



Order of Worship

February 21, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 145:1-3, 8-9

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.

All: *Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.*

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: *The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.*

SONG OF PRAISE

Exalted over All

SONG OF EXPECTATION

Spirit, Pour Out

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 SURRENDER

Make Room

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:20-26; 1 Corinthians 3:5-11

MESSAGE

The Growth of the Kingdom

NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME

MERGER VOTE

SONG OF PRAISE

The Blessing

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: The Growth of the Kingdom

One Big Idea: New _____ and abundant _____ come from dying to self and sowing the King's seed.

1. The growth of the kingdom is _____. (John 12:24)

Key: If the seed is _____, it's _____.

2. The growth of the kingdom is _____ - _____. (John 12:25-26)

Key: The way _____ is _____.

3. The growth of the kingdom is _____. (1 Cor. 3:5-10)

Key: God loves to do "bad math" when believers work together without caring about who gets the _____.

4. The growth of the kingdom is _____. (1 Cor. 3:6,11)

Remember this for two reasons:

1) _____.

2) _____.

Gospel Applications for this moment in time:

1. We must _____ to _____.

2. It's okay to acknowledge your _____.

3. Let's _____ for and _____ in a supernatural moving of God's Spirit.



Questions for Gospel Reflection & Application

1. Generally speaking, a kingdom is “a realm or region in which something is dominant; an area or sphere in which one holds a preeminent position” (*Merriam Webster Dictionary*). Given this definition . . .
 - What are some of the “kingdoms” of this world, specifically of our culture?
 - How did these “kingdoms” come to be in the first place?
 - How did they grow in influence/power/control?
 - What causes them to shrink in influence/power/control?
 - Compare/contrast your answers with what you know to be true of the kingdom of God.
2. Reflect on your own feelings and thoughts right now. What, if anything, grieves or confuses you? What are some healthy ways to appreciate and process these emotions in light of the Gospel?
3. How does Jesus’ analogy of the seed help you understand the need for personal self-forgetfulness and sacrifice?
4. What excites you most about Jesus’ analogy of the seed?
5. What are some things in your life that you need to die to (let go of, refuse to seek your identity/significance in)? What would it look like to die to these?
6. Why do you suppose God delights to work synergistically through His church?
7. How does the “automatic” power and growth of the seed humble you? How does it encourage you? Why do we need to remember both parts of this?
8. What’s one practical way you’ll respond to the message this week?