



Ecclesiastes: A Critic's Look at Life Without God

October 6, 2019

Order of Worship

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

“What a wonderful experience it is when God grants us a moment in which we don’t take anything for granted, but see the world as though it was invented yesterday. How we would marvel at the wisdom of God. We should pray for the eyes of children again, when they saw everything for the first time. William Quayle reminded me of this recently in his lively book, *The Pastor-Preacher*. He said, “A cow has pretty eyes, as quiet as a pool of quiet water, but uneventful eyes. There is no touch of wonder in their dreamless depths. The eyes are therefore soulless. A child’s eyes are fairly lightning. They are to see things: they are the windows of the brain, and bewilder like a play of swords of fire.”⁷ These are the eyes we need to see the unending wisdom of God running through all the world. There will be no exhausting the understanding of God. We will be making new discoveries for all eternity.”

— John Piper, *The Pleasures of God: Meditations on God's Delight in Being 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 90:1-2

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. ***Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are 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

Psalm 90:8-11

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. ***For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?***

(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 90:12-16

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants! ***Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil. Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.***

NEW CITY CATECHISM Q40

What should we pray?

The whole Word of God directs and inspires us in what we should pray, including the prayer Jesus himself taught us.

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...

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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 11:1-6

SERMON

Aaron Coski, Guest Speaker

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 90:17

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

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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Name: _____

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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 TODAY

Join us for food and fellowship immediately following the service.

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 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.

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.

NEED TO GET BAPTIZED?

Please talk to Pastor Chris or Pastor Cody. We would be honored to baptize you! Baptism is symbolic of what happens to the believer when they are saved. Dead in sin and then risen to new life in Christ. It is the first step of obedience to Jesus after one becomes a Christian.

FREE BIBLES & OFFERING BOXES ON BACK TABLES

Pick up a Bible if you need one. If you are our guest, we are glad you're here, please feel no obligation to give. Boxes are available for giving or you may give via *Pushpay* by texting "Kaleo" to 77977 to get the free app. Online giving is also available at kaleoalaska.org.