

WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY APRIL 25TH – 10:15AM

Life as a Congregation

Welcome & Call to Worship: *[Pastor Steve]*

- Today we focus on our life as a congregation. The basis of our unity is what determines our love and service for one another. Therefore, today we will consider:
 - **How the church should be centered on the gospel**
 - **How the church is commissioned to serve one another**

THE CHURCH: CENTERED ON THE GOSPEL

Congregational Song: Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;
Let the "Amen" sound from His people again,
Gladly forever we adore Him!

Scripture of Confession as a Sanctified People of God: I Peter 2:2-10 [Pastor Steve]

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture:

*"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."*

⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

*“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”*

⁸ *and*

*“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”*

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession,
that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his
marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had
not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

Congregational Song: The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is His new creation
by water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one O'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food;
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet we on earth have union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic, sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
may live eternally.

Scripture's Testimony to the Power of the Gospel - I Timothy 1:12-17 [Pastor Joel]

¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Congregational Song: The Gospel Song

Holy God in love became
Perfect man to bear my blame
On the cross he took my sin
By his death I live again

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THE CHURCH: COMISSIONED TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER

Scripture's Commission to Serve One Another: I Thessalonians 5:11-15 [Pastor Joel]

¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. ¹² We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. ¹⁵ See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

Congregational Song: Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness

That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility

Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of pow'r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Kids 3-K5 Dismissed:

Message: "Centered on the Gospel & Commissioned to Serve One Another"- I Thessalonians 5:11-15
[Pastor Micah Tanis]

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Congregational Response: O How Good It Is (group sings 2 stanzas – congregation joins on 3rd)

Oh how good it is
When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit
In faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace,
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence
Here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people.*

Oh how good it is
On this journey we share

To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength
The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing
Of belonging.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
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Oh how good it is
To embrace His command
To prefer one another
Forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one
We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father
And the Spirit.

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Closing Announcements:

- This afternoon at 2:00pm - SFCS play stage construction.
- SFCS School Play - Friday & Saturday April 30th & May 1st – Tickets available from the office or at the door.
- Men's Fishing Trip calendar correction – The correct dates are June 2nd-4th
- Wednesday Evenings in the Summer – Sign-up sheet for host locations is available. Also, there are slots to sign up for the evangelism training course.
- May 16th at 6:00pm - Baccalaureate – If you know of someone in our midst graduating with a degree this year, please let the office know.