



Order of Worship

October 4, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-3

All: *Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

All: *For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.*

SONG OF PRAISE

The Lion And The Lamb

SONG OF EXPECTATION

Holy Spirit

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

Hebrews 10:1, 12-14

Leader: For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come
instead of the true form of these realities,
it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year,
make perfect those who draw near.
But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins,
he sat down at the right hand of God,
waiting from that time
until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.
For by a single offering he has perfected for all time
those who are being sanctified.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON & PRAYER

SONG OF SURRENDER

Holy Heart

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 2:16-23

MESSAGE

Come out of The Shadows

SONG OF SURRENDER

Make Room

SONG OF PRAISE

Give Me Faith

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.



Message Notes: Come out of The Shadows

1. The _____ of religion.

a. Many are drawn to _____ and _____.

b. Many are drawn to _____ experiences.

c. Many are drawn to _____.

2. The deadly _____ of religion.

a. The _____ contradicts the _____.

1) You can't get true _____ from a _____ root.

2) You can't get true _____ from a
_____ root.

b. Religion is _____.

c. Religion ultimately leads you back into _____.

3. The life-giving alternative to religion.

a. In Christ, the flesh has no _____ power over you.

b. In Christ, the law has no _____ power over you.

c. In Christ, you are transformed from the _____ - _____.



Questions for Gospel Reflection & Application

1. Aside from Christianity, what's the first religion you think of? What do you perceive to be the most prominent religions in our region? What are some things these religions seem to have in common?
2. How would you describe society's view of religion in general right now? Do you agree? Disagree?
3. What are some common "secular religions" these days (i.e. secular ideologies with rules/regulations that govern life, demand some kind of faith/belief, and are served with religious fervor)? How are these secular religions guilty of some of the very things they accuse more overtly religious groups of?
4. Do you gravitate toward the structure of rules/routines or the unpredictability of ecstatic experiences? Why do you think that is? What are you really seeking?
5. What are some actions that seem to epitomize self-denial? At the core, how *might* these things be more selfish/self-centered than they initially appear?
6. Have you ever made more rules/boundaries for yourself in an effort to please God? How did that go? In what ways were your rules/boundaries helpful? In what ways did they ultimately prove to be powerless in and of themselves?
7. Think about the analogy of the bicycle training wheels. In what ways have some of your rules/boundaries/routines actually done the opposite of what you intended? [e.g. Now that the new rule was there, you thought about the thing *you weren't supposed to do* more than ever before.]
8. What are some ways Christ is the substance of which religion is only a shadow? What is the substance capable of doing in your life that the shadow can't?
9. Practically, what would it look like for you to come out of the shadows? What would it look like to live in the full reality of the substance this week?
10. What one thing will you do to act on this message?