

Home Worship Liturgy

5/17/2020

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

***Opening Prayer** (*Have one person read this out loud*)

God of grace,

You call us to worship you today.

But even as you call us, we recognize that we are far from perfect. We
mess up every single day.

And yet you still invite us to come receive your warm embrace and
worship you.

Thank you that you love us and have saved us through Jesus. It is because of
this that we worship you today. Amen

Songs of Praise and Hope¹ (*The words to the songs have been provided below for singing or reflection. If you would like to sing along with a video or simply listen to the music, please either click on the link provided, look it up on Youtube, or play your own instrument if possible.*)

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rmjdq1xQVA0&list=PLBD1B04EAC0152F4B&index=59>

I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced
them good.

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Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

Come Thou Fount

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2fEdZChxxw&list=PLBD1B04EAC0152F4B&index=56>

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the face of God;
He, to save my soul from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Teach me, Lord, some rapturous measure,
Meet for me Thy grace to prove,
While I sing the countless treasure
Of my God's unchanging love.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love:
Take my heart, oh, take and seal it
With Thy Spirit from above.
Rescued thus from sin and danger,
Purchased by the Savior's blood,
May I walk on earth a stranger,
As a son and heir of God.

Open Our Eyes Lord

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XJu0mnn_b4

Open our eyes, Lord
 We want to see Jesus
 To reach out and touch Him
 And say that we love Him
 Open our ears, Lord
 And help us to listen
 Open our eyes, Lord
 We want to see Jesus

Bible Text and Sermon (*To access the sermon video/audio and worship liturgy, please visit our website at idealparkchurch.com and click on the “Current Sermon Series” tab. From there, click on “Watch Now” or “Read Now” for May 10. The link to find the worship liturgy is*

<https://idealparkchurch.com/current-sermon-series/>). A direct link to the sermon video is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uh3xb0qgiQc>.

2 King 14:23-29²

23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, became king in Samaria, and reigned forty-one years. 24 And he did evil in the sight of the Lord; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. 25 He restored the territory of Israel from the entrance of Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the Lord God of Israel, which He had spoken through His servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet who was from Gath Hopher. 26 For the Lord saw that the affliction of Israel was very

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bitter; and whether bond or free, there was no helper for Israel. 27 And the Lord did not say that He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven; but He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

28 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did—his might, how he made war, and how he recaptured for Israel, from Damascus and Hamath, what had belonged to Judah—are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 29 So Jeroboam rested with his fathers, the kings of Israel. Then Zechariah his son reigned in his place.

Sermon Audio and outline

Removing Blinders

2 Kings 14:23-29

Sermon for May 17, 2020

Mackinac Island

Jonah's context

- King Jeroboam II
- Jonah's message
- Two problems for Jonah
 - People's sinfulness
 - Other prophets
- What will Jonah do?

Wearing blinders

- Do we ever have a limited perspective on God's plan?
- We are sinners

God's plan is big

- God shows a small glimpse of His plan
- The irony of the prophet Jonah
- God sends the light which overcomes blinders
- John 9

Prayers for our church, community, nation, and world (*Read each of these as you feel led, either out loud or silently. After each section, take time to pray in whatever way you feel led.*)

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

How great is your plan, O Lord, that you invite even sinners like us to your warm embrace. You love even us, who have done nothing on our own to deserve your grace.

Lord, forgive us when we have failed to show others the love and grace you have shown us. You tell us in 2 Peter 3:9 that you are patient. You remind us throughout scripture that you are slow to anger. Forgive us when we, sinners ourselves, have rushed to quick judgment and condemnation. Forgive us when we have been quick to anger and slow to patience. Work in us not what is well pleasing and easy to us, but that which is well pleasing to you.
[*silent prayer*]

Help us, Lord, to extend to others the same love you show us. Help us to be a light that shines brightly upon a hill for the world to see. Thank you for giving us opportunities to show this love in word and deed. Help the world to see not our us, but You, Father. And in so doing, draw them to yourself, growing your family.

We pray this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

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Amazing Grace

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SBs7-crFAKQ>)

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
 That saved a wretch; like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found,
 Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 And grace my fears relieved;
 How precious did that grace appear
 The hour I first believed!

The Lord hath promised good to me,
 His word my hope secures;
 He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we first begun.

Time for Discussion

- Am I wearing any "blinders"? What keeps them from coming off?
- How do I understand God's plan? Expansive or narrow? Why?
- Read 2 Peter 3:9. What are some things that might keep someone from coming to repentance and experiencing God's love?

*When you have gone through this liturgy and discussion, **consider calling a friend or two from church to see how they are doing.***

"The LORD bless you and keep you, the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26 (New International Version)