

WORSHIPING ON THE LORD'S DAY

July 5, 2020

Worship, as God intended, is a supernatural event. As we enter into this service of worship, we cross the threshold of the secular to the sacred, from the common to the uncommon, from the profane to the holy. Prepare yourself therefore for this most holy convocation!

Prelude

Worship Theme

God is our Guide

Psalm 48:11, 14: "Let Mount Zion be glad, let the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of Thy judgments... For such is God, Our God forever and ever; He will guide us until death."

God Calls us to Worship Before the Cross Ps. 67:3-5

+We Adore Him

Hymn #96, "Unto The Hills"

Psalm 121

We Confess Our Sin

Holy Father, we blush to lift up our eyes unto You, O God of all grace and love. Shame and confusion of face humble us to the very dust. Wherever You have been boundless in mercy, we have been abundant in sin! We cannot measure our ingratitude. We cannot estimate our vileness. Each day has added to our guilt. Each scene has witnessed our wicked hearts, our straying feet, and our offending tongues.

But time has also witnessed the blood-soaked cross of Christ. It has beheld the groan of hell, as our Lord hung upon the tree. Open widely the eyes of our faith, that we may see all our justly merited curse, expended on the faultless head of our precious sin-atoning Savior, and the sword of Divine justice buried in His sinless heart! We come to You clinging to His cross, sheltered by His side, hidden in His wounds, cleansed in His blood, covered by His spotless robe, and beautified in His salvation! Thank you for such a gift. We rest ourselves in grace. Amen!

We Thank Him For His Forgiveness

Hymn #173, "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

God Calls us to Worship Thru Dedication 2 Sam. 24:24

We Give Him Our Offering & Concerns

We Give Him Ourselves

Hymn #663, "O God Eternal"

Psalm 63

God Calls us to Worship Thru Fellowship

1 Pet. 2:1-2

We Read His Word

Sermon

*We Partake Of The Lord's Supper

Hymn #298, "The Head That Once Was Crowned"

God Blesses us in the Benediction

Welcome and Announcements

Postlude

(Containers have been placed at the front for communion cups and small trash)

+You are invited to raise your hands during the prayer of adoration.

*Visitors, please see note below on the Lord's Supper.

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Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church! To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whomsoever will come-- this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We invite you to **sign** the attendance card in your bulletin and drop it in the offering. You are invited to stay for **Sunday School** which begins at 11:30. **Adult classes:** Sermon Discussion (dance room, main) & Spiritual Gifts (auditorium). **Summer children classes:** Children's Catechism class to join an adult class & Three thru Reading in the craft room.

REGARDING THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is for baptized believers who are in good standing in a Christian church (that is, not harboring unrepentant sin, not under any discipline of the church, and attending worship services faithfully). As fellow believers, we welcome you to participate in this New Covenant sacrament with us. The bread served during the meal is gluten free. The inner circle of the communion tray is grape juice.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

We encourage you to utilize our web page as you prepare weekly for worship (www.bethelpreschurch.org). There you can view each week's theme along with the hymns and the corporate confession.

Godly Living in a Hostile World: Living in Light of Tomorrow, Pt. 3

1 Peter 4:7-11

Study Notes for July 5, 2020

I. Introduction: Rom. 13:12; Jam. 5:8; 1 Jn. 2:18; Rev. 1:3

Thomas Schreiner wrote of this, “We have a typical feature of New Testament eschatology here. Nowhere does the New Testament encourage the setting of dates or of any other kinds of charts. Eschatology is invariably used to encourage believers to live in a godly way (cf. Matt 24:36–25:46; Rom 13:11–14; 1 Cor 15:58; Phil 4:4–9; 1 Thess 5:1–11; 2 Pet 3:11–16). Nor does the New Testament ever invite believers to withdraw from the world because the end is near and to gaze at the skies, hoping that the Lord will return soon. The imminence of the end should function as a stimulus to action in this world. The knowledge that believers are sojourners and exiles, whose time is short, should galvanize them to make their lives count now.” (*1, 2 Peter, Jude*, NAC, pp. 210–211)

Church Swindoll added these words, “When we know time is short, two otherwise neglected operating principles suddenly kick in: urgency and simplicity. When people discover that they don’t have long to live, for example, their relationships with loved ones take center stage and their schedules become simplified. Or think about what happens when people hear that a hurricane or tornado is imminent. They don’t pull out a croquet game or start landscaping the backyard. Instead, they grab the essentials and head for cover- immediately! Being short on time requires urgency and simplicity.” (*Insights on James and 1 & 2 Peter*, SNTC, p. 217)

II. Godly Living in a Hostile World: Living in Light of Tomorrow, 1 Peter. 4:7-11.

- i. A Primer on the End of the World, v. 7a.
- A. We Must Pray Intelligibly, vv. 7b-c.
- B. We Must Maintain Mutual Love for One Another, v. 8.

C. We Must Strive unto Mutual Service, v. 9.

Hospitable: φιλόξενος (*philoxenos*)

The Practice Amongst the Jews

The Radical Standard of Christ/Redemption (cf. Mt. 5:46-47; 3 Jn. 5; Eph. 2:12-13)

Hospitality in the Body of Christ

One Another (cf. 1 Tim. 5:8)

Without Complaint

MacArthur wrote of this, “...the spirit of hospitality extends beyond the tangible acts of providing meals or a place to stay. It includes not just the act, but an unselfish attitude, so that what is done, no matter the sacrifice, is done without complaint.” (*1 Peter*, MNTC, p. 242)

It Began with a Very Specific Ministry in Mind, Heb. 10:32-35...

*Where We Live

1. The call today is easier than in Peter's day... but it most certainly is not easy. Why?
2. What lightens the burden?

Remembering that we too were strangers and aliens to His household and even now God continues to put up with the "wear and tear" of our presence in His Kingdom!

D. We Must be Good Stewards of Our Spiritual Gift, vv. 10-11.

1. The Scope of a Spiritual Gifting, v. 10a.

When it comes to the discussion of Spiritual Gifts, there is not a Christian excluded; every believer has received a deposit from God- a ministry and its requisite tools- whereby they are expected to serve the Lord (cf. 1 Cor. 12:11)...

- a. How is this gifting discerned?

Only as we _____ !

1 Timothy 4:14

Hebrews 4:16

Commenting on this, Jack Miller said, "You can't evangelize on the basis of how you feel. If you wait to feel up to it, you will never go. You only get grace when you're stretched beyond what you do normally- grace will be yours when you need it." (Sermon preached on Acts 26:16)

- b. The Place of Spiritual Gifts in the outworking of God's Kingdom.
 1. Aside from the working of the Spirit of God, how has the Lord deigned to bring about this eternal purpose? Cf. Eph. 4:16...
 2. The Problem: In and of ourselves we have no ability to bring about God's purpose in the lives of His people, much less ourselves (Rom. 7:18-19)...

Ministry Defined: Ministry is doing what you cannot do with resources you do not have to effect a change you cannot produce!

3. Accordingly, God engifts us with a "spiritual ability"- a gift- for service (cf. 1 Cor. 12:4-7)...