

Lord's Day Worship

May 3, 2020

Dear Missio Dei Church Family,

Together—singing, fellowshiping, praying, hearing of God's faithfulness, encouraging fellow believers, proclaiming God's Word—was normal every week.

I long to gather with our church and lift my voice with you in praises to our Lord. I so want to put my hand on a brother's shoulder and pray for him. I wanted to bend down and talk to the children who grace our congregation. I want to preach the Word to a full room, to hear those a soft "Amen" here and there. But our gathered life has been interrupted.

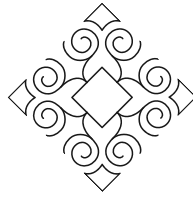
With the current CDC recommendations to tamp down the COVID-19 threat, it may be weeks before we gather again for worship. In brotherly love, we practice "social distancing" by canceling our regular gatherings. How, then, do we navigate these days to make sure we stay in contact, remain warm in our spiritual affections, and find ways to minister to one another?

We can't do everything we're accustomed to doing. Mercifully, that will change when the virus ebbs. But for now, we must find joy and consistency in opportunities God has given us. There are a few things we will certainly do.

- **Pray for one another by name:** Use the Realm, your Facebook friend list, etc to pray for your brothers and sisters.
- **Communicate with one another:** Use your phone, text, FaceTime, handwritten notes, and other media to regularly reach out to your brothers and sisters
- **Increase your devotional life:** Guard against sliding in disciplines by binge-watching movies or living on social media. You have an unusually wonderful opportunity given to grow in Christ.

Our present isolation will end. A pandemic cannot rob us of relationships in the body of Christ.

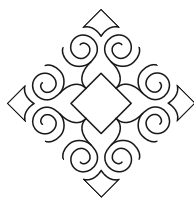
Until that day,
May the peace of Christ be with you!



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 – Colossians 1:15-20

This morning as we worship let us look to Jesus and be reminded of His goodness and grace to us. As we begin our service we are going to read a passage out of Colossians 1 that encourages us to see Christ for who He is, our King of Kings.

Leader: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

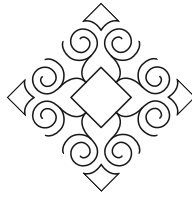
Family: For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

Leader: And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Family: For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Songs of Adoration

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



Affirmation of Our Faith

Let us affirm what we believe to be true by reading from Westminster Longer Catechism, Questions 5 & 6:

Leader: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

Family: The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Leader: What do the Scriptures make known of God?

Family: The Scriptures make known what God is, the persons in the Godhead, his decrees, and the execution of his decrees.

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

"A Healthy Church" (2 Corinthians 12:14-13:14)

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

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

Sermon Discussion

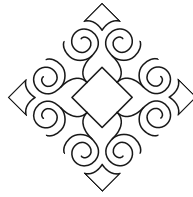
See the next page for discussion questions. Close your discussion in prayer.

Songs of Response

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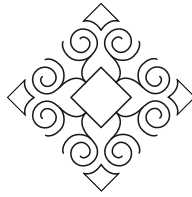
Giving of Your Offerings

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>



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one or two things that really jumped out to you?
2. What phases have you gone through with your love/hate relationship with the church? How has that impacted you? Where are you now with the church?
3. Pastor Paul said "Great leaders gladly spend themselves for the good of the people they lead." This is not just for church leaders, but it also speaks about how we lead in the work place, in our homes, in our day to day relationships, etc. How are you doing with this?
4. We are to continually examine ourselves to make sure we're in the faith and growing. As you look at your life right now, are you in the faith? What evidence do you currently see in your life that you are a child of God? Are you growing? What are some practical ways that you can see greater growth in your life? Who can help you grow?



King of My Heart

Verse 1

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh He is my song

Chorus

You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh

Verse 2

Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh He is my song

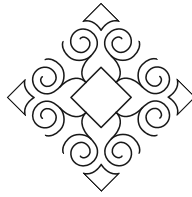
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh He is my song

Bridge

You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down

Ending

When the night is holding on to me
God is holding on
When the night is holding on to me
God is holding on



In Christ Alone

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we
have done

Omniscient all knowing He counts not their
sum

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly
roam

What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

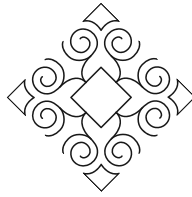
Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the
cost

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more



This I Believe (The Creed)

Verse 1

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

Chorus 1

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Verse 2

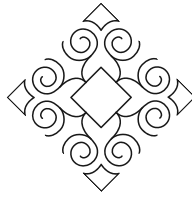
Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

Bridge

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

Chorus 2

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus



As You Go

Verse 1

As you go may you know the love of
Christ
How deep and long how high and wide
As you leave may you seek to win the
prize
And find His death to be your life

Chorus

May you go in the love of your Father God
May you go in the grace of Christ
May you go in the power of the Spirit now
To bring Him glory with your life

Verse 2

As you go may you know the pow'r of
grace
His very strength for what's to come
As you leave may you feel His mighty
hand
Guiding your steps in the race you run

Verse 3

As you go may you show His heart to
bless
The ones with less the blind and lost
As you leave may you be the light of
Christ
And show our hope is in the cross