



Liturgy for Sunday, June 21, 2020

**Welcome** (Bart Box)

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** (Bart Box)

Psalm 96:1-6 – [1] *Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth!*  
[2] *Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.*  
[3] *Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!*  
[4] *For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.*  
[5] *For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.*  
[6] *Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*

**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) "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
hither by Thy help I've come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
interposed His precious blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it,  
seal it for Thy courts above

O that day when freed from sinning



I will see Thy lovely face  
Clothed and fit in grace washed linen  
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace  
Come my Lord, no longer tarry  
Bring Thy promises to pass  
For I know Thy hand will carry  
'Til I'm home with Thee at last

2) "What a Beautiful Name"

You were the Word at the beginning  
One With God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

*What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus*

Heaven was perfect without us  
But Jesus, You brought heaven down  
My sin was great, Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

*What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus*

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You  
You silenced the boast, of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal



Now and forever, God you reign  
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name, above all names

*What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus*

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon** (Nick Murray)

[Q] What is idolatry?

[A] Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security. (New City Catechism, Question 17)

***<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.***

***<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!***

*<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.*

*<sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment...*

***<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.***

***<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.***

***<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.***

***<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.***

***<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.***

***<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit. (Psalm 51:1-4, 7-12)***

***<sup>16</sup>For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;***



*you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.*  
<sup>17</sup>*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*  
*a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (Psalm 51:16-17)*

## Songs

### 3) "Behold Our God"

Who has held the oceans in His hand?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God seated on His throne*  
*Come let us adore Him*  
*Behold our King, nothing can compare*  
*Come let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

*Behold our God seated on His throne*  
*Come let us adore Him*  
*Behold our King, nothing can compare*  
*Come let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

*Behold our God seated on His throne*  
*Come let us adore Him*  
*Behold our King, nothing can compare*  
*Come let us adore Him!*

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth)  
You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth)  
You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth)  
You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth)



*Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King, nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him!*

**Prayer of Illumination** (Will Mitchell)



## The 10 Commandments: Right Worship Exodus 20:4-6

### The Warning against Idolatry

- This is not a prohibition of all images.
  - The tabernacle was furnished with symbols and imagery of all kinds.
  - The rest of the commandment (v. 5) connects this sin with devotion and service.
- Exodus 32 provides a clear example of idolatry.

*And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"<sup>5</sup> When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the Lord." (Exodus 32:4-5)*

- There are two ways to commit idolatry:
  - You can worship the wrong god (the 1<sup>st</sup> commandment) or...
  - You can worship the right God in the wrong way (the 2<sup>nd</sup> commandment).
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> commandment:

- Forbids the downgrading of deity.

*The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,<sup>7</sup> keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." (Exodus 34:6-7)*

- Demands revelation over imagination.

*Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"<sup>3</sup> Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.<sup>4</sup> Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.<sup>5</sup> They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.<sup>6</sup> They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.<sup>7</sup> They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat.<sup>8</sup> Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them. (Psalm 115:2-8)*

- Images of the biblical God are forbidden because they inevitably lie about God.

*There is a tendency today to seek to serve the God we want, not the God who is. (Ligon Duncan)*



## The Way of Obedience

- Let's give ourselves to God's revelation over our imagination.

*Therefore watch yourselves very carefully. Since you saw no form on the day that the Lord spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, <sup>16</sup> beware lest you act corruptly by making a carved image for yourselves, in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, <sup>17</sup> the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, <sup>18</sup> the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the earth. <sup>19</sup> And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them, things that the Lord your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven. (Deuteronomy 4:15-19)*

*The Lord spoke with you face to face at the mountain, out of the midst of the fire. (Deut. 5:4)*

*By God demanding that He not be pictured, that He not be visually represented, it requires you only and solely to conceive of Him as He is described in the Word.... God is saying, "When you think about Me, you have to think about Me in accordance with the Word. Images distort Me; representations distort Me. Your imaginations distort Me. So, if you want to know Me, you have to know Me by My word." This is God saying, "Look, don't come to Me with your preconceived notions or if you do, lay them down at the door because I'm going to tell you what I'm like." (Ligon Duncan)*

- Let's forsake anything contrary to God's Word.
- Let's give ourselves to the whole counsel of God.

*I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. (Acts 20:27)*

*Moreover, this God is a speaking God who by his Spirit has graciously disclosed himself in human words: we believe that God has inspired the words preserved in the Scriptures, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, which are both record and means of his saving work in the world. (CFC Statement of Beliefs)*

- Let's shape our church life and worship according to the Word.
  - The "rightness of worship" is not primarily about how we feel but about whether we are true to God.
  - God knows best how we can best know God.
- Let's preserve our witness to Christ, "The image of the invisible God."

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. (Colossians 1:15)*

*He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature. (Hebrews 1:3)*

- Jesus is what images never can be.
- Jesus is the fullness of God in flesh.



*If thou carest not whom I love, then thou lovest not me. (John Donne)*

June 28: Exodus 20:7



## 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) "Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance now and always  
Thou and Thou only first in my heart  
High King of Heaven my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's sun  
Heart of my own heart whatever befall  
Still be my vision O ruler of all

## 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** (David Morrison)

**For Our Church** – For the fathers in our church, that they would be faithful to train up their children in the ways of righteousness, the fear of the Lord, and the truth of the gospel; that they would lead their wives in kindness, humility, and Christ-like love; and that they'd be lead disciplers in their families.

**For Our City** – For Cahaba Park Presbyterian Church, pastor Murray Lee, their elders, staff, and congregation.

**For Our Nation** – For the epidemic of fatherlessness in our country, for God to break into the lives of those whose families have been plagued by generational sin that has torn apart families, for the repairing of unjust structures in our society that further proliferate fatherlessness, and ultimately that our Heavenly Father would redeem men from their sins so that they find their hope in the gospel and then faithfully lead their families.

**For Our World** – For the nation of Somalia, that God would preserve and upholding the very small number of believers who face great persecution and the prospect of martyrdom, for God to grant courage and strength to those foreign mission workers and national believers who are sharing the gospel, and for safe fellowship and encouragement for isolated Somali believers.

**“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

2 Thessalonians 3:16 – [16] *Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.*

## 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

