

Order of Worship

March 1, 2020

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

- *For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. (Psalm 97:9 ESV)*

Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
 - *For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! (Psalm 95:3–6 ESV)*
- We humbly respond with praise
 - Congregational Song: “How Great Thou Art”
 - Congregational Song: “Your Love Oh Lord”

Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
 - *But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. (James 4:6–10 ESV)*
 - Prayer of Confession
- God’s grace
 - *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one. (John 10:27–30 ESV)*

- Congregational Song: “Rock of Ages”
- Congregational Song: “Show Forth the Praises”

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

- *We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.* (EFCA Statement of Faith)

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 18:1-27

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: “Old Rugged Cross”

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

- Congregational Song: “This Is Amazing Grace”

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

- *According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.* (1 Peter 1:2 ESV)

Family Reunion

Exodus 18:1-27

Pastor Nathan Hogan

Discussion Questions

1. Why is Jethro's response to the Lord so encouraging in the context of the book of Exodus?
 2. In what ways is Jethro similar to Melchizedek in Genesis 14? Why is this significant at this key point in the history of the Lord's people?
 3. How does Moses display humility in his response to Jethro?
 4. How does Moses display wisdom in his response to Jethro?
 5. What does Jethro's advice teach you about the Lord and yourself?
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Next Week: Exodus 19:1-25