF ADORATION

OPENING SONG

As believers, God commands us to be filled with the Spirit and to address one another – in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs – singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord with all our heart.

CONFESSION

One of the key steps to enjoying the gospel is remembering how much you need it. To help you do that, think about the following passages.

"Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the Lord; be assured, he will not go unpunished." Proverbs 16:5

"For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned." Romans 12:3

"Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed." 1 Samuel 2:3

"Oh, love Yahweh all you His holy ones! Yahweh guards the faithful, but repays fully the one who acts in lofty pride." Psalm 31:23

PRAYER

We want to humble ourselves before God and confess our sins to Him, trusting in His promise to show mercy to those who come to Him depending on Christ. Each one of you should take a moment to present yourself to God, acknowledge yourself to be a sinner, humbling yourself before God, and believing that He will be gracious to you through Jesus.

- Have you engaged in fault-finding of others this week?

- How have you thought and spoken about others' sins this week?
- Have you had a sharp, critical tongue?
- How have you responded to criticism this week?
- How have you responded to people who thought differently than you this week? Have you generally thought your way was the only way?
- Have you been angry or felt self-pity about the ways others have treated you this week?
- Why?

GOSPEL PROMISE

God makes big promises to those who come to Him looking for salvation. Be encouraged by the following passage.

"But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, 'God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Be subject therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be miserable and mourn and cry. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.'" James 4:7-10

SONGS OF PRAISE

The gospel is good news and should fill our hearts with joy. This is an opportunity for that joy to overflow in song.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 21:1-4

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING

One way we express faith in God's goodness and gratitude for His mercy is by partnering together for the proclamation of the gospel through sacrificial giving.

PERSONAL PREPARATION

Listening to God's Word is a privilege and responsibility. Come humbly and hopefully.

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18

SERMON TEXT:

Luke 21:1-4

SERMON NOTES

DOXOLOGY

A doxology is a short expression of praise to God. Singing this particular one together as we close the service helps us express our gratitude for the opportunity we have had to worship God together.