

# CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

Liturgy for Sunday, June 7, 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

Psalm 100 – [1] *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!*

[2] *Serve the LORD with gladness!*

*Come into his presence with singing!*

[3] *Know that the LORD, he is God!*

*It is he who made us, and we are his;*

*we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

[4] *Enter his gates with thanksgiving,*

*and his courts with praise!*

*Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

[5] *For the LORD is good;*

*his steadfast love endures forever,*

*and his faithfulness to all generations.*

## 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) "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul  
Oh my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
Oh my soul  
I worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul  
Oh my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
Oh my soul  
I worship Your holy name*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten-thousand reasons for my heart to find

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul  
Oh my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before*



*Oh my soul  
I worship Your holy name*

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten-thousand years and then forevermore

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul  
Oh my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
Oh my soul  
I worship Your holy name*

## 2) "Shine into Our Night"

We are not what we should be  
We haven't sought what we should seek  
We've seen Your glory Lord, but looked away  
Our hearts are bent our eyes are dim  
Our finest works are stained with sin  
And emptiness has shadowed all our ways

*Jesus Christ, shine into our night  
Drive our dark away  
'Til Your glory fills our eyes  
Jesus Christ, shine into our night  
Bind us to Your cross, where we find life*

Still we often go astray  
We chase the world, forget Your grace  
But You have never failed to bring us back  
Reveal the depths of what You've done  
The death You died, the vic'try won  
You made a way for us to know Your love

*Jesus Christ, shine into our night  
Drive our dark away  
'Til Your glory fills our eyes  
Jesus Christ, shine into our night  
Bind us to Your cross, where we find life*



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

1 Corinthians 10:23-24 – [23] *“All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up. [24] Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor.*

O God, we are sinners and we have sinned against you and against one another in many ways. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Through Jesus, please hear our confession of sin.

Where we have been quarrelsome with others over insignificant matters,  
**have mercy on us, Lord.**

Where we have been indifferent or apathetic over weighty matters,  
**have mercy on us, Lord.**

Where we have been quick to pass judgment on others,  
**have mercy on us, Lord.**

Where we have been slow to accommodate and advocate for others,  
**have mercy on us, Lord.**

Where we have glibly offended others and gladly taken offense at others,  
**have mercy on us, Lord.**

Where we have been wholly concerned with ourselves and ourselves alone,  
**have mercy on us, Lord.**

Where we have caused others to stumble in their faith by our careless words and deeds,  
**have mercy on us, Lord.**

Where we have grieved others to the heart by not walking in love,  
**have mercy on us, Lord.**

And where we have failed to pursue what makes for peace and mutual upbuilding,  
**have mercy on us, Lord.**

Father, hear our prayer. Forgive our sins, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name we pray. **Amen.**

Galatians 2:20 – [20] *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

### Songs

3) “Is He Worthy?”

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)

Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)



But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? (We do)  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)  
Is a new creation coming? (It is)  
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

Is anyone worthy?  
Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave  
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Of all blessing and honor and glory  
Is He worthy of this?  
He is

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)  
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)  
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He does)  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

Is anyone worthy?  
Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave  
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

From every people and tribe  
Every nation and tongue  
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God  
To reign with the Son  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Of all blessing and honor and glory  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Is He worthy of this?  
He is!

**Prayer of Illumination** (Will Mitchell)



**Standing Down for the Advance of the Gospel**  
Romans 14

*Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! (Psalm 133:1)*

*You are the salt of the earth.... You are the light of the world. (Matthew 5:13-14)*

**4 Principles for Principled Disagreement**

**#1 - We should demand unity on the gospel & expect disagreement about lesser matters.**

- We are not called to suspend all judgment—the gospel is not up for debate.
- The issue in Romans 14 is not an issue of how one is saved. (vv. 2, 5)
  - The weak had tender consciences food laws and holy days.
  - The strong (and Paul) did not share those same convictions.
- Remember: Not all disagreement is created equal.
  - Part of Christian maturity is realizing that not everything is of first importance.
  - Part of Christian maturity is recognizing that not everyone will think like I do.

**#2 - We should think deeply, personally, and biblically about all issues of faith.**

- There is a depth of conviction about the issues in Romans 14. (vv. 5, 6-7, 8, 12, 14)
- Remember: Our consciences matter before the Lord.

*[The conscience] is not infallible, it is nevertheless sacrosanct, so that to go against it (to act not from faith) is to sin. (John Stott)*

**#3 - We should use our judging energies to evaluate ourselves.**

- The judgment that is encouraged is self-judgment. (v. 13)
- Instead of scanning the crowd, we should scan our hearts.

*Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer.*

- Remember: Our attitudes are just as important as our arguments.



#### #4 - We should see that God's glory is at stake.

- The work of God is more important than my preferences about lesser matters. (v. 20)
- Remember: The church is God's masterpiece.

*For he himself is our peace, who has made [Jews and Gentiles] one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup> by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:14-22)*



## 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) "There Is a Fountain"

There is a fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains  
Lose all their guilty stains  
Lose all their guilty stains  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day;  
And there may I, though vile as he,  
Wash all my sins away  
Wash all my sins away  
Wash all my sins away  
And there may I, though vile as he,  
Wash all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its power  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved to sin no more  
Be saved to sin no more  
Be saved to sin no more  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved to sin no more

E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply



Redeeming love has been my theme  
And shall be till I die  
And shall be till I die  
And shall be till I die  
Redeeming love has been my theme  
And shall be till I die

Then in a noble, sweeter song  
I'll sing Thy power to save  
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue  
Lies silent in the grave  
I'll sing Thy power to save  
I'll sing Thy power to save  
Then in a noble, sweeter song  
I'll sing Thy power to save

### 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 (Ryan Adams)

**For Our Church** – For our church, that we would always evaluate our own hearts before leaping to judgmental conclusions that lead to division in our body; that none of us would live to ourselves but would instead live unto the Lord and lay down our lives and preferences for the sake of our brothers and sisters; and that a spirit of charity would always pervade our congregation for God's glory.

**For Our City** – For Homewood Community Church, pastor Tom Franklin, their elders, staff, and congregation.

**For Our Nation** – For these dark and desperate days in America, that God would bring supernatural healing to our land, for true peace to prevail, for reconciliation to occur across the vast spectrums of division in our country, and for safety for all.



**For Our World** – For the nation of Peru, that God would be merciful to them as they grapple with the coronavirus, that adequate food and medical supplies would be available to citizens there, and that the church would thrive despite lockdown restrictions.

“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

*Ephesians 3:20-21 – [20] Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, [21] to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, 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

