



*“growing a family
to reach a community”*

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

Lord's Day Worship

January 10, 2021

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:17-21

Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Doxology

Song

How Can I Keep from Singing

Song

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

Our Lord Jesus, you offered us all of your blessings when you announced, "Blessed are the poor in spirit."

But we have been rich in pride.

"Blessed are those who mourn."

But we have not known much sorrow for our sin.

"Blessed are the meek."

But we are a stubborn people.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."

But we are filled to the full with other things.

"Blessed are the merciful."

But we are harsh and impatient.

"Blessed are the pure in heart."

But we have impure hearts.

“Blessed are the peacemakers.”

But we have not sought reconciliation.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness.”

But our lives reflect the world.

“Blessed are you when people insult you because of me.”

But we have hardly made it known that we are yours.

Your Law is holy & your words are perfect; You alone are blessed.

We plead with you to forgive our sins and credit us with the perfect righteousness of Christ.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Man of Sorrows

Song

It Is Well

Hymn #691

Praying for the Persecuted Church

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Jesus, I Am Resting

Hymn #188

Hearing God’s Word Together

The Gospel According to Acts

Acts 14. 19-28

“Blessed are those who are persecuted ...”

Whom Shall I Fear

Song

Benediction

Hebrews 12:1-3

Scripture Reading

Acts 14. 19-28 (English Standard Version)

¹⁹ But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰ But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. ²¹ When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. ²³ And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

²⁴ Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. ²⁵ And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, ²⁶ and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. ²⁷ And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. ²⁸ And they remained no little time with the disciples.

The Gospel According to Acts
Acts 14. 19-28
“Blessed are those who are persecuted ...”

I. The Incident (v. 19)

What do we learn? _____ cannot be avoided.

II. The Response (vs. 20-22)

What do we learn? The gospel is not _____.

III. The Vision (vs. 22-23)

“... through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God ...”

What do we learn? The kingdom of God is marked by _____
and _____.

IV. The Mission (vs. 24-28)

Sermon Quotes and References:

Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— of whom the world was not worthy— wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth ...

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.

Hebrews 11.35 – 12.3

One of the most lamentable symptoms of today's emotionalist Christianity is its tendency to inaction and aversion to any risk. Many Christians suffer from warped understandings of the will of God, the nature of true discipleship, and the character of the Christian life. Being a Christian, however, has always been a dangerous enterprise. In fact, Christian discipleship is inherently dangerous. Jesus himself told his disciples that he sends them as sheep in the midst of wolves (Matt 10:16). These dangers are not only physical but spiritual as well. The call to suffering is inherent in Jesus' command, "Follow me." Indeed, if we are listening, we recognize these truths even in the songs we sing in Sunday morning worship. In "A Mighty Fortress is our God," Luther wrote, "Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also, the body they may kill, God's truth abideth still, his kingdom is forever." Even in John Newton's classic "Amazing Grace," we sing about the "many dangers, toils, and snares" that accompany our life in Christ.

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Providence Activities & Events

January 10, 2021

Task Schedule

This Week

Next Week

Greeting Upper-Level	Dave & Sandy Achenbach	Ken & Jo Rhodes
Sound Booth	Sam/Heather/Nick	Ethan/Abby/Sam
Simulcast Downstairs.....	Eric	Eric
Congregational prayer led by	Paul Wesner	Paul Wesner

This Week:

Tuesday.....Ladies 2 *Kings*, Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. at church
.....Ladies Romans Bible Study, 7 p.m. at church
Wednesday.....Nowicki's HFG, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom
Saturday.....Christ's Cupboard food distribution/outreach, 8:30 a.m. at church

Announcements:

Tea Sweetened with Sisters: *Join us for a sweet time with other sisters for tea, a devotional, and prayer.* Please let us know your preferences: If you'd like to meet through Zoom or in person. (small groups will be 5-7 people) and dates & times you are available. Date, time and location will be determined once all information is gathered. Please contact Genna Dimmick if you would like to attend.