



March 8, 2020

# Order of Worship

Sunday Gathering 10:30 a.m.

@ Arctic Rec. Center
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## FOR REFLECTION

I believe one of the reasons the Bible tells us about hell is so it can act like 'smelling salts' about the true danger and seriousness of even minor sins. However, I've found that only stressing the symbols of hell (fire and darkness) in preaching rather than going into what the symbols refer to (eternal, spiritual decomposition) actually prevents modern people from finding hell a deterrent. Some years ago I remember a man who said that talk about the fires of hell simply didn't scare him, it seemed too farfetched, even silly. So I read him lines from C.S. Lewis:

"Hell begins with a grumbling mood, always complaining, always blaming others . . . but you are still distinct from it. You may even criticize it in yourself and wish you could stop it. But there may come a day when you can no longer. Then there will be no you left to criticize the mood or even to enjoy it, but just the grumble itself, going on forever like a machine. It is not a question of God 'sending us' to hell. In each of us there is something growing, which will BE Hell unless it is nipped in the bud."

To my surprise he got very quiet and said, "Now that scares me to death." He almost immediately began to see that hell was a) perfectly fair and just, and b) something that he realized he might be headed for if he didn't change. If we really want skeptics and non-believers to be properly frightened by hell, we cannot simply repeat over and over that 'hell is a place of fire.' We must go deeper into the realities that the Biblical images represent. When we do so, we will find that even secular people can be affected.

#### **PRELUDE**

Good morning! Please use this time of instrumental music to settle in and prepare for worship.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 32:11

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

### **PRAYER & SONGS**

#### CONFESSION

Psalm 32:4-5

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Let us reflect on our need for a Savior.)

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. *Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.* 

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:

*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.

## 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)

## **NEW CITY CATECHISM Q10**

What does God require in the fourth and fifth commandments?

Fourth, that on the Sabbath day we spend time in public and private worship of God, rest from routine employment, serve the Lord and others, and so anticipate the eternal Sabbath. Fifth, that we love and honor our father and our mother, submitting to their godly discipline and direction.

Leviticus 19:3

Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the Lord your 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**

Acts 2:1-41

#### **SERMON**

John Christy, 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**

1 John 3:18-19

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him...

#### 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

#### **Communion**

Lord. Amen.

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.

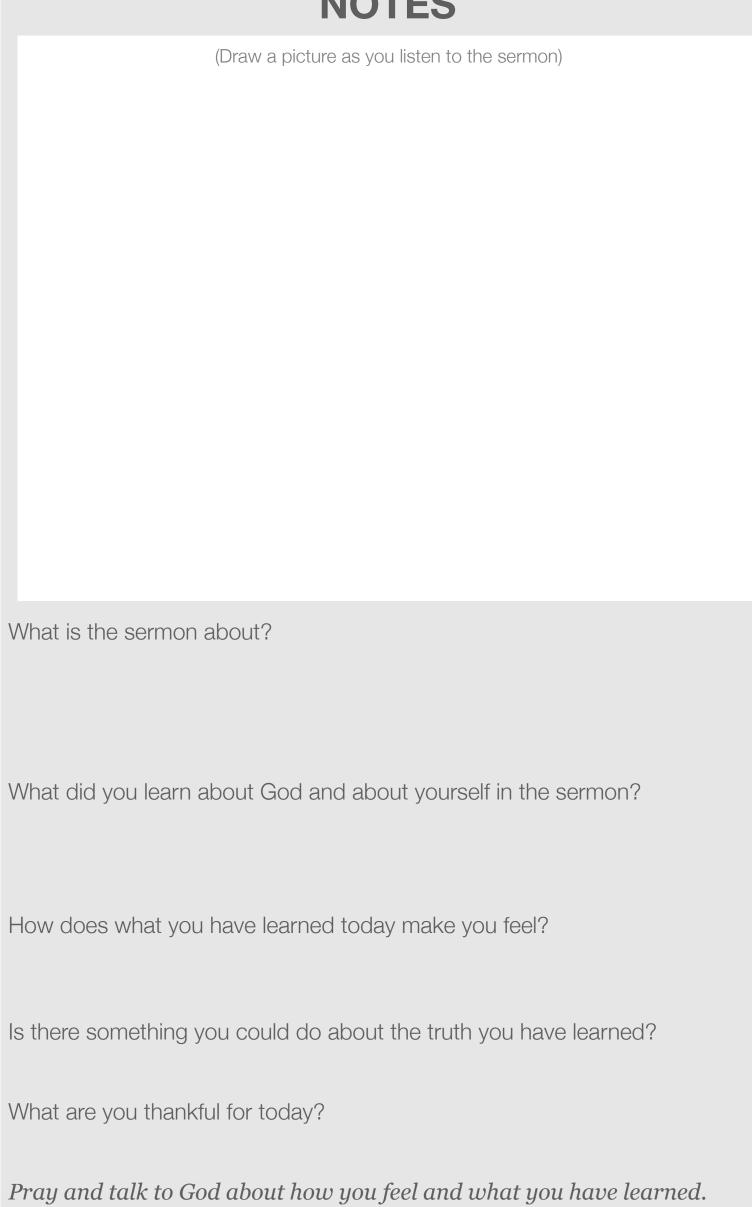
#### **Baptism**

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**





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  Please drop this card in the offering both	I'm a First time guest Returning guest Regular attendee
NOTE OR PRAYE	

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **KALEO KIDS NEEDS TEACHERS**

- 2 Teachers for 1st 2nd Grade.
- 3 Teachers for 2 & 3 Year Olds.

Contact Lucy Matthew (907) 441-2479.

#### SAVE THE DATES

July 6-8th Youth Camp for grades 6-12 at Maranatha Big Lake. July 9-11th Adult Camp "A Praying Life" Seminar at Maranatha Big Lake.

#### **BAPTISM**

Baptism symbolizes what happens to the believer: dead in sin, washed clean by the blood of Jesus, and risen to new life in Christ. It is the first step of obedience to Jesus. If you would like to be baptized see a Pastor/Elder or visit *kaleoalaska.org*.

#### 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 Kaleo members to give, or you may give through *Pushpay* by texting "Kaleo" to 77977. Online giving is also available at *kaleoalaska.org*.

