

CALL TO Worship

We have come to worship the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. There is nothing more to be done concerning our salvation. We have been reconciled to God. Therefore, we can rejoice greatly! We want to encourage you, as we continue on in worship, that you have freedom to worship not only by singing, but with your hands lifted, or your hands clapping, or to rejoice with a resounding *Amen!* because our Lord deserves all the praise and glory for what He has done on our behalf, by raising Jesus from the dead and giving us life through His Son!

1 Corinthians 15:20-24

But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died. So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back. After that the end will come, when he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having destroyed every ruler and authority and power.

PRAYER

We have much reason to rejoice today because you have been raised from the dead. We are no longer dead in our sins, but we have been made alive in Christ. If any man is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has gone, then new has come. We no longer live in fear or in dread of death. Thank you God! You give us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. You reign! Oh, the mystery, awe, and thankfulness that floods our hearts today. We are forgiven. Our lives are now hidden in Christ in God. We can confidently say that we are yours! One day, you will return to earth for your Church, your bride. Until then, stir our affections for your Gospel. Until then, we cry come quickly, Lord!

SONG

Nothing but the Blood by Robert Lowry (capo'd version in C) | [Lyric Video](#)

*What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

*Oh! Precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

*This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

*Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

*For my pardon this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this I plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

PRAYER OF *Confession*

Psalm 130:1-6

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

ASSURANCE OF *Pardon*

Christ sacrifices at the cross of Calvary frees us from condemnation. His substitutionary death on our behalf paid the full punishment of our sins. Jesus rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into His kingdom of heavenly light. We know that we are now free indeed! Free from enslavement to the law and liberated from the bondage of sin! Amen? Let us remind ourselves of these truths in Colossians 1:13-16.

Colossians 1:13-16

For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins. Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.

PASSING OF *the Peace*

Romans 15:7

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Christ welcomed us into His family while we were dead in our trespasses and far off from Him. We had nothing to offer him and yet He sought us and called us His own. How can we welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us? We are in Richmond, Virginia for such a time as this. There are ways that we can still welcome one another while we are not together on a Sunday morning. Volunteer to deliver groceries, run errands or do yard work to church members who are sick or are caretakers for others and are unable to complete these tasks for themselves. Take a meal to one of the many families who have had babies recently. Call, send cards, texts, or emails to those who might be lonely during this time. Pray with one another over the phone. Spur one another on to good works while it is still called today. Even though we are not together, we can still practice welcoming one another as Christ has welcomed us for the glory of God.

SERMON

This morning, as a church family, we are going to worship God together as we read and respond to His Word as Robert Greene continues in our sermon series entitled [\[seen\]](#). His text will be [Luke 10:38-42](#). [Click here to listen to the sermon.](#)

GIVING

2 Corinthians 9:7-9

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."

When the Apostle Paul addressed the church of Corinth in this same passage in chapter 9, he acknowledged that the church at Corinth was already giving to the Christians in Jerusalem. Chapter 9 starts, "There is no need for me to write to you about this service to the Lord's people. For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action."

As a body of believers we are to give not reluctantly, but cheerfully and regularly to the Lord. When we give of our tithes and offerings, we are simply giving back to God what is rightfully His to begin with. God invites us to participate in His work through giving. If you would like to give a tithe or offering today, you can do so [online by clicking here](#). Let's continue singing:

SONG

It Is Well (With My Soul) by Philip Paul Bless and Horatio G. Spafford | [Lyric Video](#)

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul*

*My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul*

*And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul*

*It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul*

SENDING ON *Mission*

We are God's children, and we have been bought with a high price, through the spotless sacrifice of our atonement Lamb, our Great High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ. It is because of Christ's sacrifice that we have nothing to fear. Christ has defeated, sin, death and hell. Christ has won the victory. Yet in this world, we face many temptations. We have an enemy who prowls around like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour called the devil. Ephesians tells us that we are to put on the full armor of Christ the Lord so that we may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil and after doing everything we are to continue to stand without wavering.

Galatians 5:13-14

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."