



Order of Worship
August 9, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 4:18-19

Leader: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

All: *The words of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

SONG OF PRAISE

Hosanna

SONG OF EXPECTATION

Spirit, Pour Out

SILENT PRAISE & CONFESSION

Psalm 51:1-2, 10

All: *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON & PRAYER

SONG OF SURRENDER

In Christ Alone

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:23-24

MESSAGE

Seek Culture's Shalom

SONG OF PRAISE

No Longer Slaves

SONG OF COMMITMENT

For The Sake of The World

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING BLESSING

Ephesians 3:20-21

Leader: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly
than all that we ask or think,
according to the power at work within us,
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



GRACE CITY
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Message Notes: Seek Culture's Shalom

Intro: How would you summarize the ministry of Jesus in one sentence?

Why did Jesus do miracles? Why those *kinds* of miracles?

- They authenticate both his _____ and his _____.

1. Practice Non-_____ Presence.

2. Proclaim the _____ in word and deed.

3. Promote the _____.



Gospel Applications: Seek Culture's Shalom

1. What are some key sources of conflict/turmoil in our culture right now? What kinds of peace/shalom are these disrupting?
2. Where is there an absence of shalom in your own soul/mind/life right now? To what do you attribute this absence?
3. What would need to change in your life in order for you to be a non-anxious presence? How would abiding in Christ help you achieve this goal?
4. When you think about what our culture needs, do you tend to be a "proclaim the Gospel" person or a "do social justice" person? Which way do you naturally lean – and why? How does this manifest itself in everyday life?
5. What are the biggest hindrances to you proclaiming the Gospel in everyday life right now? Practically, what's your next step in removing these barriers and living/declaring the hope of Jesus?
6. How did you feel about the statement in the message, "When Jesus wanted to prove that he was the Messiah, that the Gospel was trustworthy, he was *kind*"? We're used to thinking of miracles as displays of awesome power – and they are that – but how does it change your thinking to see them as displays of awesome compassion and goodness as well?
7. Take a few key areas of your life (e.g. vocation, schooling, finances, church life) and "audit" when/where/how/how often you deliberately seek the common good in these areas. How are you already loving your neighbor as yourself?
8. Where do you see the most "low-hanging fruit," the easiest opportunity for growth with respect to #5 and #7?
9. Imagine a community of believers who were known for their non-anxious presence, their passionate yet winsome testimony for the Gospel, and their relentless promotion of the common good. How do you think non-Christians would react to such a community?
10. What one thing will you do with this message this week?