



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

August 4, 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

God formed us for His pleasure, and so formed us that we as well as He can in divine communion enjoy the sweet and mysterious mingling of kindred personalities. He meant us to see Him and live with Him and draw our life from His smile. But we have been guilty of that "foul revolt" of which Milton speaks when describing the rebellion of Satan and his hosts. We have broken with God. We have ceased to obey Him or love Him and in guilt and fear have fled as far as possible from His Presence. Yet who can flee from His Presence when the heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him? When as the wisdom of Solomon testifies, "the Spirit of the Lord filleth the world?" The omnipresence of the Lord is one thing, and is a solemn fact necessary to His perfection; the manifest Presence is another thing altogether, and from that Presence we have fled, like Adam, to hide among the trees of the garden, or like Peter to shrink in the garden...

The whole work of God in redemption is to undo the tragic effects of that foul revolt, and to bring us back again into right and eternal relationship with Himself. This required that our sins be disposed of satisfactorily, that a full reconciliation be effected and the way opened for us to return again into conscious communion with God and to live again in the Presence as before. Then by His prevenient working within us He moves us to return. This first comes to our notice when our restless hearts feel a yearning for the Presence of God and we say within ourselves, "I will arise and go to my Father."

~ A. W. Tozer; *The Pursuit of God*

# 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 34:1-3*  
I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. ***My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!***

**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

*Psalm 34:11-16*  
Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? ***Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.***

**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

*Psalm 34:4-7, 17-18*

I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. ***Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.*** This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them... ***When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.***

## NEW CITY CATECHISM Q3 I

What do we believe by true faith?

***We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

Jude 3

I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

[www.newcitycatechism.com](http://www.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.***

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# SCRIPTURE

# SERMON

*“Two are better than one.”*  
*Guest Speaker, John Christy*

# 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 34:8-9*  
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

*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

## POTLUCK TODAY

Join us immediately following the service for fellowship and food!

## KALEO KIDS CLASS MOVE UP

**August 18th** - 2019/2020 School year is upon us! This years Kindergarteners, 3rd graders, and 6th graders move on to the next class! Younger classes are parent promoted based on age and birthday throughout the year.

## 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.