



## Order of Worship

September 27, 2020

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 118:5, 8-9

Leader: It is better to take refuge in the LORD  
than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD  
than to trust in princes.

All: *Out of my distress I called on the LORD;  
the LORD answered me and set me free.*

### SONG OF PRAISE

Freedom

### SONG OF COMMITMENT

Nothing Is Holding Me Back

### CONFESSION & RENEWAL

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

Leader: The weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh  
but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

We destroy arguments  
and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God,  
and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON & PRAYER

### SONG OF PRAISE

God That Saves

### SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 2:8-15

### MESSAGE

Vanity or Victory

### SONG OF SURRENDER

Make Room

### SONG OF PRAISE

Exalted over All

### 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.



## Message Notes: Vanity or Victory

### 1. The subtle danger of human philosophies.

a. Their essence:

b. Their end:

1) You're left \_\_\_\_\_.

2) You're left \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. The superiority of Christ:

a. His essence:

b. His end:

1) You're \_\_\_\_\_.

2) You're \_\_\_\_\_.

3) You're \_\_\_\_\_.

c. His \_\_\_\_\_.



## Questions for Gospel Reflection & Application

1. Think about some very basic things you've chosen in life [e.g. your friends, school, vocation, place to live, things to eat, person to marry, etc.] Why did you choose *these*? "I picked \_\_\_\_\_ because I thought it would \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Referencing the things you listed under #1, in what ways were these choices attempts to be free in some sense? In what way were they attempts to be fulfilled/satisfied?
3. What are some of the dominant philosophies (ways of thinking) of our culture? [Hint: Think politically, ethically, financially, educationally, sexually, etc.]
4. Pick something from your list under #3 that stands out to you.
  - How does this philosophy define freedom? Freedom to/from what?
  - How does this philosophy define fulfillment/satisfaction?
  - What are some strengths and admirable qualities of this philosophy?
  - What are some weaknesses and untruths inherent in this philosophy?
5. Even if you don't have a term/category for it, how would you describe the way(s) of thinking that functionally run(s) your life? Apply the 4 bullet-point questions above to your own life's philosophy. What stands out to you?
6. What does Colossians 2:8-15 say you can find in Christ and the Gospel that can't be found in any earthly/human philosophy? Practically, why does that matter?
7. How does identifying with the life/death/resurrection of Jesus make you truly free? Freedom to/from what? How does it promise ultimate fulfillment?
8. If you're carrying around guilt/shame over the sins of your past, how does the metaphor in Colossians 2:13-14 speak to you?
9. How does this text/sermon help you understand and empathize with others around you who are being carried along by various popular philosophies? What are they ultimately after? How does this knowledge help you share Jesus?
10. What one thing will you do to act on this message?