

Lord's Day Worship

May 10, 2020

Dear Missio Dei Church Family,

Today are starting a brand new series called "The Art of Neighboring." My desire is that through this series we will grow not only in our love for God but also our love for our neighbor. The reality is that this loving our neighbor doesn't have to wait until the physical distancing protocols have been relaxed. We can start today! Here is part of an article from Saturate that I thought might be helpful!¹

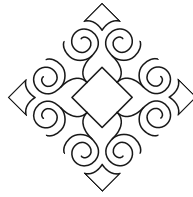
Commit to a Weekly Check-in with Someone You Know

Maybe it's a leaving a note for a vulnerable friend, having an "across-the-street" conversation with a neighbor you only sort-of know, or calling a relative you haven't spoken with in years. In "COVID time" (as opposed to "normal time") all bets are off on normal rhythms, and people across the world are getting in touch in new ways. It's the perfect time to start, or rekindle, phone or in-person conversations. **Commit to getting in touch in a meaningful way with someone who doesn't know Jesus, once a week.** Ask how they're doing; what they feel; if they need anything. Share how you're finding hope and rest, and point to Jesus.

Host Gatherings (Even Digitally) and Honor Those Who Gather

Gatherings still happen during "COVID time"; they simply take creativity, and often, wifi. Digital dinners or happy hours are popping up across society, as are sunset-watching parties from respective driveways, socially-distanced walks, prayer meetings from across property lines, etc. Once you create reasons to get people together, certainly play the game, have the dinner, or pray...but also focus on the people: celebrate them, even in "small" things (this shows biblical honor and generosity), and listen to them well (Proverbs charges us to "draw out the heart"). Fun displays godly joy. **And we are to be known by love; let's love well!**

¹ <https://saturatetheworld.com/2020/04/28/living-on-mission-in-lockdown/>



Show Grace by Blessing People

Simply go above and beyond. If you have a grocery pickup, grab treats, wipe them down, and leave them on your neighbors' porches with an encouraging note, maybe sharing hope and a meaningful passage of scripture. If you bake cookies, take them to a co-worker's — or your child's classmate's — home, standing back from the porch and serenading them. If you pick up dinner or drink (from a local business of course, to bless them in this challenging time!) surprise a friend or loved one by bringing one to them as well. **God lavishly blesses his children, and he does so in part so we can display his lavish generosity to others — the less reason there is for the generosity, the better.** That's what we call "grace!"

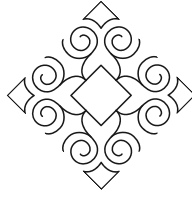
Talk about God, in Everyday Ways

It may seem simplistic, but one of the most meaningful truths about Christians is that we depend on God for everything; we turn to God with needs and sorrows; and we credit God for provision and joys. As folks share concerns, worries, and sorrows — or joys, celebrations, and common graces — with you, God the Spirit might lead you to see the moment as an "open door" to share your perspective and point to God. After all, the Apostle Peter reminds us, "in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" ([1 Pet. 3:15](#)). You don't have to be comprehensive; just honest in small truths. **You don't have to worry about responses; that's up to God.** People talk about what they find important, so simply, winsomely talk about Jesus!

Pray with People, and Circle Back to Those You Prayed With

In most scenarios, even people who claim no faith are open to being prayed for. If nothing else, they consider your prayers to be a kind gesture. This reality has become more overt during "COVID time," as people are searching for answers and meaning more urgently than they might in "normal time." **Praying with people displays your faith, even if it's different than theirs.** Pray for God to meet needs. Pray that God would prove himself in areas of worry. Celebrate God for graces and celebrations. Honestly acknowledge areas of your own disbelief, and thank God for meeting you in them. And pray for God to meet, show himself, bolster, and bless them. As a side note, even following up on things you prayed for can be meaningful. **People long to be heard, and a follow-up means you listened.**

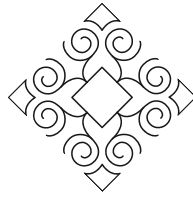
These are five ways to display and declare the gospel, among many others. Try 'em, and/or create similar ways of your own. But let's pursue God's Great Commission and live on God's mission, even in lockdown.



I know you have heard this before, but I love you all. I cannot wait until we will be able to meet again, but until that time...

May the peace of Christ be with you!

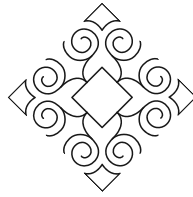
Paul Vroom



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 – Psalm 103:1-5

This morning as we worship let us look to Jesus and be reminded of the richness of His love towards us. As we begin our service we are going to read a passage out of Psalm 103:1-5 that encourages us to see Jesus.

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Family: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Family: who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Songs of Adoration

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

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord) [Lyrics, 73 bpm, 4/4]

[Default Arrangement] by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

C, V1, C, V2, C, V3, C

VERSE 1

The sun comes up; It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

VERSE 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

VERSE 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore,
forevermore

CHORUS

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

Wonderful Merciful Savior [Lyrics, 120 bpm, 6/8]

[Default Arrangement] by Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse

Intro, V1, V2, C, V3, C×2

VERSE 1

Wonderful, merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought
that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men,
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

VERSE 2

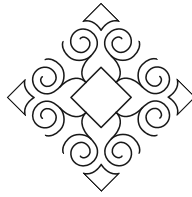
Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopeless - ly lost our way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

VERSE 3

Almighty, infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

CHORUS

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace our
Hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for



Affirmation of Our Faith

Let us affirm what we believe to be true by reading from Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 7:

Leader: What is God?

Family: God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection, all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, present everywhere, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

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

"How Great is the Second Greatest Commandment" (Mark 12:28-34)

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>

The Wonderful Cross [Lyrics, 110 bpm, 4/4]

[Default Arrangement] by Chris Tomlin, J. D. Walt, Jesse Reeves, Lowell Mason, and Isaac Watts

Intro, V1, V2, C, V3, C×2

VERSE 1

When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain, I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

VERSE 2

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet?
Or thorns compose, so rich a crown

VERSE 3

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all

CHORUS

Oh the wonderful Cross,
Oh the wonderful Cross
Bids me come and die
And find that I may truly live
Oh the wonderful Cross,
Oh the wonderful Cross
All who gather here by grace,
Draw near and bless Your name

As You Go [Lyrics, 108 bpm, 4/4]

[Default Arrangement] by Mark Altrogge

Intro, V1, C, V2, C, Inst, V3, C

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

VERSE 2

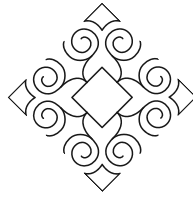
As you go, may you know the pow'r of grace
His very strength for what's to come
As you leave, may you feel His mighty hand
Guiding your steps in the race you run

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

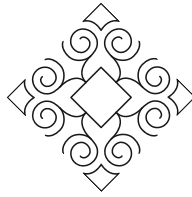
CHORUS

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



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one or two things that really jumped out to you?
2. If you would ask some of your non-believing friends/family/co-workers what are identifying marks of a follower of Jesus, what would they say?
3. Jesus said that, "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The call is to be devoted to or dedicated to God **in every area of our life**. What area in your life would you say that needs to be given to Christ?
4. Pastor Paul said, "the litmus test of whether or not you really love God as you say you do is your wholehearted love for the people around you." Is this an area that you need to grow in? If so, what practical steps can you take today, this week, next month to grow in your love for the people around you?
5. Who is that neighbor that God has placed in your life that you know that he is calling you to love as you love yourself?
6. This week take some time to read Rosaria Butterfield's testimony entitled "My Train Wreck Conversion." You can find it at <https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2013/january-february/my-train-wreck-conversion.html>



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

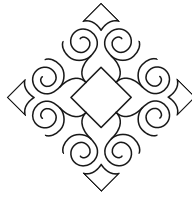
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh He is my song

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

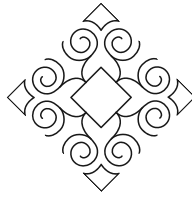
Verse 3

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

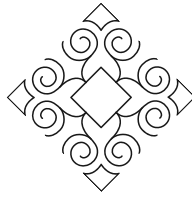
Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

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
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