

Lord's Day Worship

April 26, 2020

Dear Missio Dei Church Family,

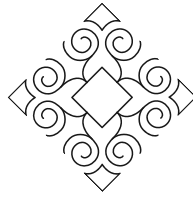
This time apart from you has been hard for me. And it seems like isn't going to get better any time soon. Be praying for your leaders as we prayerfully work through how we are going to reengage once the shelter-in-place restrictions are loosened and ultimately lifted.

In the meantime, can I give you a suggestion? Ask the Lord for a verse of Scripture, a promise in the Bible, to help you get through this. And when that verse jumps off the page into your heart, make it your theme for this season while you slog your way forward. However frustrating and dark this time might be, you can always look unfailing promise of God, get your bearings again, and keep going.

I am praying and longing for our time where we can meet together again. May our longing for worshiping together bring God great glory, deepen our relationships with one another, and fuel an evangelistic fervor for sharing the gospel of our Risen Christ!

Until that day,

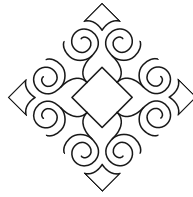
May the peace of Christ be with you!



BEFORE YOU START

- Pick a time and place. We know that disruptions may come up, but do your best to preserve this time. It is powerful when we slow down, take time to worship, and pay attention to the way God is moving. Put phones and other distractions away.
- Designate a leader to transition through the elements of the liturgy. Portions that say “together” will be read or prayed by everyone. This practice will help you stay focused and help the service flow more naturally.
- Don’t feel a need to rush through everything! If God’s doing something, linger there.
- Remember your participation in the whole of it matters! Try to avoid just listening to the sermon, but participate in as many of the elements you can. Every element is formative and shaping us in particular and powerful ways, not just the preached Word of God. If it’s time to sing, sing with passion. If it’s time to read, read with confidence.
- We put everything in order so you can simply scroll down through the order of the liturgy. We know that this might feel a little weird, but as you interact with our content this morning, know that you are not alone. God is with us and many others around the world are worshiping in the same way today.
- Last but not least, give tons of grace to yourself. Dependent on if you’re engaging solo or with others will affect how this plays itself out. Kids will adjust how things go and that’s ok. Experiment one way this week and if something doesn’t work, adjust it. God is with you. God is in you. He loves you and will guide you in these times.

We love you all and can’t wait to gather again as a whole church body, but until then, lead with faith and confidence. We trust that God will be using this time of scattering to gather us to Himself and deepen our roots in Him.



Order of Worship

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Call to Worship – 1 Chronicles 29:11–12

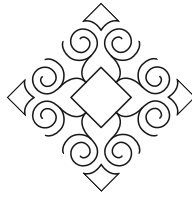
Leader: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

**Family: Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.
Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.**

Leader: In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

Songs of Adoration

Sing the first two songs on the YouTube or Spotify play list. The lyrics are found on the last page.



All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

Verse 1

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
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And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 2

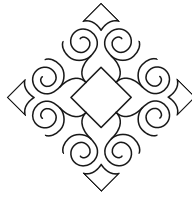
Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 3

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 4

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all



In Christ Alone

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

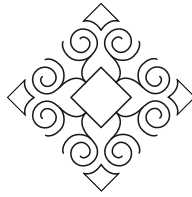
In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand



Affirmation of Our Faith

Let us affirm what we believe to be true by reading from Westminster Longer Catechism, Questions 3 & 4:

Leader: What is the Word of God?

Family: The holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience.

Leader: What evidence is there that the Bible is the word of God?

Family: The Bible clearly shows that it is the word of God by its majesty and purity, by the agreement of all its parts, by its unified aim to give all glory to God, and by its illuminating power to convince and convert sinners and to comfort and build up believers unto salvation. However, only the Spirit of God, testifying by and with the Bible in our hearts, can completely persuade us that it is truly the word of God.

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Spend a few moments taking prayer requests. Pray with and for each other, our community, our church, our missionaries (Ambrose and Camiola Families), our nation, and the world.

Sermon

"Gladly Boasting in Our Weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:1-13)

Watch our teaching video on our church's YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMH1wOLwfQUI6Xydt0HQP_Q/

Sermon Discussion

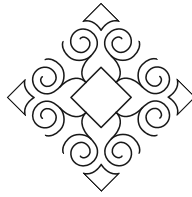
See the next page for discussion questions. Close your discussion in prayer.

Songs of Response

Sing the last **two** songs on the YouTube or Spotify play list.

Giving of Your Offerings

If you are a part of our church family, one of the ways that we worship is through the faithful giving of our tithes and our offerings. Here are flexible ways you can contribute during this time: <https://www.mdchurch.us/giving>



My Worth Is Not In What I Own (At The Cross)

Verse 1

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the
cross

Verse 2

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at
the cross

Chorus

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

Verse 3

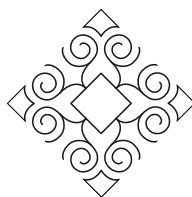
As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

Verse 4

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the
cross

Verse 5

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the
cross



Living Hope

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever

Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

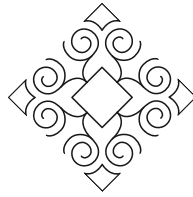
Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (2 Corinthians 12:8-9)

1. What was one or two things that really jumped out to you?
2. Pastor Paul said that "Our fallen nature craves self-glory." How have you seen this at work in our culture? How have you seen it in your own life?
3. How do you tend to deal with the condition of your human weakness (not your sin, but your frailty)? Do you tend to deny your weakness, fix your weakness, or boast in your weakness?
4. If you could identify what thorn you wish God would remove from your life, what would it be?
5. What if one of God's greatest gifts in your life right now is the very thing you want him to take away?
6. How is God, by his Word and Spirit, calling you to respond to this week's message?