



Ecclesiastes: A Critic's Look at Life Without God

September 29, 2019

Order of Worship

Sunday Gathering 10:30 a.m.
@ Arctic Rec. Center
4855 Arctic Blvd. Anchorage, AK 99503
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

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 66:1-5

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, ***“How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.”*** Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

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 66:16-18

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul. ***I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.***

(Let’s 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

Psalm 66:19-20

But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. ***Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!***

NEW CITY CATECHISM Q39

With what attitude should we pray?

With love, perseverance, and gratefulness; in humble submission to God’s will, knowing that, for the sake of Christ, he always hears our prayers.

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

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SONGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 9:13-10:20

SERMON

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

BLESSING & SENDING

Psalms 67:1-3

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

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

POTLUCK NEXT SUNDAY

Oct. 6th - Bring a dish to share and fellowship immediately following the service in the commons.

DONUTS WITH LEADERS

Oct. 13th @ 9:30 a.m. - Come meet leadership and join the discussion.

WELCOME DINNER

Oct. 26th @ 5:00 p.m. - If you are new here and you want to find out what Kaleo is all about, join us here at the Arctic Rec. Center for the Kaleo Welcome Dinner. Hear from church leadership how Kaleo started, learn how you can plug in and come with your questions! Dinner is on us! Register at kaleoalaska.org.

KALEO KIDS NEEDS YOU!

Lots of holes to fill! Teachers very much NEEDED. Kids makeup about 1/3 of our church. They deserve to come fellowship, be spiritually fed and encouraged as much as anyone. They are little bundles of delight waiting to soak up truth! You don't have to be a theologian. If Jesus has saved you and you love Him, come hang out with the kids and let them know! See Lucy Matthew or fill out the form at kaleoalaska.org. Grace and peace and thanks.

WELCOME & CHECKIN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Kaleo needs people to greet and welcome folks on Sunday. A friendly face and assistance matters greatly to folks walking through the doors on Sunday morning. If interested please fill out the form at kaleoalaska.org.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

November 1st - 2nd.

See details and register today at 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. It is also available on the YouVersion Bible app as one of their reading plans.

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