

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

Liturgy for Sunday, July 25, 2021

Welcome (Bart Box)

Time of Silent Reflection

Call to Worship

¹*Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.*

²*The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

³*He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.*

⁴*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*

⁵*Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!*

⁶*With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!*

⁷*Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!*

⁸*Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together*

⁹*before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity. (Psalm 98)*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation



God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

⁴Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually! (Psalm 105:4)

Songs

1) "Psalm 100"

2) "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Public Reading of Scripture – Psalm 91 (Sara Barriault)

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon (Nick Murray)

⁷Today, if you hear his voice,
⁸ do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
⁹ when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
¹⁰For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart,
and they have not known my ways."
¹¹Therefore I swore in my wrath,
"They shall not enter my rest." (Psalm 95:7b-11)

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed for your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not
to have done;
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.



And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

⁸*The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

⁹*He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.*

¹⁰*He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

¹¹*For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*

¹²*as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

(Psalm 103:8-12)

Songs

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

4) "Psalm 23"

Prayer of Illumination (Will Mitchell)

Reading of the Preaching Passage (Brittany Mann)



Words of Life: Life
Psalms 90-106 (Book 4)

*O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.*

(Isaac Watts, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past")

The Problem of Death (vv. 1-11)

- The crisis of Psalm 90 is the brevity of life due to the sentence of death.
- God is eternally existent ("from everlasting to everlasting"), and God is endlessly perfect. (vv. 1-2)
- Moses sets man in contrast with God. (vv. 3-11)

- Our earthly destinies are fixed. (v. 3)

By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3:19)

- Our earthly lives are fleeting and frustrating. (vv. 4-6, 9-10)
- The explanation for our experience of death is our sin. (vv. 7-8)
 - God does not delight in punishing us with death.
 - But disobedience against a good and righteous God is worthy of death.

There is no little sin, because there is no little God to sin against. (Thomas Brooks)

The Prayer of Life (vv. 12-17)

- Teach us about everlasting life. (vv. 12-13)
 - The prayer for wisdom is more than a prayer for urgency (although it includes that).
 - The prayer for wisdom looks to this life *and the life to come*.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. (Proverbs 9:10)

- Do you think regularly and often about the life to come?
 - There is a judgment that is come.
 - There is a Man from heaven that can save.

*The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸
As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of*

heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. (1 Corinthians 15:47-49)

- There are eternal rewards for those who faithfully follow Jesus.

*Give me Father, a purpose deep,
In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;
Faithful and true what e'er the strife,
Pleasing Thee in my daily life;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last. (C.T. Studd, "Only One Life")*

- Satisfy us with abundant life. (vv. 14-15)

- Moses prays for satisfaction in gladness *in the midst of affliction*.
- We are reminded that ours is both a pilgrim status and a privileged status.

- We are not yet home, but we're heading home.

Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee. (Augustine)

- But even on the journey, we can find sure rest.

Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee. (Augustine)

- Are you finding your ultimate rest in God, or are you wearying yourself apart from God?

- Favor us with multiplied lives. (vv. 16-17)

- Moses prays with boldness for the favor of God.
- We have one greater than Moses who secures God's favor, so we, too, can plead with God!
- God has given us life, and that life is meant to be multiplied.

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. (John 5:24)

- How are you seeking to multiply the life that God has given you?

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" (Revelation 14:13)

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) "We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

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 (Sam Price)

For Our Church

For our church, that we would maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3), that any cause for division amongst brothers and sisters in Christ would be addressed quickly and humbly, and that we would be united in mind and love for one another (1 Pet. 3:8).

For Our City

For Redeemer Community Church, pastor Joel Brooks, their elders, staff, and congregation.

For Our Nation

For the parts of our country that are currently suffering from extreme drought and wildfires, that God would mercifully cause rain to fall on these places, that times of refreshing might



come from his hand, and that those experiencing the drought would learn to look to God for help in times of desperate need.

For Our World

For missionaries around the world, including all of CFC's mission partners, whose work has been drastically affected and who have had to leave their posts due to the pandemic: that God would preserve the fruit that they have long labored over from the counter-work of the enemy; for those who wonder if or when they'll be able to return to their work, that God would help them to trust His sovereign strategy over all things; and for those whose financial support seems uncertain, that God would make all grace abound to them so that they may abound in every good work.

**"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

*¹⁷Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands! (Psalm 90:17)*

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.

Join the Communion Team

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the Sunday morning communion team. Responsibilities include helping fill cups and put out trays on Sundays prior to the service. If you would have any interest in helping, please email our deaconess of communion Rebecca Osteen at rebeccaosteen22@gmail.com.

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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