

Santa Margarita Community Church Order of Worship May 16, 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.

God created a whole and unified world. People where right with God, they were right with each other and they were right with all the rest of creation. It was truly a garden paradise. But our sin has separated us from God; us from each other; us from our world and it has even caused division within our own souls. We are not right within ourselves.

And at just the right time, God sent His Son to put all the broken pieces back together. Jesus has brought healing in our souls; He has made us right with God and He has done all that is necessary for us to be restored to each other, even when our sin has been great against those we love the most.

Jesus has done all the work that needs to be done. Amen!

The devil will have none of this. He will not tolerate that we would be unified in our faith in Jesus alone. He will not rest while we build a strong church, strong families and a strong community based upon the finished work of Christ. The devil is a divider and He sends division into the very church of God.

We must be warned and we must vigilantly watch. There is an enemy of our souls and he sends enemies into the church.

As we sing, as we pray, as we preach and as we eat; let us do it in unity and with a harmonious gospel voice that crushes the head of the devil and all those who do his will.

Our call to worship comes from Psalm 3

Psalm 3

¹ O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;
² many are saying of my soul, "There is no salvation for him in God." *Selah*

- ⁸ But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.
- ⁴ I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill. *Selah*
- ⁵ I lay down and slept;

I woke again, for the LORD sustained me. I will not be afraid of many thousands of people

who have set themselves against me all around.

⁷ Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God!
For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.

⁸ Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people! *Selah*

Prayer

O Lord our Lord, you chose us to be in Christ before the foundation of the world and at just the right time, you bought the church with the blood of your own precious Son. Hear us as we pray in the midst of enemies who would divide us. Unify us in the truth, your Word is truth. We pray this so that sound doctrine and Christian practice will shape the souls of our children to trust in you alone. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the one you sent to crush the head of the serpent. Amen and amen.

Adoration

Video



Scripture Reading

Reader: The converted apostle Paul preached the good news that Jesus is the Christ, laying the foundation of churches everywhere he went. His message always assumed the truthfulness of his message; the need of supernatural intervention in the hearts of sinners and the need for a response of faith by every individual hearer.

Acts 17

17 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was а synagogue of the Jews. ² And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ⁸ explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead. and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." ⁴ And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.⁵ But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. ⁶ And when they could not find them. they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, ⁷ and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." 8 And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. ⁹ And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

¹⁰ The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue.¹¹ Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica: they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. 12 Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men. ¹⁸ But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, they came there too, agitating and stirring up ¹⁴ Then the brothers crowds. the immediately sent Paul off on his way to the sea, but Silas and Timothy remained there. ¹⁵ Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens, and after receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they departed.

¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"-because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saving, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for " 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, " 'For we are indeed his offspring.'

²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." ³³ So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴ But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

Whatever my God Ordains is Right

Whatever my God ordains is right His holy will abideth I will be still in all He does And follow where He guideth He is my God though dark my road He holds me that I shall not fall And so to Him I leave it all And so to Him I leave it all

Whatever my God ordains is right He never will deceive me He leads me by the proper path I know He will not leave me I take content what He has sent His Hand can turn my griefs away And patiently I wait His day

Whatever my God ordains is right Though now this cup in drinking Bitter it seems to my faint heart I take it all unshrinking My God is true each morn anew Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart And pain and sorrow shall depart And pain and sorrow shall depart

Whatever my God ordains is right Here shall my stand be taken Though sorrow or need or death be mine Yet I am not forsaken My Father's care is round me there He holds me that I shall not fall And so to Him I leave it all And so to Him I leave it all

Exhortation: Pastor Robert Campbell

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

Sunday, May 16, 11:00 a.m.

The Enemies of our Obedience: Romans 16:17-23

Paul is a good preacher and he adds one more quick point in the middle of his conclusion. He stops to warn them that not everyone on the inside will put their shoulder to the plow with us, some with put obstacles in our way. Why? Because they have bad doctrine and bad desires, those come out their fingertips. Watch out for them.

Watch out for the divisive

Watch out for the divider

Dedication The Benediction

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen and Amen. 1 Thess. 5:20

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 access 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 <u>chapter 4</u> 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: <u>http://www.santamargaritacc.org/files/BRC21.pdf</u>

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. <u>App for Android</u>. <u>App for Iphone</u>. 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 <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.
- 3. Do you receive the all church email? Please reach out so you can be included.
- 4. Follow SMCC on <u>FB</u> and <u>IG</u> 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. <u>Online giving</u>.