

Santa Margarita Community Church Order of Worship September 26, 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.

The word of God reminds us today that there is no such thing as an entitled Christian. At least, there shouldn't be. What is required to be entitled is the opposite of what is fundamental to Christian faith and practice.

Miriam Webster defines "Entitled" as "having a right to certain benefits or privileges." As in, "Some kids feel so entitled and think the world will revolve around them."

A Christian is saved by grace alone. We stopped talking about entitlement when we realized that the wages of sin is death. We stopped talking about fairness when we realized that equal treatment under God's law means that all who have broken God's eternal law must pay eternal consequences.

God forbid we get what's coming to us.

No, we are not claiming our rights, we are claiming Christ's substitution. The Father laid His holy hands on the Lamb of God and our sin was taken away! Amen! Amen!

And today, with joy and gratitude, we are called to throw all that we have and all that we are on top of that burning sacrifice.

Full consecration, full dedication of your whole life is the only reasonable response to substitution. It also happens to be both joyful and fruitful.

Our call to worship comes from Psalm 7.

Ps. 7:17

I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

Come, let us worship the one who gives us life and breath and all things.

Prayer

Father God, you are the maker of all good things and you have provided us with all good things from your gracious hand. We confess that we have squandered your property on reckless living. And yet, while we still a long way off, you felt compassion on us and ran to embrace us. Give us eyes to see the riches of this glorious inheritance that is ours in Christ. We ask this so that we might become a more joyful, more grateful and a more dedicated people. In the name of Jesus, who gave all for us. Amen and amen.

Adoration

Video



Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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Scripture Reading

Reader: In their life, Christians will face trials and temptations in the battle against sin. When trials and calamity come upon the unbelieving world, they are often God's judgements for sin. This is not so for the redeemed Christian: Our sins are covered by the death of Christ, so now God grants us trials to discipline us. Just as a loving father disciplines his sons to teach them holiness, so God does with his church. Yet we are not alone in our fight. We are to look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, as we run the race before us, surrounded by a great assembly of Old Testament saints urging us on. Hear the word of the Lord who disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

Hebrews 12:1-17

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

O Church Arise

Video



Exhortation: Pastor Robert Campbell

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

Sunday, September 26, 11:00 a.m.

Leviticus: Gaining Ground "Bring a Little Bit of Everything"

Leviticus 2:1-16 The worshipers in the Tabernacle were to bring an offering of grain to throw on top of the animal that was taken in susbsitute for their sin. We recognize, like they did, that all of physical life and all of this spiritual life is even more precious when realize what was paid for it.

Lord, may us truly grateful.

Bring a Tribute Offering

Because God has Provided

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. 5:23

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 \underline{FB} and \underline{IG} as a means of encouragement and comment.