

May 2, 2021

Order of Worship

Meditation: Romans 12:19-20 ESV

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer & Opening Prayer

* Call to Worship: Psalm 136:1-3 ESV

* Song: *I Will Worship*

Song: *How Great is Your Love* (SFW 22)

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:6-11 ESV

Hymn: *And Can It Be* (TH 455) verses 1, 3-5

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Mark Soud

* Song: *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* (SFW 53)

Sermon Passage: Matthew 5:43-48 ESV

Sermon Series: *Kingdom Living* -

The Believer's Response to Enemies – part 2

Pastor Jeff Landis

* Hymn: *Though I Speak with Bravest Fire* (TH 597)

* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Lord's Blessing

Closing Hymn: *Lead Me, Lord* (TH 727)

Meditation: Romans 12:19-20 ESV

“Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”

Call to Worship: Psalm 136:1-3 ESV

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever.”

I Will Worship

[Women sing echo]

I will worship (*I will worship*),
with all of my heart (*with all of my heart*).
I will praise you (*I will praise you*),
with all of my strength (*all my strength*).
I will seek you (*I will seek you*),
all of my days (*all of my days*).
I will follow (*I will follow*),
all of your ways (*all your ways*).

I will give you all my worship.
I will give you all my praise.
You alone, I long to worship.
You alone are worthy of my praise.

I will bow down (*I will bow down*),
hail you as king (*hail you as king*).
I will serve you (*I will serve you*),
give you everything (*give you everything*).
I will lift up (*I will lift up*)
my eyes to your throne (*my eyes to your throne*).
I will trust you (*I will trust you*).
I will trust you alone (*trust in you alone*).

I will give you all my worship.
I will give you all my praise.
You alone, I long to worship.
You alone are worthy of my praise.

How Great is Your Love

No eye has seen and no ear has heard,
and no mind has ever conceived
the glorious things that you have prepared
for ev'ryone who has believed;
you brought us near and you called us your own,
and made us joint heirs with your Son.

Chorus:

How high and how wide,
how deep and how long,
how sweet and how strong is your love!
How lavish your grace,
how faithful your ways,
how great is your love, O Lord!

Objects of mercy who should have known wrath,
we're filled with unspeakable joy;
riches of wisdom, unsearchable wealth,
and the wonder of knowing your voice;
you are our treasure and our great reward,
our hope and our glorious King.

[Chorus]

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:6-11 ESV

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

And Can It Be

Verses 1, 3-5

And can it be that I should gain
an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain:

Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God,
shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!),
and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me. [Refrain]

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee. [Refrain]

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne,
and claim the crown,
through Christ, my own. [Refrain]

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Mark Soud

Praise the Lord that things went smoothly for Pastor Soud this past week. He is now officially cleared by the ARP to move to Florida to begin working on a new church plant.

Pray that the Lord would send much needed rain to alleviate the drought conditions from which we are suffering.

Pray that those who are looking for work will find long-term employment that will provide for their needs and utilize their talents.

Pray that the Lord would work in our hearts to increase our love for him, each other, and our community.

Pray for Rev. Charles Jackson, OPC missionary to Uganda. The Jacksons have returned to the U.S. for medical treatment to deal with some neck issues Charles has been experiencing. Pray for treatments to be effective so that the Jacksons could return to their ministry.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.

Sermon Passage: Matthew 5:43-48 ESV

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**Sermon Series: *Kingdom Living –
The Believer’s Response to Enemies – Part 2*
Pastor Jeff Landis**

Introduction

I. Deficient Obedience of the Jews - v. 43

A. Perverted the word of God by elimination

B. Perverted the word of God by addition

II. Difficult Command of Jesus - v. 44

A. Radical command for a radical kingdom

B. One way to love your enemy is to pray for them

III. Definitive Reason to Love Your Enemies - vv. 45-48

A. Show we are the children of God - v. 45

B. Show that we are not the children of Satan - v. 46

Conclusion

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship and are freed.

Lead Me, Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

Teach me, Lord, teach me truly how to live,
that I may come to know thee,
and in thy presence serve thee with gladness,
and sing songs of praise to thy glory.

Growth Group Sermon Discussion Questions

1. What are some examples of “enemies” that you or others have faced?
2. What is common grace? How is it different from special grace?
3. How does the book of Jonah relate to Jesus’ command to love our enemies? What do we learn about God?
4. How does the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) relate to Jesus’ command? What is the lesson for us?
5. Review the six areas of righteousness in Matthew 5. Does your life reflect obedience from the heart in these areas?