

# CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

Liturgy for Sunday, June 27, 2021

Welcome (Bart Box)

Time of Silent Reflection

Call to Worship

*<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD, all nations!*

*Extol him, all peoples!*

*<sup>2</sup>For great is his steadfast love toward us,*

*and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.*

*Praise the LORD! (Psalm 117)*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

*<sup>15</sup>For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,*

*who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:*

*"I dwell in the high and holy place,*

*and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,*

*to revive the spirit of the lowly,*

*and to revive the heart of the contrite. (Isaiah 57:15)*

Songs

1) "Revive Us Again"

2) "Shine into Our Night"

Public Reading of Scripture – Deuteronomy 4:25-31 (Veleka Finch)



### Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon (Jason Kirk)

*<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)*

*<sup>6</sup>For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations. (Deuteronomy 7:6-9)*

### Songs

3) "Here Is Love Vast as the Ocean"

4) "Take My Life"

### Prayer of Illumination (Will Mitchell)

### Reading of the Preaching Passage (Emily Bucker)



**Words of Life: Repentance**  
Malachi

*When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said “Repent,” he intended that the entire life of believers should be repentance. (Martin Luther)*

**The Need for Repentance (1:1-2:16)**

- Malachi prophesied after Judah’s return to the land and reconstruction of the Temple.
- He begins with a reminder that the love of God was meant to provoke love for God and lives for God.
  - They were called to show that God was their Father and Lord. (1:6)
  - They were called to make God’s name great. (1:11-12)
  - They were called to declare that God is a great King. (1:14)

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. (Ephesians 1:3-4)*

- But their offerings were half-hearted. (1:6-2:9)
  - The people offering the offerings were belittling God’s honor.
  - The priests inspecting the offerings were skirting God’s Law.
  - Application:
    - We should be warned that we can have a “good church” and yet be apathetic and disobedient.
    - Remember that Jesus is the friend of sinners and is the enemy of sin.
    - Are there things in our lives that we’re tolerating that are intolerable to God?
- And their marriages were Scripturally wrong. (2:10-16)
  - Some in Judah were marrying foreign wives who worshiped foreign gods.

*Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, <sup>2</sup> from the nations concerning which the Lord had said to the people of Israel, “You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods.” Solomon clung to these in love. <sup>3</sup> He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart. (1 Kings 11:1-3)*

- Some in Judah were divorcing their wives for unscriptural reasons.
- Application:
  - Take refuge and seek restoration in Jesus.
  - Take seriously the warnings of faithlessness in marriage.

### The Urgency of Repentance (2:17-4:6)

- Malachi illustrates the need for genuine repentance—a regret *and* restoration of what’s wrong.

*And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.”<sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham.” (Luke 19:8-9)*

- Malachi warns that judgment is coming.
  - The judgment will be preceded by another “messenger”.

*As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?<sup>8</sup> What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses.<sup>9</sup> What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.<sup>10</sup> This is he of whom it is written, “ ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’ (Matthew 11:7-10)*

- The judgment will be characterized by war against sin.

*Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. (1 John 3:8)*

- The judgment is not, though, without mercy, if we’ll turn!
  - For those who repent, there is a hope and healing in the Messiah-King.

*From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. (Malachi 3:7)*

*The God of Israel has spoken; the Rock of Israel has said to me: When one rules justly over men, ruling in the fear of God,<sup>4</sup> he dawns on them like the morning light, like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning, like rain that makes grass to sprout from the earth. (2 Samuel 23:3-4)*

- For those who refuse, there is the terrible and fearful prospect of judgment.

*“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” (Matthew 17:5)*

## The Lord's Supper

<sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>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." (Matthew 26:26-29)

## Song

5) "Not in Me"

## Offering

<sup>9</sup>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 8:9)

<sup>7</sup>Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>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. (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

## Prayer of Intercession (David Morrison)

### *For Our Church*

For those in our church who are married, that husbands and wives would love and serve one another with sacrificial joy and patience, that the faithfulness of Christ would mark the marriages of Christ Fellowship Church, and that the marriages of CFC members would display the beauty of Christ's love to a world that is skeptical of God's good design and intentions in marriage.

### *For Our City*

For Shades Mountain Baptist Church, their elders, staff, and congregation as they seek the Lord to supply their next pastor.

### *For Our Nation*



For President Joe Biden, that the Lord would give him the wisdom to lead our nation well, that God would keep him back from decisions that do not promote human flourishing, and that those around him would provide him with good counsel and sound advice.

### *For Our World*

For the nation of China, that God would move in power among the governing authorities of the country, that he would convert leaders at all levels from enemies of God into disciples of Jesus, that there would be an end to the human rights abuses that are being carried out by the government against the Uighur people, and that national revival would sweep across the nation that would reverberate throughout the world.

"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

*<sup>2</sup>But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.  
You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. (Malachi 4:2)*

### 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...

### ***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.

### ***VBS Starts Tomorrow!***

VBS is June 28-July 1 from 9:00am-12:00pm! You can now sign up your kids age 4 through 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.

### ***New Bookmark Available in the Commons***

If you are following along with the Words of Life reading plan, grab the July-August bookmark from the table in the commons on your way out the door this morning!

### ***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 [cfcbirmingham.org/women](http://cfcbirmingham.org/women) or email Rebekah Rein at [rrein@cfcbirmingham.org](mailto:rrein@cfcbirmingham.org).

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