



Order of Worship

April 19, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 143:1, 8

Leader: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

All: *Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.
Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.*

SONG OF PRAISE

Belong to You

SONG OF PRAISE

Song of Moses / Sovereign over Us

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

All: *Our gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we too might live a new life. Yet we have too often chosen death over life. In our thoughts, words, and deeds we have rebelled against you and your intentions for us. In so doing, we have broken our fellowship with you, whose love is better than life. In so doing, we have hurt others, sometimes unintentionally and sometimes deliberately, and have diminished their lives. In so doing, we have damaged ourselves who were created to reflect your beauty. Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake. And grant that your resurrection power might course through our entire being that we might walk in the ways of love and justice, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

Take a moment to confess your sins, knowing that he hears you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON & PRAYER

SONG OF SURRENDER

God of Hope

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 1:8-22

MESSAGE

Go after Who, not Why

SONG OF PRAISE

Is He Worthy?

SONG OF PRAISE

Give Me Faith

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

Leader: 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.



Sermon Notes: Go after Who, not Why

1. Recognize God's _____.

2. Refute Satan's _____.

a. You're a _____.

b. God's not _____ in and of himself.

3. Resist _____ answers.

a. _____:

b. _____:

c. _____:

4. Rest in God's _____.



Gospel Applications: Go after Who, not Why

1. Think to yourself (you don't have to share): What was the worst day of your life? What made it so bad? What did you suffer or lose on that day?
2. What are we really searching for when we ask the "why" question in connection with our trials/waiting/loss? Why do you think it's so important to us to possess that information?
3. What are some possible reasons why God didn't show Job the reason for his suffering? What are some things God accomplished by not showing him why?
4. Apply your answers from #3 to your own trials/waiting/loss. If God's working some of the same good things in your life, how does that change your perspective, even in the absence of answers?
5. The Bible asserts that God is ultimately sovereign over every bad and painful thing that's happened/happening to you. How/why is that good news?
6. Satan accused Job of serving God, not for *God*, but for *stuff*. How would you ever really know if this were true of you?
7. What pat answers to trials/waiting/loss have you heard? Which are common in a consumer church culture? Which are common in a progressive secular culture? Which do you default to in your own thinking?
8. "Sometimes God allows what he hates to accomplish what he loves." Discuss. What are some examples of this in Scripture? What does this have to do with the core of the Christian Gospel?
9. Think of 2-3 ways having Christ with you and for you in your trials/waiting/loss is better than having a full explanation to the "why" question. How will you immediately apply this hope to something you're going through right now?
10. What one thing will you do with this message this week?