

Santa Margarita

Community Church Order of Worship

August 15, 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.

Our hearts are idol factories. The old Protestant reformer has said, "the mind begets an idol, and the hand gives it birth."

We make gods in our image and we even, like the Israelites in the desert, worship the one true God in ways that satisfy our deceitful hearts, in ways that we learned from our fallen and unbelieving world.

Here is what I mean. Those Israelites, in their time of distress, made an idol in the form of the gods of Egypt, called it the one true God, and then worshipped it in the ways of the Egyptians. We do the same when we take feelings, forms and evangelistic strategies from the culture and bring them into Lord's Day worship, even with good intention. The scripture today calls us to stop doing that. So...don't do that. The kind of worship that will live for 1000 generations is the kind that is distinctly and deliberately according to the command and example of the Scriptures.

Our call to worship comes from Psalm 95:

Psalm 95:1-3

¹Oh 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! ³ For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Prayer

Eternal God, you are high and lifted up. You are the great God. You are the King above all gods. The distance between your holiness and we sinners is so great that there could never have been reconciliation between us had Jesus not kept our part of the covenant of grace, had He not taken our punishment so that we could find grace. We ask that you tune our hearts to sing thy grace. We ask this so that you may be worshiped in a worthy manner, so that we may be formed into better worshipers and so that the world may see you as the only true God, worthy of all our praise. In the name of Jesus, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, one in being with the Father. Through whom all things were made, amen and amen.

Adoration

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy



Scripture Reading

Reader: In Colossians 1 the apostle Paul writes a glorious hymn of Christ that connects him to the creation account in Genesis 1:1: "in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." In this chapter Paul shows us that "the beginning" is not just a time marker, but also refers to Christ himself. The Hebrew word for "beginning" may mean just that - "beginning" - but it may also mean "sum-total," "head," and "first-fruits." See how Paul describes Christ as all of these things. He is the fulfillment of every possible meaning of "in the beginning." See how Paul claims that in Christ all things were created, in heaven and on earth. When we approach Genesis 1, we may truly read, "In Christ God created the heavens and the earth." Hear now the word of God, who created all things in, through, and for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossian 1:15-29

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of

the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, 25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26 the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. 29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

REVELATION AND ADORATION

31 All Creatures of Our God and King



WORDS: Francis of Assisi, 1225; tr. William H. Draper, 1925

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MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906



Exhortation: Pastor Robert Campbell

Watch: FaceBook Video

Or **SMCC** Website

Sunday, August 15, 11:00 a.m.

1000 Generations: Four Truths that Stand Test and Time

The Worship of God

Exodus 20:4-6

The only true God, who has no need and who has approached us by means of the covenant of grace, has also taught us how to approach Him in worship.

That is, God regulates our worship of Him by His Word. God has taught us that the worship of the gathered church is to be corporate in nature, biblical in content, and wise in the applied circumstances.

Christian worship is corporate by nature.

Christian worship is biblical in content.

Christian worship is wise in applied circumstances.

Dedication

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen and Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

Announcements

Sunday school

Sunday school classes begin on September 12 at 9 am. Children, 5th grade and under, will meet on the patio beginning the book Genesis using *Generations of Grace*. Ask about the family devotional that goes with it. 6th grade through adult will meet inside studying theology in a simple and understandable form using the *1689 Confession of Faith*.

The Table

Table Groups begin Wednesday Sept. 15 and Thursday Sept. 16, meeting in varying locations around North County. Join in for fellowship, prayer, singing and discussion on the book of Leviticus.

Bible Study

Men's and Women's Bible Study begin Tuesday Sept. 14 and Thursday Sept. 16. We use an inductive, manuscript form of Bible study that not only teaches you the book of Leviticus but also trains you in being a better observer and question asker as you study the Bible for yourself. Women's groups are Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm and Thursday morning at 9:30 am. Men's group is Thursday at 6:00 am and we are considering a Thursday evening group. Let us know if that works for you.

Parenting in the Pews

Pastor Robert and Julie sit down the Frank and Michelle Whipple to talk about how singing happens around their dinner table.

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

- 1. 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.
- 2. Do you receive the all church email? Please reach out so you can be included.
- 3. Follow SMCC on FB and IG as a means of encouragement and comment.
- 4. Many of you have asked how to give during this time. Here are some detailed and helpful instructions. Online giving.