



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

September 1, 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 Christian doctrine of suffering explains, I believe, a very curious fact about the world we live in. The settled happiness and security which we all desire, God withholds from us by the very nature of the world: but joy, pleasure, and merriment, He has scattered broadcast. We are never safe, but we have plenty of fun, and some ecstasy. It is not hard to see why. The security we crave would teach us to rest our hearts in this world and oppose an obstacle to our return to God: a few moments of happy love, a landscape, a symphony, a merry meeting with our friends, a bathe or a football match, have no such tendency. Our Father refreshes us on the journey with some pleasant inns, but will not encourage us to mistake them for home.

*The Problem of Pain (Collected Letters of C.S. Lewis)*  
**by C. S. Lewis**



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# 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

*1 Peter 1:3-5*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ***to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.***

**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 5:12*

***Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned...***

(Let us reflect on our need for a Savior)

**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

*Romans 5:7-8*

For one will scarcely die for a righteous person- though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die - ***but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.***

# NEW CITY CATECHISM Q35

Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from?

***All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive **through the Holy Spirit**, including faith itself.***

*Titus 3:4–6*

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

# SONGS & SEND 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 6:10 - 7:14

# SERMON

Patrick Matthew, Kaleo Church Elder

# 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

1 Peter 1:6-7

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.  
**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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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 in the Commons after service for food and fellowship.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL HIKE

**Sept. 8th** - Middle school students are invited for a hike along the backside of Flattop next Sunday following the service (weather contingent.) Parents and siblings are welcome to join.

## DONUTS WITH LEADERS RETURNS 9/8

9:30 AM. Do you have questions for Kaleo's leaders? Let's discuss over donuts and coffee.

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

**November 1st - 2nd.**

See details and register today at [kaleoalaska.org](http://kaleoalaska.org).

## 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.

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