

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

How Are We Healthy?
Hebrews 10:19-25 - Bradley
Bell

February 6, 2022

Membership: Unimpressive
But Authentic

Length
in mins

0:00 Call to Worship - 1 Kings 8:5-6, 10-11, 22-23

One of the things you may not know is how our approach to liturgy in the church actually follows the movement of the gospel. We can divide those movements into four parts:

Creation
Fall
Redemption
Restoration

Similarly, in the course of one worship gathering there are the same four movements:

Call to worship - we start with our Creator God who is worthy of worship
Confession - we acknowledge our sin that has separated us from him and one another
Preaching and communion - we proclaim and respond together to the good news that reconciles us to God and each other
Benediction - we assure one another of our salvation and are sent to pursue the restoration of all things

Isn't that better than thinking of our liturgy as just "the stuff we say in between songs"? So hear this call to worship our great Creator:

King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the Most Holy Place, underneath the wings of the cherubim...And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord...Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, and said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love. 1 Kings 8:5-6, 10-11, 22-23

0:00 *All Creatures Of Our God And King* [Default Arrangement in C]

0:00 Confession - Romans 13:10-13

Hear this word from Romans 13:

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. Romans 13:10-13

Church, when we talk about a commitment to membership, we're talking about a commitment that's summed up in one word: love. And yet in order to embody so high a virtue, we must first confess how far we often fall short of it. If you're able to own some part of this confession, then pray it with me:

Father, rather than drawing near your throne of grace,
I find myself walking away from your voice.
When I fail to come, I struggle to love.
When I struggle to love, I fail to come.
You know the ones of whom I struggle to love.
You know the ones to whom I fail to come.

So I draw near to you for pardon.
I draw near to you for love.
Forgive me of my sins,
As I forgive those who have sinned against me.
And help me walk toward them with love
By the power of Christ in me.
Amen.

**Length
in mins**

0:00 *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me* [Default Arrangement in C]

0:00 *King Of Kings* [Default Arrangement in D]

0:00 **Sermon - Hebrews 10:19-25**

0:00 **Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28**

0:00 *Before The Throne Of God* [Sovereign Grace Arrangement (Getty) in D]

0:00 *Amazing Grace* [Default Arrangement in D]

0:00 **Benediction**

You may be seated. Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus.

Giving & Visitors & Family Groups

1) Membership Covenants - As we mentioned earlier, we want to encourage you to read and reflect on the membership covenant and then sign and submit it on the side table. There are more copies available on the side table if you didn't already get one. Also, let us know if you would like a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws or Statement of Beliefs.

2) 9 AM Classes - We are excited to announce that 9 AM classes will start back on February 20th. That includes Young Disciples and Youth. The 9 AM class for the next several weeks will be a study through the book of Ruth. We don't just want to invite you, but we want to urge you to attend. There will be coffee and childcare available for children below 1st grade.

3) MCT - MCT was postponed last week due to weather and will meet this Thursday the 10th at the Groce's at 7 pm: that is 4540 Southern Parkway. This is the intentional way we gather, pray, and care for our distributed members. This is not limited to advocates only, If you want more information about this ministry ask Pastor Robbie and he would be happy to help.

4) Baptism emphasis - February is a baptism emphasis month and we will have a baptism Class on the 20th at 9 AM for those interested in baptism. Let us know if that's you by signing up—there's a signup sheet on the side table.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and we end with a benediction which simply is a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing. I invite you to hold out your hands as a posture of receiving this blessing:

Church, since you have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, may you go into a world of imposters kicked out and show them that there's now a way back in. Based on Hebrews 10:19-20; Matthew 27:51

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let's say this together: We are sent.

0:00