



Order of Worship

September 6, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 86:8-10

Leader: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

All: *For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.*

SONG OF PRAISE

Exalted over All

SONG OF PRAISE

In Christ Alone

SONG OF RENEWAL

Reckless Love

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:15-23

MESSAGE

The Paradox of Christ

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

All: *Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen*

COMMUNION

SONG OF SURRENDER

Is He Worthy?

SONG OF PRAISE

The Lion And The Lamb

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING BLESSING

Jude 24-25

Leader: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling
and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory
with great joy,
to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority,
before all time and now and forever. Amen.



Message Notes: The Paradox of Christ

Intro: Everyone accepts many things as a matter of _____.
So what makes your God/gods worthy of your trust?

1. The _____ of Christ.

a. Preeminent in _____.

b. Preeminent in _____.

c. Preeminent in the _____.

2. The _____ of Christ.

3. The _____ of Christ.

One Big Idea: Because Jesus is supreme in Creation and sacrificial in redemption, he is our sufficient Lord and Savior.



Questions for Gospel Reflection & Application

1. What are the gods of our culture? [i.e. what do people make first place, put their hopes in, serve with religious fervor, rely on to solve all our problems, etc.]

2. Pick a couple answers from #1 that stand out to you:
 - How would you describe the nature/character of these things?
 - What actual power/authority do these things have?
 - Do these things care about you? Why do you think that?
 - What do you have to do to receive the perceived benefits of these things?
 - Why do you think people ultimately trust these things?

3. What are some ways you can you “see” God in the person and work of Jesus? And what it is that you see – what stands out to you most?

4. What are some practical implications of the fact that Jesus is the Creator and Sustainer of everything else that exists outside the Trinity?

5. What are some practical implications of the fact that Jesus is the Head of the Church, the Author and Beginning of a New Creation?

6. What was the central paradox of this text, Colossians 1:15-23? What are some practical implications of the fact that Jesus is simultaneously both of those things, and not just one or the other?

7. In what ways is verse 23 simply a faith response to the grace that’s found in the rest of this text? How would you know from the text that this is not the way you *earn* – or even *preserve* – your own salvation? So what is the proper role of your faithfulness to Jesus and the Gospel?

8. What one thing will you do to act on this message?