

Worship Outline

April 5, 2020

Meditation

“The critical question for our generation—and for every generation—is this: If you could have heaven, with no sickness, and with all the friends you ever had on earth, and all the food you ever liked, and all the leisure activities you ever enjoyed, and all the natural beauties you ever saw, all the physical pleasures you ever tasted, and no human conflict or any natural disasters, could you be satisfied with heaven, if Christ were not there?” — John Piper, *God Is the Gospel*

Call to Worship

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory! – Psalm 24:7-10

Prayer of Invocation

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

All glory laud and honor
To Thee Redeemer King
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring
Thou art the King of Israel
Thou David's royal Son
Who in the Lord's name comest
The King and Blessed One

To Thee before Thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise
To Thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise
Thou didst accept their praises
Accept the praise we bring
Who in all good delightest
Thou good and gracious King

The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high
And mortal men and all
Things created make reply
The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before Thee we present

Profession of Our Faith

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. – Psalm 24:1-2

“Man of Sorrows”

Man of sorrows what a Name
For the Son of God Who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim
Hallelujah what a Savior

Bearing shame and scoffing rude
In my place condemned He stood
Sealed my pardon with His Blood
Hallelujah what a Savior

Guilty vile and helpless we
Spotless Lamb of God was He
Full atonement can it be
Hallelujah what a Savior

Lifted up was He to die
It is finished was His Cry
Now in Heaven exalted high
Praise the Lord (3x)

When He comes our Glorious King
All His ransomed home to bring
Then anew this song we'll sing
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
What a Savior

Confession of Sin

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. – Psalm 24:3-6

Words of Assurance

He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. – Psalm 24:5-6

“By His Wounds”

He was pierced for our transgressions
He was crushed for our sins
The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him
And by His wounds by His wounds
We are healed

We are healed by Your sacrifice
And the life that You gave
We are healed for You paid the price
By Your grace we are saved
We are saved

Announcements

Some online reminders:

- *Get Help/Give Help: southwood.org/covidhelp*
- *Check email for opportunities to partner with other churches to provide lunches for students this week.*
- *Electronic Giving: southwood.org/give OR on the Southwood App*
- *All events and services “online only” through Sunday, April 19, at this time*

“Rock of Ages (When the Day Seems Long)”

Rock of Ages, when the day seems long,
From this labor and this heartache I have come,
The skies will wear out, but you remain the same:
Rock of Ages, I praise your name.
Rock of Ages, you have brought me near,
You have poured out your lifeblood, your love, your
tears,
To make this stone heart come alive again,
Rock of Ages, forgive my sin.

Chorus: Rock of Ages; Rock of Ages;
Bind your children until the kingdom comes;
Rock of Ages, your will be done.

Rock of Ages, when in want or rest,
My desperate need for such a Savior I confess,

Pull these idols out from my heart's embrace
Rock of Ages, I need your grace.
Rock of Ages, broken, scorned for me,
Who am I that you would die to make me free?
To give me glory, you took the death and pain,
Rock of Ages, my Offering.

Rock of Ages, “It is done,” you cried.
The curtain's torn and I see justice satisfied,
Now write your mercy on my heart and hands,
Rock of Ages, in faith I stand.
Rock of Ages, my great hope secure,
Your promise holds just like an anchor to my soul,
Bind your children with cords of love and grace,
Rock of Ages, we give you praise.

Preaching of the Word

Exodus 33:12-16

“The God of Prayer”

12 Moses said to the LORD, “See, you say to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ 13 Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” 14 And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” 15 And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. 16 For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?”

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore (2x);

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield (2x).

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee (2x);

Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears,
Goodbye!

Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. – Numbers 6:24-26

Sermon Outline

Bottom Line: The people of God are identified, sustained, and empowered by their unique relationship with God himself. There is no substitute for his presence with us and our experiencing Him deeply and personally. ... This is why we pray.

“The prayer of faith is a means of grace because it leads us before God as he really is, creating the space to be with him as we really are. In the prayer of faith we come needy, dependent and longing for his grace. Ultimately, the prayer of faith longs for God and God alone.” – Kyle Strobel

“What if he (God) knows prayer to be the thing we need first and most? What if the main object in God’s idea of prayer be the supplying of our great, our endless need – the need of himself? What if the good of all our smaller and lower needs lies in this, that they help drive us to God? Communion with God is the one need of the soul beyond all other needs; prayer is the beginning of that communion.” – George MacDonald

“Just because your heart is cold and prayerless, get you into the presence of the loving Father. As a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth you. Do not be thinking of how little you have to bring God, but of how much he wants to give you. ... Think of his love, his wonderful, tender, pitying love. Just tell him how sinful and cold and dark all is: it is the Father’s loving heart will give light and warmth to yours. ... Look up and say: My Father.” – Andrew Murray

Questions for Discussion/Reflection

1. How would you honestly answer Piper’s question about heaven (or one of Will’s versions)? As you consider the question, what values do you see in your own heart?
2. Have you ever felt prayer was more of a task or transaction than a relationship? How could it feel more like a relationship with someone you love?
3. Name some ways that Jesus is the fulfillment of everything Moses and God’s people long for in Exodus. What is one thing you particularly feel the longing for that Jesus ultimately does and will satisfy?
4. Consider the prayers of Jesus, David, Elisha, Hannah, Jonah, Nehemiah, Jehoshaphat, the Early Church, Moses, and other prayers in the Bible. What is something one of those prayers reminds you about God?
5. What other things besides prayer would be increasing realities in the life of Southwood if we sincerely prayed, “God, if you do not go with us, don’t send us up from here.”
6. How is God working in your heart in life in regard to prayer? What new desires do you see, or what new lessons have you learned?

Prayer Guide 4/5/20

Core Commitment

We are driven by relationships.

Pray that God would bind us more closely to each other even during this time when we seem further apart.

Ask for the Spirit's work in our small groups to welcome those who are longing for deeper relationships.

Pray for new relationships with neighbors and others whom we see more often than usual during this season.

Mission Partner

New City Celina (TX)

Jake Patton is pastor of this church plant in Celina, Texas. Jake is a former Southwood pastor now in Texas with Paige, Laci, Luke, Aubrey, and Brooke. Join them in praying for these requests:

Pray for wisdom, insight and guidance from the Holy Spirit in how to lead our plant in the season ahead.

We are asking the Lord to preserve the welfare of our new and young businesses in Celina.

Pray for new Gospel opportunities (word and deed) as we engage with neighbors and community.

Specific Needs

Pray for students and families most impacted by the extended school closing and pray for Holy Spirit to minister to their hearts as we partner with other churches to meet some of their physical needs.

Pray for healthcare workers in our community and beyond to be strengthened and protected as they serve many in lonely and trying times.

Pray for our nursing homes and assisted living communities, along with many of our homebound members, to be protected from the spread of the virus.

Pray for the celebration of Easter Week in churches around the world to be full of joy in a risen Savior in the midst of great heartache.

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