



## **Order of Worship**

*February 28, 2020*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 97:1-6

All: The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!  
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.  
Fire goes before him  
and burns up his adversaries all around.  
His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.  
The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The heavens proclaim his righteousness,  
and all the peoples see his glory.

Leader: Let us go to the Father, through the Son, and by the Spirit!

### **SONG OF PRAISE**

Were There Words

### **SONG OF SURRENDER**

Build My Life

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 13:44-46

### **MESSAGE**

The Priority of the Kingdom

### **CONFESSION & RENEWAL**

### **COMMUNION**

### **A BRIEF LEGACY & TESTIMONIES**

### **SONG OF PRAISE**

Always Enough

### **SONG OF PRAISE**

Exalted over All

### **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: The Priority of the Kingdom

### Intro:

One Big Idea: There's nothing more precious than the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

### 1. What are you looking for?

Diagnostic: "I'll know when I've found what I'm looking for because it'll make me feel \_\_\_\_\_."

Diagnostic: "I'm deliberately pursuing \_\_\_\_\_ because I believe it'll \_\_\_\_\_."

### 2. Do you recognize what's truly valuable?

The world treasures:

Jesus treasures:

### 3. What are you willing to give up to gain Christ?



## Questions for Gospel Reflection & Application

1. What is your most prized possession? What's the one thing you'd be sure to rescue in the event of a house fire? What kind of value does this item have (why is it valuable to you)?
2. Reflect on your feelings and thoughts about the rule/reign/authority of Christ. Compare and contrast your feelings toward the object in #1 and the kingship of Jesus. What do you observe?
3. Use the diagnostic statements from the sermon to think about what you're looking for in life:
  - Diagnostic: "I'll know when I've found what I'm looking for because it'll make me feel \_\_\_\_\_."
  - Diagnostic: "I'm deliberately pursuing \_\_\_\_\_ because I believe it'll \_\_\_\_\_."
4. What conclusions are you able to draw about what you're seeking as your functional treasure? Conclusions about what motivates you?
5. Who gets to tell you what's valuable or not? What voices do you listen to that shape what your heart prioritizes?
6. What are you doing right now to cultivate biblical discernment so that you recognize what's truly and eternally valuable vs. what's not? What could you do to cultivate this kind of discernment?
7. Add to your lists from the sermon: what does the world value vs. what does Jesus value? Which list is a truer reflection of your own heart? Why?
8. Practically, what are some ways you could cultivate a deeper love and appreciation for the rule/reign of Christ in and over your life? How could you fuel your passion for his kingdom above all else?
9. What's standing between you and treasuring Christ? What would you have to surrender/lose/give up in order to possess the ultimate treasure?
10. What's one practical way you'll respond to the message this week?