

Order of Worship

September 8, 2019

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

- *But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people of his own inheritance, as you are this day.* (Deuteronomy 4:20 ESV)

Call To Worship:

- God calls us to worship
 - *Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!* (Psalm 72:18–19 ESV)
- We humbly respond with praise
 - Congregational Song: “Blessed Be Your Name”
 - Congregational Song: “Be Thou My Vision”

Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
 - Congregational Song: “All I Have Is Christ”
- God’s grace
 - *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.* (1 Peter 1:3–5 ESV)
 - Congregational Song: “Jesus Messiah”

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

- *I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,*

*was crucified, dead and buried,
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen. (The Apostle's Creed)*

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 1:1-14

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: "Lead Me to the Cross"

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

- Congregational Song: "All My Ways Are Known to You"

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

- *Peace be to [you all], and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible. (Ephesians 6:23-24 ESV)*

Blessed and Oppressed

Exodus 1:1-14

Pastor Nathan Hogan

Discussion Questions:

1. What are you looking forward to in our study of the book of Exodus?
2. The book of Exodus begins with a brief history of Israel up to this point. Why is the history of Israel important as we start the book of Exodus?
3. In these opening verses Israel is both blessed by God and oppressed by Egypt. How can both things be true at the same time?
4. God blesses His people even as they experience bad circumstances. How has this been true in your life?
5. How can you guard against losing sight of God's blessings as you face bad circumstances?

Next Week: Exodus 1:15-2:10