



Ecclesiastes: A Critic's Look at Life Without God

June 23, 2019

Order of Worship

Sunday Gathering 10:30 a.m.
@ Arctic Rec. Center
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Welcome

We are glad you're here! We hope you find this time to be beneficial, informative, and meaningful.
May the LORD bless you.

FOR REFLECTION

"The more you delight in yourself and the less you delight in the praise, the worse you are becoming. When you delight wholly in yourself and do not care about the praise at all, you have reached the bottom. That is why vanity, though it is the sort of Pride which shows most on the surface, is really the least bad and most pardonable sort. The vain person wants praise, applause, admiration, too much and is always angling for it. It is a fault, but a child-like and even (in an odd way) a humble fault. It shows that you are not yet completely contented with your own admiration. You value other people enough to want them to look at you. You are, in fact, still human. The real black, diabolical Pride, comes when you look down on others so much that you do not care what they think of you. Of course, it is very right, and often our duty, not to care what people think of us, if we do so for the right reason; namely, because we care so incomparably more what God thinks."

~ C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

PRELUDE

Good morning! Please use this time of instrumental music to settle in and prepare for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111:1-3

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. ***Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.***

PRAYER & SONGS

CONFESSION

Proverbs 28:13-14

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. ***Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.***

(Let us reflect on our need for a Savior)

Please silence all phones and electronic devices for the duration of the worship service.

Text in bold italics is read aloud together by the entire congregation.

Call To Worship:
Our worship begins each week with a call to worship. We are gathered here today because God, our Creator, desires to have a relationship with us. Whether we realize it or not, He is the one calling us to himself—today and every day. “Lectio Sacra” means “sacred reading.” It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship services. The assumption behind this practice is that we are people who need to be shaped by all of God’s word.

Confession & Assurance
Confession of sin happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. ***He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.***

NEW CITY CATECHISM Q25

Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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SONGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SENDING OF KIDS

Faith & Repentance

...as it is written:
None is righteous, no, not one... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord... if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved... For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved... For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life... And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

(Romans 3:10, 23; 6:23; 10:9-10, 13. John 3:16. Acts 4:12.)

New City Catechism

is a joint adult and children's catechism, adapted by Timothy Keller and Sam Shammas from the Reformation catechisms. One question and answer for each week of the year. Adults and children are asked the same questions. ***The children's answer is shortened and appears in blue. See the online app.***

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

SERMON

“A Critic’s Look at Life without God”
Pastor Chris Cha, Kaleo Church

COMMUNION

1 Corinthians 11:23-26
For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

SONGS OF RESPONSE

BLESSING & SENDING

Psalms 111:9-10
He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Amen.

Prayer of Belief
Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Communion
also called the Lord’s Supper is the family meal of Christians. We invite all followers of Jesus Christ who acknowledge their sins against God and their neighbors and confess their need for the grace of Christ to partake of this meal. Please also use this as a time of reflection, application, and prayer.

Baptism
If you are a Christian and haven’t been baptized, please talk with an elder. We would be honored to baptize you.

Seeking
We hope this time has been helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church. Our pastors and elders are available for any questions you might have.

NOTES

(Draw a picture as you listen to the sermon)

What is the sermon about?

What did you learn about God and about yourself in the sermon?

How does what you have learned today make you feel?

Is there something you could do about the truth you have learned?

What are you thankful for today? Lift your thanks to the LORD.

Pray and talk to God about how you feel and what you have learned.



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CONNECT

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

I would like to...

- ☐ Meet with a pastor
- ☐ Be baptized
- ☐ Find a K-Group (small group)
- ☐ Learn more about serving
- ☐ Join this church family

I'm a...

- ☐ First time guest
- ☐ Returning guest
- ☐ Regular attendee

Please drop this card in the offering boxes located on the back tables.

NOTE OR PRAYER REQUEST

ANNOUNCEMENTS



EKLUTNA CAMPOUT

June 28 - July 1, 2019

Sunday Service @ 11:00 a.m.

LAST CHANCE to register @ kaleoalaska.org

SUMMER TIME KALEO KIDS

We need help staffing our classes! If you are able to help out this summer please go to kaleoalaska.org and fill out the volunteer form on our home page at the “Serve” link.

WOMEN’S RETREAT SAVE THE DATE

November 1-2: More information TBA.

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE THIS YEAR

Join us this year as we read through the Bible using the Discipleship Journal Plan. By reading from four separate places in the Scriptures every day, you will get a better grasp of the unity of the Scriptures. And you can begin at any point of the year. Printed copies are available on the back tables and a link to a PDF is available at kaleoalaska.org. It is also available on the YouVersion Bible app as one of their reading plans.

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