

Order of Worship

December 8, 2019

Preparing Our Hearts: If you arrive a little early, prepare your heart for worship by reading and thinking about this text:

- *May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.*
(Psalm 104:34 ESV)

Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
 - *Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind; he makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire. He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved. You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they fled; at the sound of your thunder they took to flight. The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that you appointed for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.* (Psalm 104:1–9 ESV)
- We humbly respond with praise
 - Congregational Song: “Joy to the World”
 - Congregational Song: “Sing We the Song of Emmanuel”

Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
 - *On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to*

them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”
(Mark 4:35–41 ESV)

- Prayer of Confession
- God’s grace
 - *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.* (Psalm 46:1–3 ESV)
 - Congregational Song: “Nothing but the Blood”

What We Believe: As a church we want to affirm our unity in what we believe.

- Congregational Song: “Ancient Words”

Prayer: We bring our requests to the Lord through Jesus Christ.

Church Life/Greeting: In Christ, we live and fellowship together as believers. We take time to learn what is going on in our church, and to greet one another as we worship.

Prayer for Understanding: We pray that God will open our hearts and minds to the preaching of His Word.

Sermon:

- Exodus 7:14-25

Lord’s Supper: In taking communion together, we remember the death of Christ as we proclaim it to one another as we consume the elements.

- Congregational Song: “Beautiful, Scandalous Night”

Praise to God (Doxology): We end our time of worship together as we resound in praises together.

- Congregational Song: “You Stand Alone”

God Blesses: We go into the world this week with God’s blessings as He enables us to serve Him.

- *May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.* (Jude 1:2 ESV)

Bloody Water
Exodus 7:14-25
Pastor Nathan Hogan

Discussion Questions

1. Explain the significance of the Nile river in ancient Egypt.
 2. What would it have been like to live through this first plague in Egypt?
 3. How do the plagues in Egypt reveal God as Lord of all creation?
 4. How does this plague reveal the futility of our idols?
 5. Often other people's idols look terrible to us, but our own idols look reasonable. Why is this? How have you experienced this?
 6. How can this text help you when you are tempted to idolize the things of this world?
 7. How do the plagues point us to Jesus Christ?
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Next Week: Exodus 8:1-9:12