

# North Albemarle Baptist Church Family Worship

22-March-2020

## Call to Worship / Prayer of Praise

*Begin with a "gathering song" and move into a prayer of praise.*

*All: Sing "God is so Good"*

God is so good, God is so good,  
God is so good, He's so good to me.

God loves me so, God loves me so,  
God loves me so, He's so good to me.

We praise His name, We praise His name,  
We praise His name, He's so good to us!

*Leader: Join with me in prayer.*

Lord, we have come to worship You for You alone are worthy of our praise. Our family has gathered to worship You in Spirit and in truth. We seek to make much of You in this time together. We ask that You hear us and are pleased with our prayers, our songs, and our worship. We call out to You, O God in this time together. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

## Worship Songs & Hymns

*Lift your voices in praise, singing together as a family.*

**We Believe** - Newsboys (page 5)

**Ever Be** - Bethel (page 6)

**They'll Know We Are Christians** - Peter Scholtes (page 7)

# Scripture Reading and Lesson

*Read the scriptures together as a family. This can be shared by those who can read or read by the leader. Then read through the lesson together.*

A Theology of Life with Christ

Colossians 3:1-11

*1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

*5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming. 7 In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. 8 But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. 11 Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.*

*Leader:* We see 4 commands from this passage on what our life with Christ looks like.

## **1. Seek the things above**

- a. Verse 1: It's an "if, then" statement
  - i. If you have been raised with Christ, then seek things that are above.
- b. The meaning of seek is to look for, to desire, to want, to try to obtain.
- c. The expectation is that if we have been raised with Christ, our priorities have been transformed.
  - i. The things we seek are now different.
- d. Our flesh seeks: fame, childhood dreams, movie star, singer, pro athlete, power, money, career, better opportunities, education, the "American dream"
- e. If you have been raised with Christ, you should seek the things that are above: God, heavenly things, His kingdom, His glory, eternity, advancing the gospel.
- f. Read Matthew 6:19-21

## 2. Set your minds

- a. Verses 2-3: Cause and effect as in verse 1
  - i. If you have died, then your life is now hidden with Christ.
  - ii. Read Galatians 2:19-20
- b. The meaning of set is to fix one's attention, to ponder on, to think about, to focus on.
- c. This means you have control over your mind.
  - i. Read Galatians 5:22-23 - self-control is a fruit of the Spirit.
  - ii. Read Romans 12:2 - the renewal of your mind
  - iii. Read Matthew 22:37 - Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind
- d. Some of us have set our minds on the media of this world and we are consumed by it.
- e. Some of us thought the world was ending in 2008 and others in 2016.
- f. Some think the world is ending with this virus.
- g. Some live their lives in a state of doom and gloom, because you have set your mind on the things of this world.
- h. This should not be. Set your mind on the hope of tomorrow.
  - i. Read Revelation 21:1-5
  - ii. Read James 1:2-4
- i. Be encouraged that our Hope is not in this world, but in Christ alone.

## 3. Be killing sin

- a. Verses 5-6: Another "if, then" statement.
- b. If you really are "seeking things above" you must put to death what is earthly in you.
  - i. Read Matthew 6:24
- c. We can't have it both ways.
- d. Notice the force of Paul's words, "put to death" - means to kill, execute, take the life from.
- e. You must be violent with the sin in your life.
  - i. Take drastic measures.
- f. The sins in verse 5 are blatantly obvious sins: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, covetousness, and idolatry
- g. These things must die - the wrath of God is coming.
- h. 17th Century Puritan, John Owen said, "Be killing sin, or sin will be killing you."

## 4. Put off the old self

- a. Verses 8-11: What about the sin that we may be able to hide a bit better?
  - i. Anger, slander, obscene talk?
- b. Paul says, "put them away"
- c. He is talking about "practices" of the old self - habitual acts.
- d. You have a new self (verse 10).
  - i. Take off/put on like clothing
- e. Verse 10 - "being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator"
  - i. Read Genesis 1:27
  - ii. God created us in His image and sin has ruined that image.
  - iii. Through Christ, we are being renewed back to the image of our Creator.
- f. If you live in Christ, you should be more and more like God, and less and less like the world.

*Leader:* Let's join together in prayer.

Father, we thank You for Your word. We thank you that we can be reconciled to a Holy God through Jesus and live our lives in Him. Lord, we ask that You help us to seek the things above rather than the things of this world. We pray that you enable us to set our minds on You and as we do that we begin to look more and more like Christ and less and less like the world. It is only by Your power and Spirit that we are able to kill sin and put off our old selves. Lord, we ask that you do this work that we seek today.

We pray for our nation and the nations around the world as we face this virus that continues to spread. We know that you hold all things and have power and dominion over all things; God, You alone are sovereign over the world. We ask that you would bring an end to this epidemic quickly while protecting all the health care workers and first responders as they fight this battle on the front lines risking their own health and the health of their families so that others might live. We pray for our nation and its leaders as they make difficult decisions on how to respond to this crisis. Give them direction and people around them to advise them with godly counsel.

God, we lift up our church family - for their health and safety and protection and our leaders as they make decisions on how to deal with this crisis. We ask that You allow us to gather together again when it is safe and when our government allows. While we are apart corporately, we ask that you draw us together in other ways as we love one another, check on one another, and serve one another as needs arise.

God, You are our refuge and our strength. You are our shepherd and our guide. Lead us in the paths of righteousness. Never leave us or forsake us, even as You promise to be with us always even to the end of the age. We pray as Jesus taught us to pray, saying together:

*All:* Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Response Praise

*Lift your voices in praise, singing together as a family.*

**Holy, Holy, Holy** - *Sovereign Grace Music (page 8)*

# Ending Prayer

*Leader:* May the Lord bless you, and keep you;  
may the Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you;  
may the Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace.  
(Numbers 6:24-26)

## **We Believe - Newsboys (page 5)**

### VERSE 1

*In this time of desperation  
When all we know is doubt and fear  
There is only one foundation  
We believe we believe  
In this broken generation  
When all is dark You help us see  
There is only one salvation  
We believe we believe*

### CHORUS 1

*We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
And He's given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion  
We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection  
And He's coming back again  
(We believe)*

### VERSE 2

*So let our faith be more than anthems  
Greater than the songs we sing  
In our weakness and temptations  
We believe we believe*

### BRIDGE

*Let the lost be found and the dead be raised  
In the here and now let love invade  
Let the church live loud our God we'll say  
We believe we believe  
And the gates of hell will not prevail  
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil  
Now we know Your love will never fail  
We believe we believe*

### CHORUS 2

*We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
And He's given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion  
We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection  
And He's coming back  
He's coming back again  
He's coming back again  
We believe we believe*

**Ever Be - Bethel (page 6)**

VERSE 1

*Your love is devoted  
like a ring of solid gold  
Like a vow that is tested  
like a covenant of old  
And Your love is enduring  
through the winter rain  
And beyond the horizon  
with mercy for today*

PRE-CHORUS

*Faithful You have been  
and faithful you will be  
You pledge Yourself to me  
and it's why I sing*

CHORUS

*Your praise will ever be on my lips,  
ever be on my lips  
Your praise will ever be on my lips,  
ever be on my lips  
(Repeat)*

VERSE 2

*You Father the orphan  
Your kindness makes us whole  
You shoulder our weakness  
And Your strength becomes our own*

*You're making me like You  
Clothing me in white  
Bringing beauty from ashes  
For You will have Your bride*

PRE-CHORUS

*Free of all her guilt  
and rid of all her shame  
And known by her true name  
and it's why I sing*

CHORUS

BRIDGE

*You will be praised, You will be praised  
With angels and saints  
we sing worthy are You Lord  
You will be praised, You will be praised  
With angels and saints  
we sing worthy are You Lord  
(Repeat)*

*And it's why I sing*

CHORUS

**They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love - Peter Scholtes (page 7)**

CHORUS

*And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love by our love  
Yes they'll know we are Christians  
By our love*

VERSE 1

*We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity  
May one day be restored*

CHORUS

VERSE 2

*We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news  
That God is in our land*

CHORUS

VERSE 3

*We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
And we'll guard each man's dignity  
And save each man's pride*

CHORUS

VERSE 4

*All praise to the Father  
From whom all things come  
And all praise to  
Christ Jesus His only Son  
And all praise to  
The Spirit who makes us one*

CHORUS

VERSE 1

*Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning  
our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy,  
merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons,  
blessed Trinity!*

VERSE 2

*Holy, holy, holy!  
All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea,  
Cherubim and seraphim  
falling down before Thee,  
Who wert and art,  
and evermore shalt be.*

VERSE 3

*Holy, holy, holy!  
Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy;  
there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power,  
love, and purity.*

VERSE 4

*Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy,  
merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons,  
blessed Trinity!*