

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

Liturgy for Sunday, September 27, 2020

Welcome (Nick Murray)

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:** We are now using the adjacent mothers' room for additional worship seating. There is still space for nursing mothers in the Nursery room on the Kids Hallway.
- **Bathrooms & Diaper Changing:** We have now opened the family restrooms, for the purpose of CFC Kids and access to the diaper changing stations in those restrooms.
- The youth room is now (and again) serving as an overflow room. Additional seating is available in there, along with the service livestream.
- The Elementary Sunday School lesson, which is offered to 1st-5th graders during the sermon, will take place on the covered play area outside.
- We still have a "Wiggle Room" designated in the Kids Hallway for parents of younger kids who need a minute to calm down. You can find those to the left down the Kids Hallway.

Call to Worship

¹*The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

²*Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.*

³*There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.*



⁴Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
⁸the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
⁹the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.
¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
¹²Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.** (Psalm 19)

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) "Let the Nations Be Glad"

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy
May redemption be the theme of our song
For by grace we have been saved
And by grace we shall proclaim
To the corners of the earth that Christ has come

*Let the nations be glad
Let the peoples rejoice
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the whole earth be filled
With the praises of the Lord
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the nations be glad*

Through the ages gone before
Through the trial and the sword
Many saints and martyrs conquered, though they died
Still we're holding out the cross
Crossing oceans, suffering loss
Shall endure all things to win the crown of life

*Let the nations be glad
Let the peoples rejoice
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the whole earth be filled
With the praises of the Lord
For salvation belongs to our God*



Let the nations be glad

As You holy church goes forth
In the Holy Spirit's power
With the glories of the gospel to explain
Now we pray Your kingdom come
And we pray Your will be done
For the honor and the glory of Your name

*Let the nations be glad
Let the peoples rejoice
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the whole earth be filled
With the praises of the Lord
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the nations be glad*

2) "Here Is Love Vast as the Ocean"

Here is love vast as the ocean
Loving-kindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life our ransom
Shed for us His precious blood
Who His love will not remember
Who can cease to sing His praise
He can never be forgotten
Throughout Heaven's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
Heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love

Here is love that conquered evil:
Christ the firstborn from the grave.
Death has failed to be found equal
To the life of Him who saves.
In the valley of our darkness



Dawned His everlasting light;
Perfect love in glorious radiance
Has repelled death's hellish night.

That same love beyond all measure,
Mocked and slain by hateful men,
Lives and reigns in resurrection
And can never die again.
Here is love for all the ages,
Radiant Sun of Heav'n He stands,
Calling home His Father's children,
Holding forth His wounded hands.

Here is love vast as the heavens;
Countless as the stars above
Are the souls that He has ransomed,
Precious daughters, treasured sons.
We are called to feast forever
On a love beyond our time.
Glorious Father, Son, and Spirit
Now with man are intertwined.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon (Ryan Adams)

*For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar. (Psalm 138:6)*

***Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***



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

Songs

3) "Psalm 23"

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green, He leadeth me
The quiet waters by

My soul He does restore again
And me to walk does make
Within the paths of righteousness
Ev'n for His own name's sake

And though I walk in death's dark vale
Still will I fear no ill
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff my comfort still

A table thou has furnished me
In presence of my foes
My head Thou dost with oil anoint
And my cup overflows

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be

Prayer of Illumination (Will Mitchell)



The Acts of the Risen Lord: More Accurately
Acts 18:24-28

A Picture of Discipleship (vv. 24-26)

- The context and background (v. 24):
 - Ephesus was a major city in Asia minor and, eventually, a major site of ministry for Paul.
 - Apollos was a Jew from the city of Alexandria (Egypt).
 - Alexandria was home to a very large Jewish population.
 - Alexandria was also a city renowned for learning and philosophy.
- The eloquence and greatness of Apollos is not the point of the passage, though. (vv. 25-26)
 - Apparently, Apollos was a believer.
 - He taught accurately the way of Jesus.
 - He was fervent in *the Spirit*.
 - But there was some “non-gospel” gap in Apollos’ teaching, and he was corrected by Priscilla and Aquila.
- Takeaways:
 - We have a lesson in *receiving* correction.
 - Apollos was not defensive or insulted by correction.
 - Apollos was a teachable teacher.
 - Are you praying for those who teach the Word?
 - Are you growing in your knowledge of the Word?

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained



this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. (Philippians 3:8-12)

And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, ¹⁹ but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. (Mark 4:18-19)

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)

Living in such a way that discourages those around you from honestly correcting you is like putting out your own eyes and pulling off your own ears. (Mark Dever)

- We have a lesson in *giving* correction.
 - Priscilla and Aquila had a concern for the person.
 - The correction was given in private, not in public.
 - Civility and charity should always mark our correction.
 - Priscilla and Aquila had a concern for the truth.
 - When you hear error, what is your reaction?
 - Are you more likely to speak up or to change the subject?

The Power of Discipleship (vv. 27-28)

- Apollos had great success in Corinth that differed from the success of Paul in Corinth.
I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. (1 Corinthians 3:6)
- Priscilla and Aquila perhaps thought little about their ministry impact.
- Application:
 - Have you considered the impact you can have in the cause of Christ?
 - Do you have a vision for changing the world that includes ordinary faithfulness to God in the context of the local church?
 - Who are you helping (v. 26) who can then help others (v. 27)?

October 4 – Acts 19:1-20



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) "My Worth Is Not in What I Own"

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love
At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
At the cross

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame, youth, and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us
At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ
At the cross

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul*



*I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed - my ransom paid
At the cross

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

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 (Jason Kirk)

For Our Church

For our church, that we would be faithful in discipling one another; that our Growth Groups would be places of biblical growth and accountability; and that we would grow together in godliness as we study the Bible together in church, Growth Groups, and one-on-one relationships.

For Our City

For Faith Presbyterian Church, pastor Jason Sterling, their elders, staff, and congregation.

For Our Nation



For these dark and desperate days in America, that God would bring supernatural healing to our land, for true peace to prevail, for reconciliation to occur across the vast spectrums of division in our country, and for safety for all.

For Our World

For the people of Tibet, that God would cause his gospel to reach and spread through this hard-to-reach people, that faithful churches would be planted and would flourish for generations, that God would grant endurance to the workers who are giving their lives to share Jesus with Tibetans, that more workers would be sent to the region, and that the Chinese government would reduce restrictions on the Tibetan region.

**"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

¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

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...

CFC Youth Tonight

For students 6th grade and up, our youth group meets on Sunday nights from 5:30-7:00pm here at the church building. All students are welcome!

EQUIP Class on Race, Politics, & The Gospel – Continues Tomorrow

Tomorrow night at 7:30pm, we will continue our study on the topic of Race, Politics, and the Gospel. We will host sessions at the building those evenings and live-stream to our YouTube channel for those who are unable to come in person. More information can be found on our website at cfcbirmingham.org/equip.

Women's Zoom Bible Study Starts Tonight

Starting tonight (9/27), Rebekah Rein will be leading an 8-week Zoom study through the book Hope When It Hurts. The study will take place on Sunday evenings at 8:00pm. Email Rebekah at rein@cfcbirmingham.org if you are interested in attending.

