



Ecclesiastes: A Critic's Look at Life Without God

July 21, 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 perfect surrender and humiliation were undergone by Christ: perfect because He was God, surrender and humiliation because He was man. Now the Christian belief is that if we somehow share the humility and suffering of Christ we shall also share in His conquest of death and find a new life after we have died and in it become perfect, and perfectly happy, creatures. This means something much more than our trying to follow His teaching. People often ask when the next step in evolution—the step to something beyond man—will happen. But in the Christian view, it has happened already. In Christ a new kind of man appeared: and the new kind of life which began in Him is to be put into us.

~ C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

PRELUDE

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

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

Psalm 98:1-3

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. ***The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.***

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.

PRAYER & SONGS

CONFESSION

Romans 6:6-11

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. ***Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.***

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)

(Let us reflect on our need for a Savior)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ***that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.***

NEW CITY CATECHISM Q29

How can we be saved?

Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

Ephesians 2:8–9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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SONGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SENDING OF CHILDREN

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 3:1-15

SERMON

“The seasons of life - God's providence”
Guest Speaker, Aaron Coski

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

John 13:34-35
“...A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

CLOTHING DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS

Now through July 26 - UAA student organized clothing drive for the homeless. Please drop off any adult sized, gently used, clothing to: The Arctic Rec. Center/Kaleo Church
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday-Friday.
10:30 - 8 p.m. on Sunday's.
4855 Arctic Blvd. 99503.
Contact Ginger Price (907)726-7479.

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.