

Santa Margarita Community Church Order of Worship August 22, 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.

A hymnal is a bound copy of a set of songs, usually 300 or so that a congregation has access to over a lifetime. It can be held in the hand, it can be taken home to learn and, most importantly, it can be passed on to the next generation.

A hymnal may be reprinted every decade or so. That means that songs must last in order to make it into the hymnal at all. They must pass a quality test by those who uphold the standard of good congregational music. The content of lyrics is evaluated, the breadth of time and place is considered in the body of hymnody and the music itself is judged rightly. Melodies must be rich and well rounded. Not too high or too low. Not to simple and not too many jumps to make it impossible for a congregation to follow. Well-rounded melody, complex harmony for those who are able and a consistent rhythm as is fitting for hundreds of voices. Those that measure up can be passed on.

Now, today we are not talking about a hymnal but the doctrinal version of a good hymnal. In order to last for a thousand generations, we need to hold to a confession that summarizes the faith well, holds us to a standard and can be passed on to the next generation and the one after that. Let us worship with Lord together with the communion of saints who have gone before us, grateful for the shoulders that we get to stand on. Our call to worship comes from Psalm 51:

Psalm 51:15-19

¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;
¹⁹ then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Prayer

Eternal God, you are the God of the living and all of your saints are alive to you. You see the end from the beginning and you are the same yesterday, today and forever. You are amazingly and eternally present so that the life and death of our great, grandparents is as present to you as this moment is to us. Give us the wisdom, the humility and the love to receive what has been handed down to us by the saints who have gone before us. Give us the courage to stand on their shoulders and the endurance to see that it is passed on to those who come after us. We ask this so that 1000 generations of our children may take root in this community, that our county will flourish under your loving rule, and that we all may meet again at the resurrection. In the name of Jesus, whom we confess with a grateful heart. Amen and amen.

Adoration

Video

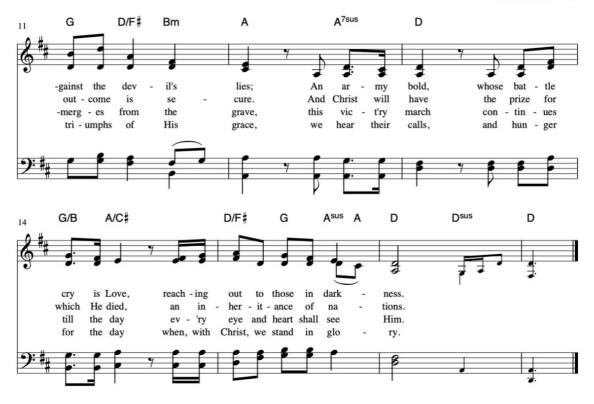
O Church Arise



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Scripture Reading

Reader: Your elders are responsible to instruct you in sound doctrine. However, they also must teach you the holy living that should accompany this doctrine. Good works are the natural result of our salvation. While we are not saved "because of works done by us" but by God's own mercy, the effect of our salvation is that we devote ourselves to good works. Through the renewal of the Holy Spirit we are enabled to obey God, and by our obedient living we "adorn the doctrine of God our Savior." Hear the word of God who purifies for himself a people zealous for good works.

Titus 2:1-3:8

2 But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.² Older men are to be soberminded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. ³Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, ⁴ and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, ⁵ to be selfcontrolled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. ⁶ Likewise, urge the younger men to be selfcontrolled. ⁷ Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, 8 and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. 9 Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, 10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹⁸ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

¹⁵ Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

3 Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. ⁸ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ' so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸ The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. How Firm a Foundation 241



WORDS: "K" in John Rippon's A Selection of Hymns, 1878 MUSIC: American folk tune, Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832

Video

Exhortation: Pastor Robert Campbell

Watch: <u>FaceBook Video</u> Or <u>SMCC Website</u>

Sunday, August 22, 11:00 a.m.

1000 Generations: Four Truths that Stand Test and Time

The People of God 2 Thessalonians 2:15

Wise men of the past spent decades crafting biblical, clear and concise statements of the Christian faith in order to hand down to us. What they took 50 years to prepare, we can learn in 50 days. What they dedicated a lifetime towards, our children can have in their heads and hearts by the time they're out of high school! That is what we mean by standing on shoulders.

If we are to pass on the faith, we must hold to a statement older than us because it can summarize the faith better than we could, it can provide a standard of faith for us to judge our beliefs by and it can be passed on to the next generation of believers.

Confessions summarize the faith.

Confessions set a standard of faith.

Confessions can be passed on.

Dedication The Benediction

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen and Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

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 <u>mysmcc</u>. 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 <u>FB</u> and <u>IG</u> 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. <u>Online giving</u>.