



Ecclesiastes: A Critic's Look at Life Without God

October 20, 2019

Order of Worship

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



GLAD YOU ARE HERE

Welcome!

MAY YOU FIND THIS TIME TO BE INFORMATIVE,
BENEFICIAL AND MEANINGFUL.

FOR REFLECTION

“I admit that this means loving people who have nothing lovable about them. But then, has oneself anything lovable about it? You love it simply because it is yourself. God intends us to love all selves in the same way and for the same reason: but He has given us the sum ready worked out in our own case to show us how it works. We have then to go on and apply the rule to all the other selves. Perhaps it makes it easier if we remember that that is how He loves us. Not for any nice, attractive qualities we think we have, but just because we are the things called selves. For really there is nothing else in us to love:”

— *Mere Christianity (C.S. Lewis Signature Classics)*
by C. S. Lewis

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

Isaiah 40:28-29

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ***He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.***

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

Ephesians 2:1-3

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience - ***among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.***

(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

Ephesians 2:4-6

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ***even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus...***

NEW CITY CATECHISM Q42

How is the word of God to be read and heard?

With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith, store it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

2 Timothy 3:16–17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

www.newcitycatechism.com

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 11:7-12:8

SERMON

“Don’t delay: Remember Your Creator!”
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

Isaiah 40:30-31

Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL MEETS TODAY

Students are invited for teaching and game time today after the service at the Kaleo Office (5821 Arctic Blvd.) Parents pickup at 2:30. Lunch will be provided.

LATTICE MINISTRY MEETS TODAY

1 p.m. at the Emily Steele's home 2118 E. 56th Ave. #D112.
There will be food!

GLOVE DONATION

Drop off new and gently used gloves for those in need at the welcome table.

WELCOME DINNER

Oct. 26th @ 5:00 p.m. - Are you new here? Want to meet our leadership and find out what Kaleo is all about? Please join us on October 26th right here at the ARC for our Fall 2019 Welcome Dinner. Childcare will be available. Registration is now online 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 are precious and just waiting to soak up truth! If you can help teach or care for them please see Lucy Matthew (907)441-2479 or fill out the form at kaleoalaska.org.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

November 1st - 2nd.

See details and register today at kaleoalaska.org.

FIND YOUR GROUP

K-Groups meet during the week throughout the city. You are welcome to attend them all as you look for a good fit for you or your family. Please see Pastor Cody with any questions. More information can be found 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.