

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

Liturgy for Sunday, June 14, 2020

Welcome (Nick Murray)

Building Notes:

- Nursing Mothers: There is space for 2 nursing mothers in the cry room, and additional space in the Nursery room on the Kids Hallway.
- Diaper changing tables are located in the Red 1 Classroom on the Kids Hallway. The family restrooms are closed today.
- We have designated some “Wiggle Rooms” in the Kids Hallway for parents of younger kids who need a minute to calm down. You can find those to the left down the Kids Hallway.

Call to Worship

Isaiah 44:6-8 – [6] *Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:*

*“I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.*

[7] *Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.*

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

[8] *Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!*

*Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any.”*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

God’s Greeting and Mutual Greetings

Leader: “The Lord be with you!”



All: "And also with you!"

Leader: "Lift up your hearts."

All: "We lift them to the Lord."

Leader: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God."

All: "It is right to give him thanks and praise."

Songs

1) "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before Thee
Who wert and art and evermore shall be

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hides Thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy, there is none besides Thee
Perfect in power love and purity

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

2) "We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*



We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning, Oh how long!
O God of Jacob, be my strength!

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful One
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon (Billy Shepard)

1 John 5:21 – [21] *Little children, keep yourselves from idols.*

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;**



we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Ezekiel 37:23 – [23] They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will save them from all the backslidings in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

Songs

3) "Jesus Strong and Kind"

Jesus said that if I thirst
I should come to him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to him

Jesus said that if I'm weak
I should come to him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to him

*For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind*

Jesus said that if I fear
I should come to him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to him

*For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind*



Jesus said if I am lost
He will come to me
And she showed me on that cross
He will come for me

*For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind*

Prayer of Illumination (Will Mitchell)



The 10 Commandments: Devotion to God Alone
Exodus 20:1-3

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. (Psalm 119:11)

An orientation to the 10 Commandments

- What are the 10 commandments?

- The 10 Commandments were given to redeemed Israel as God's chosen son.

"Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord, Israel is my firstborn son,' ²³ and I say to you, "Let my son go that he may serve me." (Exodus 4:22-23)

And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2)

Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. (Exodus 19:5-6)

- Israel was to be the son of God that Adam failed to be.

At Sinai, God again speaks ten words that, if guarded and obeyed, will form Israel into a new creation. God gave his first command to Adam, his first son. At Sinai, he speaks to his son, the new Adam. The Ten Words are imperatives, but not merely imperatives. When Father Yahweh speaks to son Israel, he discloses his likes and dislikes. The Ten words are a "personal declaration" that reveal Yahweh's character. Like Proverbs, they're a Father-son talk. The ten new-creative words are designed to form Israel into an image of his Father. The Decalogue is about Israel's mission. (Peter Leithart)

- The 10 Commandments were not given to ruin Israel's life but to bring God's life to the world.
- The prohibitions were not inhibitions to life but invitations to life.

The fact that it is in the main a series of prohibitions has led to the unthinking charge that it is negative in tone and purpose. This is to forget that a negative command is far more liberating than a positive one, for a positive command restricts life to that one course of action, whereas a negative command leaves life open to every course of action except one! (Alec Motyer)

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (Genesis 2:16-17)

- Thankfully, God did have a Son who kept His commandments—Jesus of Nazareth!

- Are we under the 10 Commandments?



- We are not under the 10 Commandments as a legal code—Jesus has fulfilled the Law.
- But that doesn't make the 10 Commandments irrelevant:
 - The law revealed God's heart and character to the world.
 - The law (now fulfilled in Christ) *still* reveals God heart and character to the world.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)

- So...
 - The 10 Commandments lead us to Christ as our only hope of salvation.
 - The 10 Commandments teach us Christ's way in light of salvation.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. (Psalm 19:7-11)

An overview of the 1st Commandment

- The God who makes the claim is “your” God, signaling a relationship.
- The God who makes the demand is the all-sufficient God of the Bible.

Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’” (Exodus 3:13-14)

- God is unlike the gods of the nations who are insufficient and unreliable.
- The first commandment forbids idolatry since idolatry diminishes and minimizes the true God.

What is a God? Answer: A God is that to which we look for all good and in which we find refuge in every time of need. To have a God is nothing else than to trust and believe him with our whole heart. As I have often said, the trust and faith of the heart alone make both God and idol. If your faith and trust are right, then your God is the true God. On the other hand, if your trust is false and wrong, then you have not the true God. (Martin Luther)

- So...



- Who do you trust most?
- Who do you fear most?
- Who do you love most?

If I have made gold my trust or called fine gold my confidence, ²⁵ if I have rejoiced because my wealth was abundant or because my hand had found much.... this also would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges, for I would have been false to God above. (Job 31:24-25, 28)

And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” (Matthew 22:37)



Communion

Matthew 26:26-29 – [26] Now 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." [27] And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, [28] for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. [29] I 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."

Song

4) "Only a Holy God"

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God*

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son



Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God!

*Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God*

Offering

2 Corinthians 8:9 – [9] For 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 9:7-8 – [7] Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. [8] And 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.

Prayer of Intercession (Lev Bragg)

For Our Church – For all of our CFC Kids and their parents, that as we meet for worship without our their normal Sunday morning classes, that kids might learn and grow from their time in corporate worship, that God would give them ears to hear what is said and sung about him, that their affections would be trained to love God even now, and that parents would take an even more active role in discipling their children during these days.

For Our City – For Valleydale Church, pastor Mac Brunson, their elders, staff, and congregation.

For Our Nation – For our president and all other elected officials, that they would use authority for the benefit of others and not for selfish gain; that they would act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly; and that they would exercise discernment and wisdom in governing our cities, states, and nation.

For Our World – For the nation of North Korea, that the Almighty God would deliver this nation from their long enslavement by a brutal regime, that the church would persevere and multiply amid horrific persecution, and that the truth of the gospel would spread and liberate North Koreans from their dictatorship's indoctrination and lies.



"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

1 Timothy 1:17 – [17] *To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

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

