



*“growing a family
to reach a community”*

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

Lord's Day Worship

June 20, 2021

Call to Worship

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Come, People of the Risen King

Song

Psalm 136:1-3

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever.

His Love Endures Forever

Song

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

Ephesians 2:1-3

... you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.

In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:4-7

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Hallelujah Jesus

Song

His Mercy is More

Song

Praying for the Work of Missions

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

I Surrender All

Hymn #562

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to Acts

Acts 19. 11-20

A Clash of Powers

Lead On, O King Eternal

Hymn #580

Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 19. 8-20 (English Standard Version)

⁸ And Paul entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. ⁹ But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. ¹⁰ This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

¹¹ And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹² so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. ¹³ Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." ¹⁴ Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. ¹⁵ But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" ¹⁶ And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. ¹⁷ And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. ¹⁸ Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. ¹⁹ And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. ²⁰ So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

The Gospel According to Acts
Acts 19. 11-20
A Clash of Powers

I. A Strange Practice (vs. 11-12)

"... God was doing extraordinary miracles ..."

II. A Disturbing Group (vs. 13-14)

"... itinerant Jewish exorcists ..."

III. A Violent Encounter (vs. 15-16)

"... leaped ... mastered ... overpowered ..."

IV. An Amazing Response (vs. 17-20)

"... the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail ..."

V. Some Applications for Today

- A. Be _____ – impostors will be exposed.

- B. Be _____ – even when the enemy appears to win, he actually loses!

- C. Be _____ – put to death your old ways & practices.

Sermon Quotes and references:

... the wisest attitude to the sweat-rag miracles is neither that of the skeptics who declare them spurious, nor that of the mimics, who try to copy them, like those American televangelists who offer to send to the sick handkerchiefs which they have blessed, but rather that of Bible students who remember both that Paul regarded his miracles as his apostolic credentials (e.g. 2 Cor.12:12; Rom. 15:19) and that Jesus himself condescended to the timorous faith of a woman by healing her when she touched the edge of his cloak (Lk.8:43-44).

John Stott, The Message of Acts

For I was not at all inferior to these super-apostles, even though I am nothing. The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.

2 Corinthians 12. 11-12

In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God ...

Romans 15. 17-19

Task Schedule

This Week

Next Week

Greeting Upper-Level.....	M. Weber/J. Thompson.....	Hendersons
Greeting Lower Level	Farrars	Hendersons
Nursery.....	Dimmicks	B. Bergey/K. Nelson
Nursery Helper	Becky Advena	Kate McDonnell
Sound Booth.....	Ethan/Healthier/Isaac	Ethan/Sam/Nick
Simulcast Downstairs	Eric.....	Eric
Congregational prayer led by....	Roy Van Camp	Roy Van Camp

This Week:

- Today..... Installation Service and Reception, 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Tuesday

 - Ladies *Book of Chronicles*, Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. at church
 - Women’s Ministry Team Meeting, 7:30 p.m., at church

- Wednesday

 - Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
 - Women’s Summer Bible Study: *What’s SHE Doing Here?* 7:30 pm at church and on Zoom

- Thursday.....

 - Revelation* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
 - Iron Pigs Game, 5:00 p.m. at Coca Cola Park, Allentown

- Saturday

 - Women’s Summer Bible Study: *What’s SHE Doing Here?* 8:00 am at the church Pavilion.
 - Stitches of Love, 1 – 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Future:

- June 27

 - “*Who Do You See?*” Campaign Sharing, 12:15p.m. in Fellowship Hall
 - Miles HFG Kickoff Lunch, 12:15 p.m. at the Pavilion

- June 30

 - Women’s Summer Bible Study: *What’s SHE Doing Here?* 7:30 pm at church and on Zoom

- July 3

 - Women’s Summer Bible Study: *What’s SHE Doing Here?* 8:00 am at the church Pavilion.

- July 25

 - Discovering Providence Class (Part 1) 1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

- August 8

 - Discovering Providence Class (Part 2) 1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall