



**CHRIST
CENTRAL
CHURCH**



GOOD MORNING!

Good morning church. We understand that worship looks significantly different this morning. We may not be physically together, but we can all be present with our God this morning as one body.

It is important to remember that though we are not gathered together, we remain the church. So we encourage you to take advantage of the time we have been given to practice being with Jesus. So let's engage Him this morning through His word and through prayer!

Jesus is on His throne and none of this is catching Him off guard! Not only that, but Jesus is going to use all things for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose! We can rest in His sovereign goodness even in the era of the Coronavirus.

**THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD
HAS MADE. LET US REJOICE AND BE
GLAD IN IT! (PSALM 118:24)**

What follows is a guide to help you worship this morning. So, whether you are by yourself or with family or friends, we pray that God would meet you in a powerful way! Read aloud, take your time, enjoy the moment. And if you have small children and you can't get through the whole thing—celebrate that God loves you and them perfectly!

We love you.

Scott, Chris, and John Mark



CALL TO WORSHIP

Near the beginning of every Christ Central worship service, there is a Call to Worship. The Call to Worship isn't a mini sermon or just a random use of words to get people excited. It's a reminder that God has invited us to worship Him.

Use this Call to Worship prayer to ask God to help you worship Him:

Father, snap us out of the ways in which we rely on ourselves more than You and the ways in which we trust in our own abilities and works for a righteous standing before you. Help us to realize that we are forgiven through the work of Jesus Christ alone. We are saved by grace, not our own doing. Help us worship You this morning in freedom with thanksgiving and celebration.

Read **Psalm 106** aloud and remember the grace of God.

Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all his praise? Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!

Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you save them, that I may look upon the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory with your inheritance.

Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness. Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wondrous works; they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love,

but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea. Yet he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his mighty power. He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry, and he led them through the deep as through a desert. So he saved them from the hand of the foe and redeemed them from the power of the enemy. And the waters covered their adversaries; not one of them was left. Then they believed his words; they sang his praise.

But they soon forgot his works; they did not wait for his counsel. But they had a wanton craving in the wilderness, and put God to the test in the desert; he gave them what they asked, but sent a wasting disease among them.

When men in the camp were jealous of Moses and Aaron, the holy one of the LORD, the earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram. Fire also broke out in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.

They made a calf in Horeb and worshiped a metal image. They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass. They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea. Therefore he said he would destroy them—had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

Then they despised the pleasant land, having no faith in his promise. They murmured in their tents, and did not obey the voice of the LORD. Therefore he raised his hand and swore to them that he would make them fall in the wilderness, and would make their offspring fall among the nations, scattering them among the lands.

Then they yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor, and ate sacrifices offered to the dead; they provoked the LORD to anger with their deeds, and a plague broke out among them. Then Phinehas stood up and intervened, and the plague was stayed. And that was counted to him as righteousness from generation to generation forever.

They angered him at the waters of Meribah, and it went ill with Moses on their account, for they

made his spirit bitter, and he spoke rashly with his lips.

They did not destroy the peoples, as the LORD commanded them, but they mixed with the nations and learned to do as they did. They served their idols, which became a snare to them. They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons; they poured out innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was polluted with blood. Thus they became unclean by their acts, and played the whore in their deeds.

Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against his people, and he abhorred his heritage; he gave them into the hand of the nations, so that those who hated them ruled over them. Their enemies oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their power. Many times he delivered them, but they were rebellious in their purposes and were brought low through their iniquity.

Nevertheless, he looked upon their distress, when he heard their cry. For their sake he remembered his covenant, and relented according to the abundance of his steadfast love. He caused them to be pitied by all those who held them captive.

Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!



HISTORIC CONFESSION

Christians throughout history have written short statements that summarize the gospel and basic Christian beliefs in just a few sentences. One of these statements written sometime in the 4th century is called the Apostles Creed. Read this creed aloud and remember the good news of our faith.

*I believe in God the Father
Almighty maker of Heaven and Earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord;
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
And born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into Heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father;
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
One holy church;
The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. Amen.*



SCRIPTURE AND DISCUSSION

Read 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my beloved child: grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

- 1) In what ways had God equipped Timothy to be a servant of Jesus?
- 2) Instead of a Spirit of fear, Timothy had been given a spirit of power and love and self-control. How can these counter fear?
- 3) In what ways do you think God has equipped you to serve Him and His people?
- 4) As you consider this passage, what gift of the Spirit needs to be rekindled in you?

Read 2 Timothy 1:8-14

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not

ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

When writing this letter, Paul was in prison for proclaiming a message that was an offense to the people in power. His true "gospel" message clashed with the false "gospel" message on which the Roman Empire built (i.e. the announcement of Caesar as Lord, the promise of Caesar's power to save the world, etc). For more about the context of 2 Timothy, watch this [Bible project video](#).

- 5) In what ways do you find yourself being ashamed of the gospel?
- 6) What do you see in this passage that would encourage you to not give in to the temptation to be "ashamed of the gospel"?
- 7) According to this passage, how should the reality of Christ's return impact the way we live each and every day?
- 8) In vs. 14, what is Paul referring to when he writes "the good deposit?" In what ways does the indwelling of the Holy Spirit help to guard it?

Read 2 Timothy 1:15-18

You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me— may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day!—and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

- 9) Weird names, but how does Paul contrast Phygelus and Hermogenes with Onesiphorus? How was Onesiphorus a help to Paul?
- 10) What difference can friends make in our effort to live out and proclaim the gospel?

Wrap Up:

- 11) What in this chapter encouraged you?
- 12) What in this chapter do you plan to apply to your life this week?



PRAYER

We believe in the power of prayer because we believe in the power of God. God in His wisdom has called His people to pray and when we pray in humility and expectation, God moves. Therefore, spend time praying, using these focuses as a guide for your prayers:

- 1) Spend some time praying for our city. Ask God to heal the sick and stop the spread of the Coronavirus.
- 2) Spend some time praying for our church. Ask God to increase our hunger for Him and our love for each other, even with different church rhythms in this season.
- 3) Spend some time praying for awakening in our church and revival in our city.



B E N E D I C T I O N

End by reading aloud this benediction from 1 Peter 5:10-11:

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.



STAY CONNECTED

This certainly is a unique moment in our world. But Jesus is still building His church and He is going to remain faithful to us in the midst of the uncertainty. This we know: that He who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:6). So, for now, here's a couple of things you can do to stay connected:

- 1) If you're not already, please subscribe to our weekly email so that you can receive updates and information from Christ Central Church. If you'd like to be added to this list, email [Scott](#) or [Chris](#).
- 2) Follow us on Facebook ([@christcentralokc](#)), Instagram ([christcentralokc](#)), or visit our website ([christcentralokc.com](#)). We will do our best to post at these places to keep you informed of changes and happenings.
- 3) Practice hospitality. Now is a time to demonstrate the hospitality of God to those around us. Here are a couple of ways you can do this:
 - Check in on your neighbors—run errands for them if they can't get out.
 - Reach out to members of your Missional Community to see how you can meet needs and pray for one another.
- 4) Continue to give. You can give online at [christcentralokc.com](#). Physical giving can be sent to:

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**If you have any needs or begin to feel sick—please do not hesitate to call Scott at 405-229-9053 or Chris at 580-309-0883. We are committed to serving you, no matter what.*

We will keep you posted about plans for future Sunday gatherings. Thank you for your patience and understanding and let's continue to make much of Jesus!