

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

Liturgy for Sunday, July 19, 2020

Welcome (Ryan Adams)

Building Notes:

- Face Coverings: At this time, in accordance with the new requirement from the governor, we are requiring all adults in attendance to wear a face covering during entrance and exit from the building and during times of congregational singing. We also strongly recommend everyone to keep their masks on beyond those times (such as during the sermon, corporate prayers, or personal conversations), if you are willing and able to do so. Thank you for your cooperation.
- 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. Those are in the Kids Hallway.

Call to Worship

Philippians 2:5-11 – [5] Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, [6] who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, [7] but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. [8] And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. [9] Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, [10] so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11] and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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) "Nothing but the Blood"

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know*



Nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

2) "Your Will Be Done"

Your will be done, my God and Father
As in Heaven, so on earth
My heart is drawn to self exalting
Help me seek Your kingdom first

As Jesus walked, so I shall walk
Held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul
Oh, lift your voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

How in that garden he persisted
I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience
It was held by him alone

What wondrous faith, to bear that cross
To bear my sin, what wondrous love
My hope was sure
When there my Saviour prayed
Father not my will but Yours be done

When I am lost, when I am broken
In the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father
Yes, to one great King I bow!

As Jesus rose, so I shall rise



In ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored
With all your saints I sing
Father, not my will but Yours be done

As we go forth, our God and Father
Lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory
And Your Name be lifted high

And in this Name we overcome
For You shall see us safely home
Now as your church
We lift our voice and pray
Father, not my will but Yours be done

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon (Nick Murray)

1 John 3:15 – [15] *Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.*

Father, you are the Author and Sustainer of life.

And we know what you command us in your Word regarding the immense value of human life.

But we confess that the root of murder is in our hearts.

With every envious and bitter thought about another person,

We have broken your commandment, Lord God.

With our angry words, texts, and emails,

We have broken your commandment, Lord God.

With our willingness to step over, look past, or even put away those people whose mere existence inconveniences us,

We have broken your commandment, Lord God.

With our secret enjoyment of other people's dishonor,

We have broken your commandment, Lord God.

With our hunger and thirst for revenge,

We have broken your commandment, Lord God.

With the hatred that we harbor against people both near and far,

We have broken your commandment, Lord God.

God, help us. Father, forgive us.

For the bloodguilt on our hands, be pleased to supply the atoning blood of Jesus Christ.

This is all our hope and peace.

We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.



1 John 3:16 – [16] *By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.*

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)



The 10 Commandments: The Sanctity of Life Exodus 20:13

The Basis and Boundaries of the 6th Commandment

- The basis: the 6th commandment is founded on the first truth about human beings—we are made in God’s image.

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.” (Genesis 1:26)

The image of God describes not just something that man has, but something man is... This is what is unique about human beings; this is what gives them dignity and worth. Even a person who is living a disreputable life, who has become an outcast from society, who has not a friend in the world—even such a person still bears God’s image, and that image we must honor. Because everyone whom we meet is an image bearer of God, we may not curse him or her (James 3:9), but we must love that person and do him or her good. (Anthony Hoekema)

- The boundaries:
 - The Bible does not prohibit self-defense.

If a thief is found breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there shall be no bloodguilt for him, ³ but if the sun has risen on him, there shall be bloodguilt for him. He shall surely pay. (Exodus 22:2-3)

- The Bible does not prohibit participation in just wars. (e.g. Deut. 20; Joshua 8:1)
- The Bible does not prohibit capital punishment.

Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. (Genesis 9:6)

When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman’s husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine. ²³ But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life, ²⁴ eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, ²⁵ burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe. (Exodus 21:22-25)

For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴ for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. (Romans 13:3-4)

The Relevance and Application of the 6th Commandment

- We are forbidden from taking the lives of the innocent.
 - We should defend the lives of the unborn.



Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. (Proverbs 24:11)

- We should esteem the lives of the infirm, aged, and disabled.
- We are forbidden from all sorts of violence and vengeance.

Q: "Is it enough then, if we do not kill our neighbor in any such way?"

A: In forbidding murder God means to teach us that he abhors the root of murder, which is envy, hatred, anger, and the desire for revenge, and that he regards all these as hidden murder. (Heidelberg Catechism)

You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. (Matthew 5:21-22)

With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. (James 3:9)

- We are forbidden from indifference to suffering, pain, and harm.

When you build a new house, you shall make a parapet for your roof, that you may not bring the guilt of blood upon your house, if anyone should fall from it. (Deut. 22:8)

This commandment is violated not only when a person actually does evil, but also when he fails to do good to his neighbor, or, though he has the opportunity, fails to prevent, protect, and save him from suffering bodily harm or injury. If you send the person away naked when you could clothe him, you have left him freeze to death. If you see anyone suffer hunger and do not feed him, you have let him starve. Likewise, if you see anyone condemned to death or in similar peril and do not save him although you know ways and means to do so, you have killed him. It will do you no good to plead that you did not contribute to his death by word or deed, for you have withheld your love from him and robbed him of the service by which his life might have been saved. (Martin Luther)

- We are forgiven and freed by Jesus, the Author of Life.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. (Isaiah 53:7)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (John 10:10)

If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (John 8:36)

July 26—Exodus 20:14



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) "Jerusalem"

See Him in Jerusalem
Walking where the crowds are
Once these streets had sung to Him
Now they cry for murder
Such a frail and lonely Man
Holding up the heavy cross
See Him walking in Jerusalem
On the road to save us

See Him there upon the hill
Hear the scorn and laughter
Silent as a lamb He waits
Praying to the Father
See the King who made the sun
And the moon and shining stars
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down
So that He could save them

See Him there upon the cross
Now no longer breathing
Dust that formed the watching crowds
Takes the blood of Jesus
Feel the earth is shaking now
See the veil is split in two
And He stood before the wrath of God
Shielding sinners with His blood

See the empty tomb today
Death could not contain Him



Once the Servant of the world
Now in vict'ry reigning
Lift your voices to the One
Who is seated on the throne
See Him in the New Jerusalem
Praise the One who saved us
Praise the One who saved us!

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 (Brad Lowe)

For Our Church

For our church, that we would cherish and champion the sanctity of all human lives; that we would be consistent in our concern for the lives of all of God's image bearers regardless of age, status, ethnicity, or achievement; and that we would act justly and love mercy as we seek to obey the sixth commandment.

For Our City

For Iron City Church, pastor Kam Pugh, their elders, staff, and congregation.

For Our Nation

For our nation, that God would bring unity where there is deep division, that elected and appointed officials would strive for greater consensus amid significant polarization, and that the church would promote love and charity to all—even toward those with whom we fundamentally disagree.

For Our World



For the nation of Iran, that the Lord would raise up peaceful and just leaders to govern, for a great harvest resulting from faithful believers sharing bold accounts of their faith, and for the church to rapidly multiply and mature despite horrendous persecution against non-Muslim peoples.

"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

Revelation 1:17a-18 – [17] *"Fear not, I am the first and the last, [18] and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."*

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

