

Order of Worship - Week of August 25th 2019

Call to Worship and Invocation

Pastor Phil reads Psalm 95:1-7, and all respond in **bold**

1 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader:

3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Songs of response:

1. O For a Thousand Tongues #164
2. Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Confession of Sin

Leader begins by reading the fourth commandment. People confess in **bold**:

God says to his people: "You shall not commit adultery"

Jesus also says:

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Father, we confess that with our thoughts, words, and deeds, we have abused your design for marriage and sexuality. We have overstepped the boundaries placed there for our safety and our enjoyment.

Not only that, but we have created idols out of intimacy and romance. We have made these things ultimate. We have worshipped the gift rather than the Giver.

For all of this, forgive us. By Your Holy Spirit, help us to esteem the gift of marriage, and to keep it holy unto You. We pray this in the name of your Son, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader reads 1 Corinthians 6:9b-11 to assure forgiveness:

9 Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Songs of response:

1. Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)
2. We Abide, We Abide in You

Confession of Faith - Heidelberg, Q&A 105 adapted

Pastor Phil asks the questions, and all respond in **bold**

Heidelberg, Questions 108-109 adapted

Q. What does the seventh commandment teach us?

A. That God condemns all unchastity, and that therefore we should thoroughly detest it and live decent and chaste lives, within or outside of the holy state of marriage.

Q. Does God, in this commandment, forbid only such scandalous sins as adultery?

A. We are temples of the Holy Spirit, body and soul, and therefore God wants both to be kept clean and holy in every way. That is why God forbids all unchaste actions, looks, talk, thoughts, or desires, and whatever may incite someone to them: because he has made us holy entirely!

Preaching of God's Word -

Pastor Phil preaches from Mark 1:9-15