



Ecclesiastes: A Critic's Look at Life Without God

October 27, 2019

Order of Worship

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

Welcome!

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

FOR REFLECTION

“Sometimes God strips you of success so that you can see what you really abide in. Sometimes He wants you to have nothing but Him so you can know that He really is enough. As Larry Crabb says, “You might never really know Jesus is all that you need until He is all that you have.”

The extent to which you abide in Jesus is measured by your ability to be joyful in all circumstances. If your joy varies based on your succession, your job, or your relationships status, that means you aren’t really abiding in Him—you’re abiding in those things. Whatever controls your joy is what you abide in. When God is not answering your prayers the way you’d like Him to, you need to press into the gospel. You need to anchor your soul in the compassion demonstrated at the cross and the power demonstrated at the resurrection.”

— Gospel: J.D. Greear

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 John 3:1-2

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ***Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.***

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

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ***If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***

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.

(Let’s reflect on our need for a Savior)

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

1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ***He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.***

NEW CITY CATECHISM Q43

What are the sacraments or ordinances?

The sacraments or ordinances given by God and instituted by Christ, namely **baptism and the Lord’s Supper**, are visible signs and seals that we are bound together as a community of faith by his death and resurrection. By our use of them the Holy Spirit more fully declares and seals the promises of the gospel to us.

(See: Luke 22:19-20)

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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 12:9-14

SERMON

“Fear God and keep his commandments”
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

1 John 3:18
Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

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

GLOVE DONATION

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

POTLUCK NEXT SUNDAY

November 3 - Please bring a dish to share and have a good time fellowshiping immediately after service.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

Please go to kaleoalaska.org to sign-up.

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.