

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

Liturgy for Sunday, July 11, 2021

Welcome (Ryan Adams)

Time of Silent Reflection

Call to Worship

- ¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
- ⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- ⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
- ¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
- ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. (Psalm 46)

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation



God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

*⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.
(Romans 15:7)*

Songs

1) "Let the Nations Be Glad"

2) "Jesus, Strong and Kind"

Public Reading of Scripture – Psalm 66 (Alex LaGanke)

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon (Billy Shepard)

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

*²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!*

³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

*⁴Against 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. (Psalm 51:1-4)*

[Pause for Private Confession]

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

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

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

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

*¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*

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



[Pause for Private Confession]

¹⁶*For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.*

¹⁷*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) "Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul"

4) "The Solid Rock"

Prayer of Illumination (Will Mitchell)

Reading of the Preaching Passage (Vanessa Kynes)



Words of Life: Disorientation
Psalms 42-72 (Book II)

Psalm 42-43 — One Song in Five Parts

Verse 1 – When Your Soul is Dry (42:1-4)

- Note the Sources of Spiritual Dryness
 - Distance from corporate worship
 - Solitude

“It is by the grace of God that a congregation is permitted to gather visibly in this world to share God’s Word and sacrament. Not all Christians receive this blessing. The imprisoned, the sick, the scattered lonely, the proclaimers of the gospel in [foreign] lands stand alone. They know that visible fellowship is a blessing. They remember, as the psalmist did, ‘how they went with the multitude to the house of God’ (Ps. 42:4)...The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer.” –Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

Chorus – Defiance Against Despair (42:5, 11; 43:5)

- Question Yourself
- Preach to Yourself

“The main art in the matter of spiritual living is to know how to handle yourself. You have to take yourself in hand, you have to address yourself, preach to yourself, question yourself. You must say to your soul: ‘Why art thou cast down’– what business have you to be disquieted? You must turn on yourself, exhort yourself, and say to yourself: ‘Hope thou in God’– instead of muttering in this depressed, unhappy way. And then you must go on to remind yourself of God, Who God is, and what God is and what God has done, and what God has pledged Himself to do. Then having done that, end on this great note: defy yourself, and defy other people, and defy the devil and the whole world, and say with this man: ‘I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance, who is also the health of my countenance and my God.’” –Martin Lloyd Jones, *Spiritual Depression: Its Cause and Cure*.

- Turn Away from Yourself



Verse 2 – When Your Soul Is Drowning (42:6-10)

Verse 3 – When You Need Deliverance (43:1-2)

Psalm 18:30 – [30] *This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.*

Psalm 34:8 – [8] *Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!*

Psalm 46:1 – [1] *God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.*

Psalm 57:1 – [1] *Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
for in you my soul takes refuge;
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,
till the storms of destruction pass by.*

Psalm 71:3 – [3] *Be to me a rock of refuge,
to which I may continually come;
you have given the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.*

- What if, in your deepest need for deliverance, the Refuge rejects you?

Bridge – The Answer (Psalm 43:3-4)

John 6:37b – ...*Whoever comes to me I will never cast out.*

Psalm 43:5 – [5] *Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.*



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) "It Is Well with My Soul"

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 (Dennis Schauer)

For Our Church

For members of our church who are currently enduring trials and suffering of various kinds: that God would draw near to them, hold them fast, and strengthen their faith during this time; that their fellow church members would join in sharing their burdens; and God would providentially work these trials for the good of those that suffer and for God's glory.

For Our City

For Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, pastor David Eldridge, their leaders, staff, and congregation.

For Our Nation



For the preservation of religious liberty as the culture and laws of our nation continue to change, so that we may live peaceful and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way (1 Tim. 2:2); and that God would strengthen and purify the American church so that would remain faithful to the Great Commission even if those liberties are taken away.

For Our World

For the nation of Haiti after their president was assassinated this week, that God would supply peace and stability in the midst of great turmoil, that just order would be instilled quickly, and that God would be merciful to this nation.

"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

*⁸Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. (Psalm 62:8)*

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...

Membership Matters Class — Monday, August 16th at 6:00pm

If you are interested in becoming a member at CFC, we are planning to hold a Membership Matters class on Monday, August 16th at 6:00pm. Attending this class is an important part of the process of becoming a member of Christ Fellowship Church. If you are interested in attending, please sign up at cfcbirmingham.org/membership-matters, or email Nick Murray at nmurray@cfcbirmingham.org with any questions.

Youth Group Meets Tonight

The student ministry will meet from 5:00-6:30 PM here at the building. All middle and high school students are encouraged to attend. Contact Billy Shepard with any questions at bshepard@cfcbirmingham.org.

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.

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.

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