



Order of Worship

December 6, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146:5-9

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

All: *The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.*

Leader: The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

SONG OF PRAISE

God of The Redeemed

SONG OF EXPECTATION

Holy Spirit

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

Galatians 5:1

Leader: For freedom Christ has set us free;
stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
Take a moment to confess your sins, knowing that he hears you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON & PRAYER

SONG OF PRAISE

We Are Waiting

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:16-21

MESSAGE

Longing for Freedom

SONG OF EXPECTATION

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

SONG OF PRAISE

The Lion And The Lamb

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: Longing for Freedom

1. The Longing of Our Culture.

2. The Ancient Longing.

3. The Problem with Our Longing.

a. We define freedom too _____.

b. We create all kinds of new _____ with our freedoms.

c. We pursue freedoms that contradict _____.

4. The Fulfillment in Jesus.

5. The Already and the Not Yet.

a. Jesus already freed you from everything that can _____ you.

b. Jesus will come again to make you _____ free.

6. The So What.

a. _____ the nature of true freedom.

b. _____ Christ's offer of true freedom.

c. _____ others with a taste of true freedom.



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Questions for Gospel Reflection & Application

1. Where did you experience longings for freedom/autonomy just this week?
2. In general, what do you most want to be free *from*? What do you most want to be free *to*?
3. How would your peers answer #2? How do you think someone with traditional leanings would answer vs. someone with more progressive leanings?
4. Give some practical examples of how autonomy tends to over-promise and under-deliver. What unintended consequences does autonomy often produce?
5. Give examples of a few "freedoms" our culture pursues that directly contradict the reality of our identity. What happens in the long term when people exercise these kinds of freedoms? What do their freedoms end up doing to them?
6. In order to demonstrate the relatively unseen spiritual liberation of the Gospel, what did Jesus do? What do you learn from this?
7. What are some primary sources of oppression/enslavement in our culture?
8. What is the Christian Church doing about the things you listed for #4? What are you personally doing?
9. What are some practical, everyday ways you can fight oppression and promote good and godly freedoms?
10. What one thing will you do with this message this week?