

Sunday Worship

The Rock of Moses: Is
the Lord Among Us or
Not?

June 28, 2020

Whispers of His Name
(Christ in the OT)

GATHERING

Welcome Video

Prelude - Our God

Call to Worship

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 16)

Good Morning, I'm Brittany Connor and it's my privilege to lead us in a call to worship from Psalm 16...will you join me and read the responses in bold

Come, worship the Lord,
in whom we find our refuge and safety.

You are our God;

We have no good apart from You!

Come, worship the Lord,
who gives us a rich inheritance,
and surrounds us with abundance.

You are our God;

our lives are in Your hands.

Come, worship the Lord,
who makes known to us the path of life,
in whose presence there is fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore.

You are our God;

we will not be shaken.

Let's worship God together!

Enough

C, V1, C, V2, C, B, C(x2)

God With Us

V1, C, V2, C, Bx4 (minus last line until 4th time), Cx2, Ending

Confession/Assurance

Call to Confession (Isaiah 53:4-6)

Words like confession and repentance sometimes bring to mind experiences of shame or ridicule, or the kind of song they play during the alter call at a revival-meeting. But healthy confession is simply a way to be honest about who we are. Healthy repentance is simply returning to where we belong, returning to the God who loves us

The prophet Isaiah's words from the 53rd chapter calls to us into confession and repentance this morning:

Surely He has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed Him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But He was pierced for our transgressions;
He was crushed for our iniquities;
upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with His wounds we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on Him
the iniquity of us all.

Confession (Adapted from Reformed Worship)

Jesus, we hear Your invitation.

But we've been...
too busy to pray,
too frazzled to stop and listen for Your voice,
too guilty to approach You,
too afraid to let go of what is comfortable and familiar,
too proud to admit we don't know how to change,
too fearful to confess that we don't understand how to make our way back to You,
too slothful to leave our sin behind.

We are prodigal children who left You for dead and squandered the life You've given us.
We are self-righteous older siblings rejecting Your invitation to come inside and be associated with your lavish grace.

We are duty-bound servants who refuse to be called Your children.

We want to come home.

But truth be told, we don't know how to come home.

Lord meet us in these moments of silent reflection and bring us to repentance.

[Silent Confession]

Assurance of Pardon (Titus 2:11-14)

*Like the loving Father that You are, You run to us, embracing us,
welcoming us back into Your presence... You even call us Your children...*

Listen to these assuring words from Titus 2:11–14:

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven and we have been made right with God. Go, therefore, with the Holy Spirit, and sin no more.

Thanks be to God!

Jesus I Come

V1, V2, V3, V4

Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land. **Ps. 37:7-9**

Heavenly Father, Your Words in Psalm 37 are well timed. It is a season of great temptation to be fretful but your words bring Your mercy close. Whenever we are confused or anxious, Your words meet us—with grace, not shame. When we feel vulnerable or angry, You invite us to center our hearts, by the Scriptures and Your Spirit. **Thank You** for such faithful and Fatherly care.

There are any things that threaten to nibble away at the peacefulness of my heart and I want to bring before You. The success of those who've hurt the helpless and taken advantage of the powerless isn't easy to swallow. The ongoing polarization of our country and between people I love is heart-wrenching and crazy-making. The political gamesmanship and power plays that are making getting good information and staying safe and standing up for what God cares about confusing is almost too much... How long, O Lord, before You send Jesus back to put all things right?

Your voice in this Scripture is just what we need today. It seems like You won't give us Your detailed plan right now, but as always, You do give us Yourself. Help us to listen. You are speaking stillness and fretless waiting and the peace of Christ to our hearts. **No good** comes from our obsessing about evil and replaying our arguments in our minds. Nothing profitable results from fertilizing anger and fueling our disgust.

A Day is coming when the knowledge of Your glory will cover the entire earth as the waters cover the sea. Your New Creation is coming down from heaven, You will make all things right, not a day too early and not a day too late.

Until that Day, give us Your grace to seek **first** the kingdom of God, and the righteousness of King Jesus. How we praise You that the very righteousness with which You have already saved us is the righteousness with which You are going to fill the earth.

You've already made us Your sons and daughters, as believers the new heaven and new earth will be our inheritance. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! So today, I choose faith over fretting; stillness over agitation; patience over pettiness; trusting You, over worrying about others; the gospel over gossip and over the latest bad news.

In Jesus' loving and powerful name. Amen.

(Based on a prayer by Scotty Smith)

Ministry Moment

Brad: Daniel may the piece of Christ be with you.

Daniel: And also with you Brad. We'd like to invite you to reach across the room or reach out over social media or text message and share the peace of Christ with someone who you haven't yet been in contact with during one of our shelter in place worship services.

Brad: You may have noticed that the format of our worship stream has changed today. This weekend has been the test run for a new way to do our worship stream with new tools and a new streaming team (Big thanks to Tyler and Steven). What I'm excited to announce is that this new format and team is going to allow us to stream our worship service live on Sunday mornings with a limited portion of our congregation joining us in person starting next Sunday! Starting today you can go on to wearegracesac.org and let us know that you are interested in joining us in person on an upcoming Sunday. By God's grace we are hoping that every person and family that would like to worship with us here at 2958 59th street on a Sunday morning will be able to do so at least once during the month of July. Pray for Grace. We hope to be able to provide in person worship for everyone who is interested every Sunday starting in August. Pray also for God to open up new opportunities for our Kids Ministry to reboot as well.

Daniel: Our communion gatherings will continue throughout the month of July. Sunday morning worshipers will be invited to a short communion celebration after the worship live stream and everyone is invited to sign up to join us on Wednesdays either at 12:15 or 6:15pm. We will open up additional service times if there is enough interest. And as always, if you are unable or uncomfortable joining an in person gathering, Brad and I would love to make an appointment to visit you.

Peace of Christ!

WORD

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

Please stand if you are able for a reading from God's Holy Word. Today's Scripture reading is from Exodus 17:1-7. Please read the verse in bold.

[1] All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

[2] Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?"

[3] But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"

[4] So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

[5] And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

[6] Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

[7] And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

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V1, V2, V3, V4

SENDING

Benediction

Closing Video (Announcements)

Grace Sac Slide
