

# Order of Worship

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

- *When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the LORD will answer them; I the God of Israel will not forsake them. (Isaiah 41:17 ESV)*

Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
  - *The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he. (Deuteronomy 32:4 ESV)*
- We humbly respond with praise
  - Congregational Song: “Cannons”
  - Congregational Song: “Psalm 19 (May the Words of My Mouth)”

Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
  - *Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. (Psalm 95:6–9 ESV)*
  - Silent Confession
- God’s grace
  - *And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. (Ezekiel 36:26–28 ESV)*
  - Congregational Song: “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”
  - Congregational Song: “’Tis so Sweet”

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

- *Because Jesus Christ died for us our old man is crucified, dead and buried with Him; so the corrupt inclinations of the flesh may no more reign in us, but that we may offer ourselves unto Him a sacrifice of thanksgiving.* (Based on *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Q. 43)

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 17:1-7

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: "My Soul Finds Rest"

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

- Congregational Song: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (The Solid Rock)"

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

- *May God, the Rock of our salvation, keep your gaze firmly fixed on his Son, Jesus Christ, the Rock of Ages. Blessed be the Rock!*

# **Who Is Testing Whom?**

Exodus 17:1-7

Pastor Nathan Hogan

## **Discussion Questions**

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1. Why is grumbling contagious? How have you experienced this?
  2. How is Israel testing God in our text? What does it mean to test God?
  3. What is the difference between a biblical lament and the sinful grumbling of Israel? Why is it important to know this difference?
  4. How does Jesus' temptation in the wilderness encourage/strengthen you when you are tested?
  5. In 1 Corinthians 10:4 Paul says that the rock in Exodus 17:1-7 was Christ. What does this mean?
  6. As Christians what attitude should we have about the warnings in Scripture?
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**Next Week:** Exodus 17:8-16