

Lord's Day Worship

May 17, 2020

Dear Missio Dei Church Family,

Today are in week two of our 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!

Today we are going to talking about gospel hospitality. In reality, hospitality is not so easy. It is a big commitment involving all-of-self – your doing *and* your being. Sacrifice and dying to self is a weekly, sometimes daily battle, but it does become "easier" when you live into who and what God has called you to be and do. Romans 12:13 says, "Contribute to the needs of the saints, pursue hospitality." And 1 Peter 4:8–9 says, "Above all hold unfailing your love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins. Practice hospitality ungrudgingly to one another." I like how John Piper sums it up,

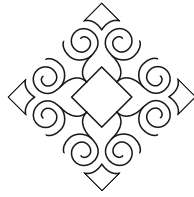
"When we practice hospitality, here's what happens: we experience the refreshing joy of becoming conduits of God's hospitality rather than being self-decaying cul-de-sacs. The joy of receiving God's hospitality decays and dies if it doesn't flourish in our own hospitality to others.

Or here is another way to put it: when we practice hospitality, we experience the thrill of feeling God's power conquer our fears and our stinginess and our self-centeredness. And there are few joys, if any, greater than the joy of experiencing the liberating power of God's hospitality making us a new and radically different kind of people, who love to reflect the glory of his grace as we extend it to others in all kinds of hospitality." (<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/strategic-hospitality>)

As we enter in and entwine our lives with others through the practice of hospitality we get to experience both the sweet and hard of following Jesus. We get a taste of the Kingdom and we get to show what it's like to others who don't yet know. I pray that we will be known as a community that reflects the glory of his grace!

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...

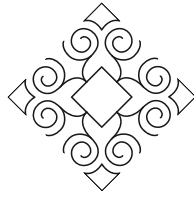
May the peace of Christ be with you!



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 Peter 1:3-5

Jesus humbly came to this earth he created to make God known, to show us his love, his worth, his wonder. He died on the cross in our place, bearing the wrath that we deserved, and then three days later he was raised from the dead in victory. He is now the King highly exalted, glorious in heaven above, opening our eyes by his Spirit to see his beauty. He awakens our hearts to adore him — to be glad in all that he is, to find him more satisfying than anything this world might offer us.

We were created to worship God, sin separated us from God, but Jesus has come to save us and bring us back to this great end for which we were made. Jesus has come to restore us to the place where we say, “God, you are my God!”

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Family: According to his great mercy,
he has caused us to be born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**

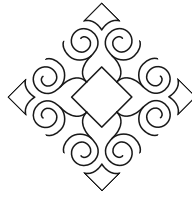
Leader: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

**Family: to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,
kept in heaven for you,
who by God's power are being guarded through faith f
or a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

Jesus leads us to sing, humbly and truly, “Here I am to worship.”

Songs of Adoration

Sing the first two songs on the YouTube or Spotify play list: **Here I Am to Worship and Show Us Christ**



Affirmation of Our Faith

Let us affirm what we believe to be true by reading from Heidelberg Catechism Questions and Answers 20 & 21:

Leader: Are all men, then, saved by Christ just as they perished through Adam?

Family: No.

**Only those are saved
who by a true faith
are grafted into Christ
and accept all his benefits.**

Leader: What is true faith?

**Family: True faith is a sure knowledge
whereby I accept as true
all that God has revealed to us in his Word.
At the same time it is a firm confidence
that not only to others, but also to me,
God has granted forgiveness of sins,
everlasting righteousness, and salvation,
out of mere grace,
only for the sake of Christ's merits.
This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart
by the gospel.**

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

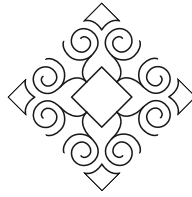
"Gospel Hospitality" (Luke 14:7-24)

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.

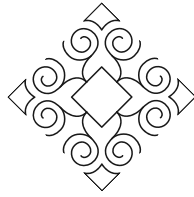


Songs of Response

Sing the last **two** songs on the YouTube or Spotify play list: **Let Your Kingdom Come and Jesus**

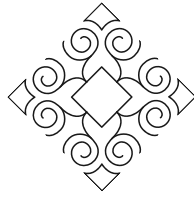
Giving of Your Offerings

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. When you hear the word “hospitality” what immediately comes to mind? Does it excite you? Scare you? Stress you out? Why?
3. What excuses/reasons do you give for saying this hospitality thing “isn’t for you” or “won’t work”? How does the gospel address our excuses?
4. Our church’s day to day mission is “*to be a church of passionate faith in Jesus that sacrificially loves, serves those in need, and draws people into an ever-deepening relationship with God.*” How does that fit into our church’s life?
5. Where you live isn’t random or accidental. What might God be inviting you into in your neighborhood?
6. Showing hospitality during shelter in place seems difficult or impossible as we are to instructed to be physically distancing from others, but that doesn’t negate Romans 12:13 or Hebrews 13:2.
 - a. So, what are some creative ideas that you can “love and serve others generously through hospitality, just as Jesus has done for us”?
 - b. What plans can you start making for when the shelter in place orders are lifted?
 - c. What needs to change financially in your life to make these things possible?
 - d. What needs to change with your time to make these things possible?



Here I Am To Worship

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

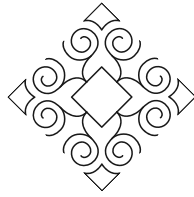
So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross



Show Us Christ

Verse 1

Prepare our hearts O God
Help us to receive
Break the hard and stony ground
Help our unbelief
Plant Your Word down deep in us
'Cause it to bear fruit
Open up our ears to hear
Lead us in Your truth

Chorus

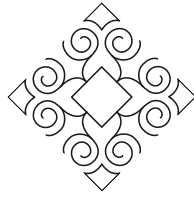
Show us Christ show us Christ
O God reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord

Verse 2

Your Word is living light
Upon our darkened eyes
Guards us through temptations
Makes the simple wise
Your Word is food for famished ones
Freedom for the slave
Riches for the needy soul
Come speak to us today

Bridge

Where else can we go Lord
Where else can we go
You have the words of eternal life
(REPEAT)



Let Your Kingdom Come

Verse 1

Your glorious cause O God
Engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known
Wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves
But for Your renown
The cross has saved us so we pray
Your kingdom come

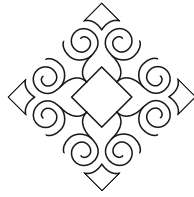
Chorus

Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name

Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on
earth
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come

Verse 2

Give us Your strength O God
And courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds
Through those who are weak
Lord use us as You want
Whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till
Our dying breath



Jesus

Verse 1

There is a truth older than the ages
There is a promise of things yet to come
There is One born for our salvation
Jesus
There is a light that overwhelms the
darkness
There is a kingdom that forever reigns
There is freedom from the chains that
bind us
Jesus
Jesus

Chorus 1

Who walks on the waters
Who speaks to the sea
Who stands in the fire beside me
He roars like a lion
He bled as the Lamb
He carries my healing in His hands
Jesus

Verse 2

There is a name I call in times of trouble
There is a song that comforts in the night

There is a voice that calms the storm that
rages
He is Jesus Jesus

Bridge

Messiah
My Savior
There is power in Your name
You're my rock and my Redeemer
There is power in Your name
In Your name

Chorus 2

You walk on the waters
You speak to the sea
You stand in the fire beside me
You roar like a lion
You bled as the Lamb
You carry my healing in Your hands
God

Ending

Jesus
There is no one like You
Jesus
There is no one like You