

Sunday Morning Order of Worship

1. Read: Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-3, "O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods."

2. Sing: Hymn of Praise

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

3. Read: Scripture Lesson

Read: Ephesians 2:1-10

Read: In the first three verses of this passage, the apostle Paul recounts the prior spiritual condition of the Ephesian believers. He describes them as once being "dead" in their sins, following the "course of the world," and having followed the prince of this world (Satan). Christians today recognize that we also, just like the Ephesian believers, were once dead in our sins. Before being saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus we were enemies of God and headed for eternal separation and punishment. The "but" in the beginning of verse four indicates a change in direction. A change in direction not that we brought about by turning the steering wheel of our life and cleaning things up, but rather a movement and choice of God. "But God being rich in mercy," chose to act on our behalf. The verse continues by describing His action of saving us even while we were dead in our sins. We did not choose God, but rather God chose us. He chose us to live and have new life in Christ. The result of this new life in Christ is that we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, convicts us of sin, and brings about new fruit in our life. The words the hymn Amazing Grace summarizes these passage well, "I once were lost but now am found, was blind but now I see." May we grow daily in our understanding of God's amazing grace and live lives that point others to Christ Jesus.

4. Prayer

Gracious heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for saving us through the blood of Christ Jesus. We ask that you would by your Holy Spirit strengthen our faith in you, and increase our love for you and those around us. Bless and guide us this day in order that you might glorified in all that we think, feel, and do. Amen.

Optional: Pray any other praises or petitions you may have and/or the Lord's Prayer.

5. Close by singing the Doxology together

Praise God for whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen