

Lord's Day Worship

May 24, 2020

Dear Missio Dei Church Family,

Today are in week three 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!

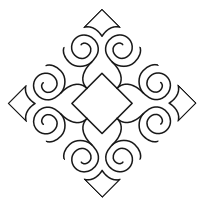
Today we are going to talking about how we display the gospel together. This action of loving our neighbor happens best when we are together. It happens best when we join together for the cause of Christ in our city and in our neighborhoods and in our schools. It happens best within the context of the community.

Friends, evangelism is the work of the whole church. Once a person is reconciled to God and (therefore) to God's people, he or she gains a new job: sharing the gospel with others. "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men," said Jesus (Mark 1:17; also, Matt. 28:19). Every Christian and church member, in other words, is charged with sharing the gospel

Our church exists to worship God and share the good news of Jesus Christ. We are God's billboard in our city. How will you be all in?

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...

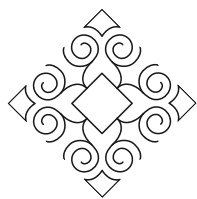
May the peace of Christ be with you!



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: Psalm 40:4-5

It is an amazing thing that the Lord of all creation — of water, earth, and sky — the God of wonders beyond our galaxy would have us call him Father and would reveal his very heart of hearts in his Son. And when he reveals his heart, according to Romans 5:8, it is love. “God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

For those of us who have Jesus as our precious Lord, the ears of our soul are being restored to hear God’s call to worship in his created world. And one day soon, when Jesus appears, “we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2). Then we will be fully done with sin and covering our ears to nature’s song, and we will see the full glory of the God of wonders in his re-created world like never before.

Leader: Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust,

**Family: who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!**

Leader: You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;

Family: none can compare with you!

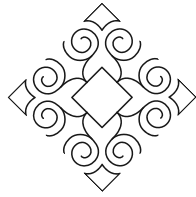
Leader: I will proclaim and tell of them,

Family: yet they are more than can be told.

Jesus leads us to sing, humbly and truly, “God of Wonders.”

Songs of Adoration

Sing the first two songs on the YouTube or Spotify play list: **God of Wonders and My Worth Is Not In What I Own**



Affirmation of Our Faith

Let us affirm what we believe to be true by reciting the Apostles' Creed together:

I believe in God, the Father, Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

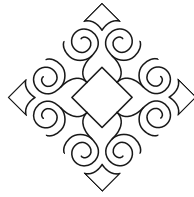
Spend a few moments taking prayer requests. Pray with and for each other, our community, our church, our missionaries (Ambrose and Camiola Families), our nation, and the world.

Sermon

"Displaying Christ Together" (Revelation 1:5-6)

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

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



Sermon Discussion

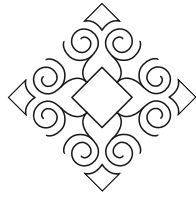
See the next page for discussion questions. Close your discussion in prayer.

Songs of Response

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

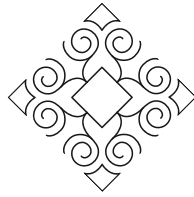
Giving of Your Offerings

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. As you consider the people in your neighborhood, apartment complex, work place, and places of leisure,
 - a. specifically, who are some of those people that you have sensed that God is calling you to specifically to befriend and ultimately share the gospel?
 - b. what does a gospel rich kind of love look and sound like for each of these unique people?
 - c. what practical steps can you take this week to share the love of Christ to these people?
3. By ourselves we are going to struggle mightily to love our neighbors long-term. How is joining in on mission with your Missio Dei brothers and sisters beneficial?
4. In light of this morning's sermon and all your discussion, what practical steps do you need to be taking to be displaying Christ individually, with your family, with your missional community, and the ministries of the church to your neighbors?



God of Wonders

Verse 1

Lord of all creation
Of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus 1

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Verse 2

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

Bridge

Hallelujah
(to the Lord of heaven and earth)
Hallelujah
(to the Lord of heaven and earth)
Hallelujah
(to the Lord of heaven and earth)
You are holy

Chorus 2

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me
Father hold me hold me
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy holy holy

Chorus 3

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me
Father hold me hold me

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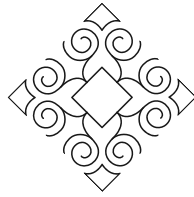
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My Worth Is Not In What I Own (At The Cross)

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

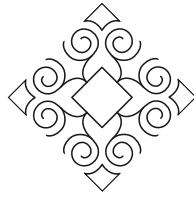
As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

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



Take My Life

Verse 1

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my hands and let them rule at the
impulse of Thy love
At the impulse of Thy love

Verse 2

Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee
Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Always only for my King

Chorus 1

Take my life (take my life)
Take my life (take my life)
Take my life I give it once again

Verse 3

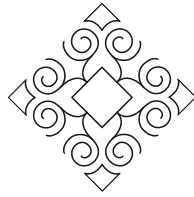
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee
Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Not a mite would I withhold

Chorus 2

Take my heart (take my heart)
Take my heart (take my heart)
Take my heart I give it once again

Verse 4

Take my love my God I pour at Thy feet its
treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee
Ever only all for Thee



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