



## Ecclesiastes: A Critic's Look at Life Without God

June 30, 2019

# Order of Worship

Sunday Gathering 10:30 a.m.  
@ Arctic Rec. Center  
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[www.kaleoalaska.org](http://www.kaleoalaska.org)



# 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

G.K. Chesterton saw in God a childlike wonder. Children never tire of beauty and pleasure. They embrace enjoyment with abandon. They don't feel guilty about taking time to search for feathers, invent a game, or enjoy a treat. Chesterton imagines that God revels in the pleasure of his creation like an enthusiastic child:

Because children have abounding vitality, and because they are in spirit fierce and free, therefore they want things repeated and unchanged. They always say, "Do it again": and the grown-up person does it again until he is nearly dead. For grown-up people are not strong enough to exult in monotony. But perhaps God is strong enough to exult in monotony. It is possible that God says every morning, "Do it again" to the sun; and every evening, "Do it again" to the moon. It may not be automatic necessity that makes all daisies alike; it may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never got tired of making them. It may be that He has the eternal appetite of infancy; for we have sinned and grown old, and our Father is younger than we.

We have sinned and grown old, and become dulled to the wonders around us. Though it may seem counterintuitive, enjoyment takes practice. Throughout our life we must relearn the abandon of revelry and merriment.

~ Tish Harrison Warren, *Liturgy of the Ordinary*, p.132

# PRELUDE

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

# CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 36:5-11*

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, ***O LORD. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.***

# PRAYER & SONGS

# CONFESSION

*John 3:19-20*

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ***For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.***

(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

*John 3:16-18*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ***For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.***

## NEW CITY CATECHISM Q26

What else does Christ's death redeem?

***Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.***

*Colossians 1:19–20*

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

[newcitycatechism.com](http://newcitycatechism.com)

## SONGS

### 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 1:12-18

# SERMON

*“The vanity of finding meaning in wisdom”*  
*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 36:10-11*  
Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart! Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.  
  
*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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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

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUMMER TIME KALEO KIDS

We need help staffing our classes! If you are able to help out this summer please go to [kaleoalaska.org](http://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](http://kaleoalaska.org). It is also available on the YouVersion Bible app as one of their reading plans.

## FREE BIBLES & OFFERING BOXES ON BACK TABLES

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