



Santa Margarita

Community Church

Order of Worship

May 2, 2021

Instructions:

On this Lord's Day, feel the loss of not gathering, at the same time, feel the comfort of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. Feel the weight of what you are doing when you speak the Call to Worship and when you pray for your household. This is not normal and will not become our normal. This is a wartime effort, and these are wartime measures.

Fathers or head of household: please lead the service. The Apostle Peter charges you to speak as if you are speaking the very words of God (1 Peter 4:11). Assign someone to read the Scripture, another to read the prayer. Sing on your own, or sing along with the links provided.

Preparation

The Call to Worship

Lead: This hour is not like every other hour. In this hour, we gather as the people of God, according to the command of God, in order to worship God.

This is an hour of prayer to God the Father, in the name of God the Son, by the power of God the Holy Spirit. That does not mean that we are directly praying all through the service any more than the call to "pray continually" means that we spend all day with our heads bowed and hands folded.

We are called to spend our lives before God and in response to God. God exists and He has spoken to us in His Word and most demonstrably in His Son. Christians are people who hear the Word of God spoken to us in the Bible, we believe it by the power of the Holy Spirit, and then we speak.

We speak God's Words to other people and then we speak words back to God on behalf of other people. As we gather for worship today, I ask you, Do you pray? Do you respond to God's Word with words of your own? Do you ask the one and only true God to act in your life and in your world in a supernatural way because the future that He has taught us to want is more than we could ever bring about on our own? Come humbly before Him today, but come nonetheless. Come worship the Lord!

Our call to worship comes from Psalm 118:25-29

Psalm 118:25-29

²⁵ Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God,

and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,

up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever!

Prayer

Heavenly Father, you have made a way for us to come to you at a time when we were your enemies because of our sin. You covered our sins in Jesus Christ, you have given us His access to your throne and you have invited to come with confidence and boldness because Jesus is welcome there and we belong to Jesus. And yet, somehow it is still difficult for us to come. Reveal our hearts today as to why we don't pray, not so that we will be guilty but so that we might know the joy you have set out for us. In the name of Jesus, who opened for us a new and living way through that holy curtain by His own flesh and blood. Amen and amen.

Adoration

O Church Arise

[Video](#)

With Triumph (♩ = 69)

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

A⁷sus D G/B A/C[♯] D D/F[♯] G A⁷ D A⁷sus

1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; hear the call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the
2. Our call to war - to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the
3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick - en; Then see His
4. So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give - grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may

weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has gi - ven. With shield of
sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with
foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en! And as the
run with faith to win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of

faith and belt of - Truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle -
trials on ev - 'ry - side, we know the out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for
stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave, this vic - tory march con - tin - ues
old still line the - way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls and hun ger

cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
which He died - an in - her - it - ance of na - tions. 2. Our call to
'til the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him. 3. Come see the
for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry. 4. So Spi - rit

Scripture Reading

Reader: The Spirit empowered church proclaimed the good news that Jesus has risen from the dead and is therefore Lord of everyone and everything. As the Lord, He has commanded that everyone repent of their sins and receive full forgiveness in Jesus' name. That message brought opposition by those who considered themselves to be lords. Hear the Word of the God who cannot be overthrown.

Acts 5:17-42

¹⁷ But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸ they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ²¹ And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²² But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³ "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴ Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵ And someone

came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." ²⁶ Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

²⁷ And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³ When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴ But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel,

a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵ And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶ For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷ After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸ So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹ but if it is of God, you will not

be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰ and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴² And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died

You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

Exhortation: Pastor Robert

Watch: [FaceBook Video](#)

Or [SMCC Website](#)

Sunday, May 2, 11:00 a.m.

The Words of our Obedience

Romans 15:30-33

Paul is heading to a hard situation and he knows it. He knows it because he has been told by God and he knows it because he has seen it already. And he goes anyway, but not before asking his friends to strive in prayer for him.

The obedience that comes from faith has words that go along with it. You and I are to bring God's words to people and to bring people's words to God.

Bring God's Words to People

Bring People's Words to God

Dedication

The Benediction

*May the God of peace be with you all. Amen and **Amen**.*

Romans 15:33

Announcements

Table Group Signups and Bible Study: Both table groups and Men's/ Women's Bible studies are finishing at the end of May. Pay attention for summer reading groups.

Associate Pastor Update: Questionnaires have been sent to two candidates to help assess cultural and theological fit with SMCC. Please keep praying and ask any questions you might have.

Parenting in the Pews

Pastor Robert and Julie sit down at the table to talk about [chapter 4](#) of Parenting in the Pews, preparing for Lord's Day worship.

Bible Reading Challenge: Our Bible reading plan for 2020-2021 that covers the entire Bible began in September and runs through May. Plan on joining us on January 1 by downloading a copy here: <http://www.santamargaritacc.org/files/BRC21.pdf>

Keep in touch: In order to keep in touch, please ensure that you are participating in our current means of communication.

1. Download the SMCC smartphone app. [App for Android](#). [App for Iphone](#). When notifications come from the church, open them. This is the primary, family only, means of our communication, connection and encouragement right now. Click on the links to read, pray and sing along with us.
2. Ensure that you can login to [mysmcc](#). This is our church database where you can get phone numbers to call others in the church. And please call people. Who? Whoever you think of. What do you say? Say, I miss you, I've been thinking of you, I can't wait until we can worship together again.
3. Do you receive the all church email? Please reach out so you can be included.
4. Follow SMCC on [FB](#) and [IG](#) as a means of encouragement and comment.
5. Many of you have asked how to give during this time. Here are some detailed and helpful instructions. [Online giving](#).