

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

Liturgy for Sunday, June 13, 2021

Welcome (Nick Murray)

Time of Silent Reflection

Call to Worship

¹How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

²My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

³Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

⁴Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

⁵Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion....

⁸O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!

⁹Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

¹⁰For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

¹²O LORD of hosts,
blessed is the one who trusts in you! (Psalm 84:1-5, 8-12)



Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. (Ephesians 2:13)

Songs

- 1) "How Firm a Foundation"
- 2) "My Worth Is Not in What I Own"

Public Reading of Scripture – Hebrews 12:25-29 (Gray Shipley)

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon (Billy Shepard)

³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matthew 6:31-33)

¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10)

Songs

- 3) "Jerusalem"
- 4) "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

Prayer of Illumination (Will Mitchell)

Reading of the Preaching Passage (Laura Wright)



Words of Life: Priorities
Haggai

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:21)

A Challenge to Get Started (1:1-15)

- Haggai prophesied after the Jews had returned from Babylonian exile.
 - Many exiles returned to Israel in 536 BC when Cyrus decreed their return.
 - The Temple was begun, but the work was halted.
 - Haggai writes approximately 16 years after the return, and the Temple remains in ruins. (vv. 3-4)
- The Temple project was a possibility, but it was not a priority.
 - For their indifference, the land became barren and their futures bleak. (vv. 6, 9-11)
 - God was bringing the covenant curses to bear once again.

But if you will not obey the voice of the Lord your God... The Lord will strike you with wasting disease and with fever, inflammation, and fiery heat, and with drought and with blight and with mildew. They shall pursue you until you perish. ²³ And the heavens over your head shall be bronze, and the earth under you shall be iron. ²⁴ The Lord will make the rain of your land powder. From heaven dust shall come down on you until you are destroyed. (Deuteronomy 28:15, 22-24)

- By God's grace, that judgment was answered with repentance. (v. 14)
 - They obeyed the voice of the Lord. (v. 12)
 - They feared God. (v. 12)
 - They came and worked on the house of the Lord. (v. 14b)

So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. (Rev. 3:16)

- Application:
 - Consider your ways: are the things of the Lord in ruins all around you?
 - Are you making disciples with your life?
 - What testimony would your life give concerning your time, money, and talents?

There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine! (Abraham Kuyper)

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matthew 6:33)

- As a congregation, are we making disciples and seeing the gospel advance?
- As a congregation and as Christians, is God's glory our greatest aim?

Incentives to Keep Going (2:1-23)

- Don't give up, even if things seem small. (2:1-9)
 - The post-exilic Temple was far less impressive than Solomon's Temple. (2:3)
 - By using Exodus and Joshua language, the people were reminded of God's great power. (vv. 4-5)
 - Because God was working, this could be a great work! (vv. 6-9)

So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." (John 2:18-19)

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." (Revelation 5:9-10)

- Application:
 - Don't believe the lie of the Enemy that what you're doing for Jesus is small or trivial.
 - God invites us into eternally big work, but only if we don't think that work beneath us.
- Don't give up, because God is so kind that He rewards the very obedience He commands. (2:10-23)
 - Israel was spiritually active before the rebuild, but they were not spiritually healthy.
 - But turning to the Lord, they could now in time expect blessings from the Lord. (v. 19)

And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, ³⁰ who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life." (Luke 18:29-30)

- A land restored.
- A king reinstated.

"As I live, declares the Lord, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, were the signet ring on my right hand, yet I would tear you off ²⁵ and give you into the hand of those who seek your life, into the hand of those of whom you are afraid, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and into the hand of the Chaldeans. (Jeremiah 22:24-25)

"As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." ⁷ I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. (Psalm 2:6-7)

Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him. (Psalm 2:11-12)

- Consider your ways in light of God's ways, God's work, and God's King.

The Lord's Supper

²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." (Matthew 26:26-29)

Song

5) "Jesus Is Better"

Offering

⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

Prayer of Intercession (Will Kynes)

For Our Church

For our middle and high school students going to camp this week, that the time spent away in concentrated time under God's Word would produce fruit that manifests itself over the course of these students lives, that they would learn to love God and his gospel, and for the chaperones!

For Our City

For Double Oak Community Church, pastor Adam Robinson, their elders, staff, and congregation.

For Our Nation



For this week's annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, that our churches would make decisions that reflect a commitment to both the grace and truth that are found in Jesus Christ, and that all that happens at the convention would preserve the witness of these churches and magnify the name of Jesus.

For Our World

For the nation of Russia, that the Lord would raise up leaders who fear God and seek the welfare of their people above their political agendas, for greater cooperation from their leadership with other nations for the sake of international peace, and that churches and Christians might stand firm in the faith despite constant pressure to keep them from faithfully following Christ.

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen."

Benediction

¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost



What's Happening at Christ Fellowship...

Held: Women's Fellowship Dinner – This Thursday, June 17

Introducing an event series for the women of CFC as we seek to glorify God through fellowship, connection, and sharing. Please join us this Thursday, June 17, at 6:30pm for a meal as we seek to engage with and encourage one another, with the recognition that we were designed to grow together in Christ, and that it is Christ who continually sustains us. RSVP at cfcbermingham.org/women.

Sign Up for VBS Today!

VBS is coming June 28-July 1 from 9:00am-12:00pm! You can now sign up your kids age 4 though 5th grade on our website. We also still need volunteers to help us ensure we are able to safely host as many kids as we can. You can sign up to volunteer on the website.

CFC Kids Teachers for the Fall

We are transitioning back to age-graded classrooms in CFC Kids on Sunday mornings starting this fall. We are excited to offer age-appropriate gospel-based teaching on a weekly basis, but that requires a lot of faithful teachers and assistants. We are asking every member to prayerfully consider serving on a rotation serving in CFC Kids. To indicate whether you'd like to be a teacher or an assistant, you can email Maggie or fill out the form in the midweek announcement email.

Women's Ministry Opportunity

If you are interested in being a pen pal to a woman who is incarcerated, please contact Emily Herring at eeh@herring-group.com. CFC women are partnering with the Birmingham Women's Work Release prison to provide pen pal relationships and to find ways to minister to the women. We are expanding the pen pal ministry and looking for more women to serve in this way!

CFC Kids Camp — July 20-23

All current 3rd-5th graders are invited to join us at Student Life for Kids Camp July 20-23 at Shocco Springs! Our very own Nick Murray will be the camp pastor that week, so it will be a great week of teaching, recreation, and time with friends. Cost for camp is \$269, with additional discounts for families with multiple kids. A deposit of \$50/camper is due at sign up. We do not want the cost of camp to be the reason anyone doesn't go. Please let Ryan Adams know if you are interested in scholarships.

Women's Summer Bible Study

On Monday nights in June and July, we will be going through the study *She Reads Truth: This is the Old Testament*. For more information, please visit cfcbermingham.org/women or email Rebekah Rein at rrein@cfcbermingham.org.

