

Worship Guide 5/21/2023

Call to Worship

Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Psalm 33:20-22

Worshiping God by Singing

The Love of Christ is Rich and Free

The love of Christ is rich and free,
fixed on His own eternally
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove,
long as He lives, His own He'll love

His loving heart engaged to be
their everlasting surety
'Twas love that took their cause in hand,
and love maintains it to the end

Love cannot from its post withdraw,
nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law
Can turn the Surety's heart away,
He'll love His own to endless day

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood,
and love will bring them safe to God

Love calls them all from death to life,
and love will finish all their strife

He loves through every changing scene,
nor aught from Him can Zion wean
Not all the wanderings of her heart
can make His love for her depart

Love cannot from its post withdraw,
nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law
Can turn the Surety's heart away,
He'll love His own to endless day

At death beyond the grave He'll love,
in endless bliss His own shall prove
The blazing glory of that love
which never could from them remove
which never could from them remove

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Worshiping God by Confessing Our Sins

We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name.
We are more ready to resent than to forgive,
more ready to manipulate than to serve,
more ready to fear than to love,
more ready to keep our distance than to welcome,
more ready to compete than to help.
At the root of this behavior is mistrust.
We do not love one another as we should,
because we do not believe you love us as you do.
Forgive us our cold unbelief.
And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the
cross and the empty tomb.
Cause us to live more in line with our identity as your sons and
daughters.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our righteousness.
Amen.

Worshiping God by Confessing Our Faith

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:25-27

Worshiping God by Singing

Man Of Sorrows

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten, mocked, and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out, "Hallelujah"
"Praise and honor unto Thee"

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree

Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out, "Hallelujah"
"Praise and honor unto Thee"

Now my debt is paid
It is paid in full

By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled

Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh, is free indeed

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Oh, that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out, "Hallelujah"
"Praise and honor unto Thee"

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah, God be praised
He's risen from the grave

Oh, that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me

Now my soul cries out, "Hallelujah"
"Praise and honor unto Thee"
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He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold,
He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost,
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied,
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight,
When He comes at last.

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

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Prayer

Missionary of the Week:

Tom and Lucy Wright
MTW - Haiti

Community Church of the Week:

Trinity Methodist Church
Rev. Joseph James

Presbytery Church of the Week:

Kingstree Presbyterian Church
Rev. Robert Jolly

Worshiping God by Hearing His Word

Series: *Navigating a Confusing Culture*

Sermon: *Navigate the Confusion by Loving Our Neighbors*

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 22:34-40

Life can be confusing. _____ our _____
helps us navigate the confusion.

We are called to _____ as we
_____.

Loving neighbor and loving God are NOT _____
_____.

We are enabled to love others because of the _____
_____ God has for us in Christ.

Action point:

When facing confusing issues, _____
_____.

By the power of the Spirit and in the name of Christ, let's
_____ in our _____ for
_____.

Worshiping God by Singing

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day

All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee!

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine

Teach us how to love each other;
lift us to the joy divine!

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Benediction

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17