



COME LET US ADORE HIM

CHRIST THE LORD



December 15, 2019

Order of Worship

Sunday Gathering 10:30 a.m.

@ Arctic Rec. Center

4855 Arctic Blvd. Anchorage, AK 99503

www.kaleoalaska.org



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

“You have heard the phrase in “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” — “Mild, he lays his glory by.” What does that mean? He did it voluntarily, willingly, and lovingly. No one forced him. It wasn’t just a duty. He faced unimaginable pain and death out of love for you. Don’t ever get between a mother bear and her cub. Think of the many stories or movies that depict a mother staunchly defending her children even against an overwhelming foe. Where does she get the courage? It is love. Why did Jesus have the courage to do what he did for us? Love! And how will you get your courage? The same way. See him doing all that he did for you, and that will draw out your love for him—and then you will have the courage to put him into the center of your life, and then he will be with you, and you with him.”

~ Tim Keller, Hidden Christmas

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

John 15:11-13

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ***"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends..."***

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

John 3:19-21

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ***For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."***
(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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 3:16-18

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ***For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.***"

NEW CITY CATECHISM Q50

What does Christ’s resurrection mean for us?

Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–14

www.newcitycatechism.com

SONGS

ADVENT CANDLE

We light the third candle in reflection that Jesus is LOVE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*

SCRIPTURE

1 John 2:28 - 3:10

SERMON

“The Letters of John: Remember the Real Jesus”
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

Romans 8:37-39

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

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

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Sunday, December 22nd - Join us for lasagna and salad after service.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24th @ Faith Christian (4240 Wisconsin) 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Join us for carols and scripture reading.

DIVORCE RECOVERY GROUP

Kaleo Church will be starting a divorce recovery group in January. This will be an excellent class for those who have been divorced, or are currently going through that process. The first meeting will be on January 14, at the church office. It will be important to attend from the start. This is a 13-week course, and will be meeting on Tuesday nights through April. There will be a small materials fee, and some form of childcare available for those that need it. This will not be limited to Kaleo members. If you or anyone you know would benefit from this group, please contact Brett Rawalt at 907-748-4992. Online registration will be available soon.

FIND A 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.