



*“growing a family
to reach a community”*

Loving God, loving one another, and embracing
our community and world with Jesus

Lord's Day Worship

March 22, 2020

10:30 AM

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.

Come Christians, Join to Sing

Hymn #302

Psalm 86:9-10

All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

How Can I Keep From Singing

Song

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

Exodus 20:2-17

Our Father, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Our Father, have mercy on us and make us whole. Amen.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:8-10

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Before the Throne

Song

In Christ Alone

Song

Praying for the Needs Around the World

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Show Us Christ

Song

Hearing God’s Word Together

The Gospel According to 1 Corinthians

1 Corinthians 15. 12-20, 29-34

But in fact Christ has been raised...

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Song

Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15. 12-20, 29-34 (English Standard Version)

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

²⁹ Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? ³⁰ Why are we in danger every hour? ³¹ I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³² What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³ Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴ Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

The Gospel According to 1 Corinthians
1 Corinthians 15. 12-20, 29-34
But in fact Christ has been raised ...

I. The Fact of Jesus' Resurrection (vs. 12-20)

If Jesus had not been raised from the dead ...

1. The preaching of the gospel has been in vain;
2. The faith of Christians is in vain;
3. God has been misrepresented;
4. Sins have not been forgiven;
5. The dead are without hope of eternity;
6. Christians are to be "most of all" pitied.

II. The Consequences of Jesus' Resurrection (vs. 29-34)

The resurrection of Jesus makes a difference, _____ and _____!

III. Some Applications

1. Our standing with God is based _____ on what He did in history in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
2. Christianity is _____, whether or not it is believed.
3. Death is not the end, and this life is _____ for eternity.

Additional Sermon Notes: