

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

Liturgy for Sunday, July 18, 2021

Welcome (Bart Box)

Time of Silent Reflection

Call to Worship

- ¹*Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.*
- ²*Preserve my life, for I am godly;
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.*
- ³*Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all the day.*
- ⁴*Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.*
- ⁵*For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.*
- ⁶*Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.*
- ⁷*In the day of my trouble I call upon you,
for you answer me.*
- ⁸*There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.*
- ⁹*All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.*
- ¹⁰*For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.*
- ¹¹*Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.*
- ¹²*I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.*
- ¹³*For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.*
- (Psalm 86:1-13)



Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. (Ephesians 2:13)

Songs

1) "Revive Us Again"

2) "My Worth Is Not in What I Own"

Public Reading of Scripture – Psalm 77 (Katherine Wolfe)

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon (Ryan Adams)

*¹⁷Let not your heart envy sinners,
but continue in the fear of the LORD all the day.*

*¹⁸Surely there is a future,
and your hope will not be cut off. (Proverbs 23:17-18)*

*⁸Do not remember against us our former iniquities;
let your compassion come speedily to meet us,
for we are brought very low.*

*⁹Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and atone for our sins,
for your name's sake! (Psalm 79:8-9)*

Songs

3) "He Will Hold Me Fast"



4) "I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)"

Prayer of Illumination (Will Mitchell)

Reading of the Preaching Passage (Hannah Brancheau)



Words of Life: Reorientation
Psalms 73-89 (Book III)

“The power of envy is such that it made even the Garden of Eden feel like it wasn’t enough.”
-Tim Keller

Psalm 73 – The Reorientation of Our Desires

1) Disordered Desires (v.1-3)

2) Envy (v.4-12)

- What Envy Sees:
 - They have whatever they want, without worries (v.4-5).
 - They do whatever they want, without regrets (v.6-7).
 - They say whatever they want, without consequences (v.8-11).
 - They get whatever they want, without fail (v.12)

- What Envy Does:

- Envy blinds you to others’ troubles.

“If anyone were able to inspect the inmost character of these bad people who seem to be so fortunate in the present life, such an observer would see the grim state of their consciences; anyone who could see into their souls would see how fiercely those souls are buffeted by the storms of desire and fear. The discerning observer would therefore recognize that such people are miserable, even though they are reputed to be happy.” –Augustine

- Envy turns the mission into a competition.

- What does envy look like in my life?

- [Q] Internally, who are you envious of?
- [Q] Externally, do you portray yourself in a way as to intentionally attract envy?

3) Vanity (v.13-15)

- Vanity as Meaninglessness
- Vanity as Self-centeredness



4) Clarity (v.16-17)

- Clarity comes from the reorienting rhythm of worship.
 - Prayer makes us sane again.
 - Worship makes us understand worth.
 - [Q] What does worship look like in your life?

5) Reality (v.18-20)

Matthew 7:26–27 – [26] *And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. [27] And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.*”

6) Humility (v.21-22)

7) Reoriented Desires (v.23-28)

- The cure for envy is not to get everything we wanted. The cure for envy is to come to the realization that everything we really want is found in Jesus.
 - Jesus Is Your Companion
 - As your companion, He holds your right hand.
 - John 10:28 – [28] *I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.*
 - As your companion, He guides you.
 - As your companion, He waits at the finish line for you.
 - Jesus Is Your Inheritance
 - Jesus Is Your Portion
- [Q] Do you want to be near God?

James 4:8a – *Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.*



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) "Jesus Is Better"

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 (Lev Bragg)

For Our Church

For our CFC kids who are going to camp this week: that God would use this week to draw them to himself in saving faith, that God would grow them in their love for Christ, their knowledge of the Word, and their love for one another; and for the chaperones!

For Our City

For The Church at Brook Hills, pastor Matt Mason, their elders, staff, and congregation.

For Our Nation

For those Americans living in poverty, that the church would open her eyes to see those around us living in crippling need, that God would give us—individually and corporately—



ways to meet tangible needs of those we encounter, and that those in poverty would be treated with dignity and loving-compassion.

For Our World

For the nation of Cuba, for God to supply this nation with godly leadership that promotes human flourishing for all its citizens, that Cubans would grow as dissatisfied with sin as they are with their government and so turn to Christ as Lord, and that the church in Cuba would grow in health and in number.

"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

*²⁸But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works. (Psalm 73:28)*

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 — Sunday, August 15th at 2:00pm

****Please note the date change!**** If you are interested in becoming a member at CFC, we are planning to hold a Membership Matters class on Sunday, August 15th at 2:00pm. 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. We plan to arrange childcare for the meeting.

Youth Group Meets Tonight

The student ministry will meet from 5:00-6:30pm 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

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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!

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