

Sunday Morning Order of Worship (option 2)

1. Read: Call to Worship

Psalm 100, "Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing. Know that the Lord Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name. For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting, and His faithfulness to all generations."

2. Sing: Hymn of Praise

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.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever will be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

3. Read: Scripture Lesson

Read: Colossians 3:1-17

Read: The third chapter of Colossians begins with a transition statement "if then" that points us to the gospel. If then you have been raised with Christ, then what? Then "seek the things that are above." How are we to live as those that have been raised with Christ? Two ways. First, verses 5-11 tell us that we are to "put to death" the old man/woman within ourselves. Each of us is all too familiar with that old man within us. The selfish thoughts, harsh words, impure motives and thoughts, and on and on we could go. These things we are called to put to death. We put them to death by confessing them, repenting from them, and believing that we are washed clean from them by the blood of Christ. The second way we live as being raised in Christ is seen in verses 12-17 where we are called to "put on" or bring to life those things which are good, holy, and righteous. These things are brought about by the work of the Holy Spirit within our lives as we seek to love God and love those around us. They sound easy on paper, but each one can only be demonstrated in difficult times. You can only show compassion when there is someone to show compassion on, you can only show humility when you have something to boast in, you can only show patience when you want to be impatient. All these flow from the most important characteristic of life in Christ – love. Our love grows as we rest in the gospel (God's love for us through Christ), as we stay in His Word, and as we live lives sensitive to the Holy Spirit. May we all live our lives putting to death sin and bringing to life love.

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