

Call to Worship

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. (*Psalm 100:1-3, ESV*)

Songs of Thanksgiving

Who You Say I Am

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

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Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

I am chosen
Not forsaken
I am who You say I am

You are for me
Not against me
I am who You say I am

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Not forsaken
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Great Are You Lord

David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan
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You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
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It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

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And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

And all the earth will shout Your praise
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So we pour out our praise
To You only

Confession of Sin

Pastor: God our Father, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another.

People: We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience.

Pastor: We have served our own self-interest instead of serving you and your people.

People: We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded.

ALL: Forgive us we pray, in the name of your son Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV)

God So Loved

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Come all you weary,
 come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the Water,
 come and thirst no more
Come all you sinners,
 come find His mercy
Come to the table,
 He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness,
 find what you're looking for
Turnaround

For God so loved
 the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him
 will live forever

Bring all your failures,
 bring your addictions
Come lay them down
 at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms

For God so loved
 the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him
 will live forever

The power of Hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved,
God so loved the world

Praise God, praise God
 from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him
 for the wonders of His love

For God so loved
 the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save

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Passing of the Peace

Peace of Christ Be With You
And Also With You

Announcements

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever
Amen

Scripture Readings

Psalm 119:71 (ESV)

⁷¹ It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.

2 Corinthians 1:3-11 (ESV)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵ For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. ⁶ If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. ⁷ Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort. ⁸ For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. ¹¹ You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Message

Pastor Emeritus Scotty Smith

The Goodness of Affliction: Learning Our Father's Decrees and Delight

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. Amazing... in both of our passages today, affliction is referred to as a *good* thing – not pleasant, but *good*. As a believer, how do you typically think about affliction, suffering, and hardships? Signs of God's displeasure? The smallness of your faith? God's lack of care for you?
2. A. W. Tozer once said the most important thing about us is how we think about God in our hearts. In his affliction and suffering, Paul cherished knowing God as "the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort." During this time of coronavirus anxiety and fear, how have you found yourself thinking about God?
3. Well before the coronavirus, how has God been revealing his many mercies and great compassion / comfort to you. Encourage each other with stories of God's kindness and nearness in other challenging seasons of your life.
4. What is attractive about the man Paul in the 2 Corinthians passage? Why are we drawn to his heart and attitude in this portion of God's Word? What kind of believers do you want to be around when you're feeling threatened, afraid, and vulnerable?
5. God doesn't always tell us WHY affliction comes to us as believers. But he always tells us UNTO what end – that we might not rely on ourselves, but on the God who raises the dead. Practically speaking, what does this look like in your own life? How do we turn from self-reliance to Abba-reliance?
6. This passage underscores just how much we need each other at C3. In the coming weeks, how can we bear each other's burdens, care for one another, pray for each other, and deepen our experience of the DNA of the Gospel?
7. If it is good that we are afflicted, it was most glorious that Jesus was afflicted for us. Because of Jesus' death upon the cross, and his resurrection from the dead, God's favor permanently rests on us, God constantly delights in us and sings over us, and will bring to completion the good work he began in us and in his cosmos. How might this prove to be the very season and "affliction" that God will use to free us from our unbelief, restore to us the joy of his salvation for us in Jesus, and bring a fresh renewal to C3 and to Franklin? Will you pray unto that end?

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong- body and soul, in life and in death- to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Offertory Song

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas Chisolm, W.M. Runyan

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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

Summer and winter and spring time and harvest
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

Pardon for sin and peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

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Offertory

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 christcommunity.org/giving

Giving Report: GENERAL FUND

March Actual (3 weeks): \$126,576

March Budget (5 weeks): \$255,800



Actual (37 weeks): \$2,581,210

Budget (37 weeks): \$2,459,300



Giving Report: RISE & BUILD

Given To Date: \$2,819,730

Total Pledged: \$5,407,295



Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you

All: And also with You

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

Pastor: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed

All: Therefore, let us keep the Feast

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God

All: Amen!

Closing Song

O Come to the Altar

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Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight
of your sin?
Jesus is calling

Have you come
to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst
for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today, there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling

Bring your sorrows
and trade them for joy
From the ashes, a new life is born
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

O what a Savior
Isn't He wonderful?
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen

Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen

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Benediction