



Order of Worship

January 31, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 108:1, 3-5

Leader: My heart is steadfast, O God!
I will sing and make melody with all my being!

All: *I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.*

Leader: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

All: *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!*

SONG OF PRAISE

Were There Words

SONG OF PRAISE

Reckless Love

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*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON & PRAYER

SONG OF CONFESSION

Give Us Clean Hands

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

MESSAGE

Supernatural Passion

SONG OF SURRENDER

Hosanna

SONG OF PRAISE

For The Sake of The World

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING BLESSING

2 John 3

Leader: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you,
from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son,
in truth and love. Amen.



Message Notes: Supernatural Passion

How would our culture finish this sentence? "A Christian is someone who ..."

1. A _____ problem.

2. A _____ position.

The Christian life is NOT:

3. Our _____ pattern.

KEY: Jesus was simultaneously and perfectly _____
and _____.

Examples:

4. A _____ path.

1) What are you _____ about?

2) What are you _____ about?

3) What are you _____ about it?



Questions for Gospel Reflection & Application

1. How do you think our non-Christian culture would finish this sentence, based on their observations? "A Christian is someone who _____."
2. What do you think is most off-putting to non-Christians about the way American Christians seem to live? What about our lifestyle/conduct makes the Gospel harder to believe?
3. Why is simply accommodating to the world's expectations not the solution to #1 and #2? What are some new problems that approach would create?
4. What are some reductionist (oversimplified) positions you've seen in our culture? Where have you heard "everyone needs to just _____"?
5. Pick a favorite Jesus story to share. How do you see both his passion and his compassion? Who/what was he passionate about? Who was he compassionate toward? How would the story be different if both weren't present?
6. List a few areas of culture where Christians are not making a favorable impression on non-Christians.
 - What is actually causing the offense?
 - Why can Christians not simply try to make a favorable impression "at all costs"? Why is this not a worthy goal?
 - What could Christians do to better reflect Jesus in this area?
 - Practically, what would it look/sound like to be reasonable (balancing the biblical principles of 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12) in this area?
7. What's something you're passionate about? How does that passion lead you to act? What attitude/tone might be off because of this passion?
8. Who gets your compassion? What people/causes break your heart and stir pity and kindness? Why those? What do you do about it?
9. Look back at #7 and #8. What would it look like to be both passionate and compassionate (like Jesus) in this area? Practically, what would be different?
10. What one thing will you do this week with this message?