



Liturgy for Sunday, August 9, 2020

Welcome (Ryan Adams)

Building Notes:

- Face Coverings: After reviewing the state-wide mask order, **we have decided to continue requiring the wearing of facial coverings by all adults during entering and exiting the building and while singing. We also recommend the wearing of facial coverings during the entirety of the service.** The current statewide ordinance encourages masks for kids over six years old. We understand that this may be difficult for some kids, so we are leaving this up to each parent as to when to allow their own kids to remove their masks once they are seated. **We would recommend kids over six to wear masks during entrance, exit, singing, and any other time they are not in their seats.** This guidance will be reviewed as we have more information and direction from the governor or local officials.
- 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

¹⁷The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.

¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.

²⁰The LORD preserves all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

(Psalm 145:17-21)



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) "Psalm 100"

All people that on earth do dwell
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice
Him serve with joy; His praise forth tell
Come ye before Him and rejoice

Know that the Lord is God indeed
Without our aid He did us make
We are His flock; He does us feed
And for His sheep He does us take

O enter then His gates with praise
Within His courts your thanks proclaim
With grateful hearts your voices raise
To bless and magnify His name

Because the Lord our God is good
His mercy is forever sure
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure



2) "O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer"

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon (Nick Murray)

⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. (Colossians 3:9-10)

Father of all truth and righteousness,
You are light, and in you there is no darkness at all.
You are true, and in you there is no falsehood at all.
You are not a man, that you should lie.
But we admit that we are liars.



We confess that we often bear a wicked resemblance to the devil,
for he is a liar and the father of lies.
We have made up lies, passed on lies, and knowingly believed lies.
We have been deceptive and dishonest.
We have told half-truths and put our own spin on things.
We have spent vast amounts of energy covering our tracks,
and against the truth we have given our alternative sets of facts.
We know, Lord, that these are lies.
Worst of all, Lord, we have enjoyed these lies.
The weight of our lies drags us down to miserable places,
yet we persist.
The pain that our lies inflict on others is real and tangible,
yet we don't seem to care.
The consequences of our lies chase after us and find us out,
though we try to evade them through serpentine craftiness.
O God, we know that our lies are an abomination in your sight.
We know that your Word says that the portion of liars will be in hell.
So we come to repent, Lord God.
Deliver us from our own lying lips and deceitful tongues.
Remove far from us falsehood and lying, and instead impute to us
the righteousness of Christ.
Punish us not for our violations of your commandments,
but look upon the punishment of Jesus in our place.
And be pleased to conform us into the perfect image
of your beloved Son.
We ask this forgiveness in Jesus' name. Amen.

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. (Colossians 3:1-4)

Songs

3) "Speak, O Lord"

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today



In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Prayer of Illumination (Will Mitchell)



The 10 Commandments: To Tell the Truth
Exodus 20:16

Violent Speech

- The 9th commandment is set in the context of the courtroom.

On the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses the one who is to die shall be put to death; a person shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness. (Deuteronomy 17:6)

A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established. (Deuteronomy 19:15)

A man who bears false witness against his neighbor is like a war club, or a sword, or a sharp arrow. (Proverbs 25:18)

These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another; render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace; ¹⁷ do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, declares the Lord. (Zechariah 8:16-17)

- So, the 9th commandment forbids *all violent speech* against our neighbor.

For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. (James 3:7-10)

Q. What is required in the ninth commandment?

A. I must not give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor condemn or join in condemning anyone rashly and unheard. Rather, I must avoid all lying and deceit as the devil's own works, under penalty of God's heavy wrath. In court and everywhere else, I must love the truth, speak and confess it honestly, and do what I can to defend and promote my neighbor's honor and reputation. (The Heidelberg Catechism)

- We are prohibited from:

- Slander and gossip.

With his mouth the godless man would destroy his neighbor, but by knowledge the righteous are delivered. (Proverbs 11:9)

A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends. (Proverbs 16:28)

Before we open our mouths and start talking about someone else, we need to ask ourselves some hard questions: Is what I am about to say true? If so, does it really need to be said to this person in this conversation? Would I put it this way if the person I'm talking about were here to listen? (Philip Ryken)

- Flattery.



A lying tongue hates its victims, and a flattering mouth works ruin. (Proverbs 26:28)

- Exaggeration of others' faults or minimization others' virtues.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (1 Corinthians 13:7)

- Misleading others or misstating the positions of others.

You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with a wicked man to be a malicious witness. (Exodus 23:1)

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. (Proverbs 22:1)

Redeemed Speech

- Only one person in all of human history has tamed the tongue perfectly.

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. (1 Peter 2:22)

- Redeemed speech looks like...

- Honesty and humble speech before God.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:8)

- Honest and helpful speech among one another.

We will humbly and gently confront one another and receive correction from one another in accordance with a New Testament understanding of church discipline and restoration. (CFC Church Covenant)

The Ninth Word parallels the Fourth, the Sabbath command. On the Lord's Day, we confess the truth that is Jesus Christ, hear the truth from Scripture and sermon, sing the truth. The liturgy trains us in truth-telling. It forms the church as a truth-living people, sons of the Father through the eternal Son. (Peter Leithart)

I have never met anyone too encouraged. Never once. (Ray Ortlund)

- Honest and hopeful speech to the world.

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." (John 14:6)

And the Lord said to me: "The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I did not send them, nor did I command them or speak to them. They are prophesying to you a lying vision, worthless divination, and the deceit of their own minds." (Jeremiah 14:14)

Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. (John 20:21)

August 16th – Exodus 20:17



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

4) "Take My Life"

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord for Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee

*Here am I
All of me
Take my life
It's all for Thee*

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee

Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Every power as You choose

*Here am I
All of me
Take my life
It's all for Thee*



Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart, it is Thine own
It shall be Thy royal throne

Take my love, my Lord I pour
At Your feet its treasure stored
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only all for Thee

*Here am I
All of me
Take my life
It's all for Thee*

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 (Will Johnston)

For Our Church

For our church, that we would be known by one another and by outsiders as people who speak the truth, that our lives and our speech would be marked by integrity and honesty, and that our words would be life-giving in a world starved for such.

For Our City

For Grace Fellowship, pastor Joel Busby, their elders, staff, and congregation.

For Our Nation



For upcoming presidential election, that God would supply the best individual to lead our country during these times, that God would prevent the further fracturing of our country along political lines by granting unexpected unity, and that Christians would lead the way in modeling that our trust is not in any human leader or political party but in the Lord Jesus alone.

For Our World

For the nation of Lebanon in light of the deadly explosion in Beirut this week, that those who lost loved ones would be comforted, that the many who were injured would receive adequate medical care, that God would provide for those who suffered from loss of property, and for the church to faithfully minister the gospel to people who are facing such a multifaceted crisis right now.

*"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

*⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long. (Psalm 25:5)*

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

