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REFLECTIONS

Christianity is not the religion of a single nation or race, but is for all people.

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The Power of God's Grace: We desire to continuously grow and be changed through our intimate relationship with God. We know the reality of God's love restores us beyond anything we can do for ourselves. Our most immediate response is to worship God in every facet of our lives individually and corporately. The beauty of God's transforming grace is displayed in our personal lives, our families, our communities, permeating our involvement in the arts, business, society, education, and other places of daily engagement. As a church body, we help one another experience the ongoing reality of God's life-transforming work through earnest prayer, Scriptural encouragement, acts of mercy, admonition, and mutual submission.

From the *Mission, Vision, & Values Statement*
of Intown Community Church

GATHERING

Jesus Shall Reign

Call to Worship

Isaiah 60:1-3 NIV
Rev. Luke Brodine

Leader:

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.*

All:

See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,

Leader:

*But the LORD rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.*

All:

Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Prayer of Adoration (Concluded by the Lord's Prayer)

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

Behold Our God

Call to Confession

Galatians 5:19-21, NIV

Leader:

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Prayer of Confession

All:

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Encouragement

Galatians 4:4-7, NIV

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

Mighty to Save

Prayer for Christ's Church and the World

Matthew 26:41, NIV

Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.

The Passing of the Peace

Galatians 3:27-28, NIV

... for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

*The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.*

Children's Worship:

Parents who wish may send children grades K5-3rd to meet leaders in the Lobby. Children will return to their families following Communion, through the side doors to your right.

In Christ There Is No East or West

Worship through Giving

Galatians 6:14 NIV

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Galatians 2:20-21; 3:6-9; 6:11-14, NIV

Reader: Caleb Voss

^{2:20}I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!

^{3:6}Consider Abraham: "He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." ⁷Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. ⁸The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." ⁹So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

^{6:11}See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!

¹²Those who want to make a good impression outwardly are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Not even those who are circumcised obey the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

*The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Dr. Jimmy Agan

Learning to Love God's Word: Galatians

COMMUNION

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

All Communion bread is gluten-free.

Trays contain wine in the middle and grape juice in the outer rim.

Please hold the elements until everyone is served and we will all take them together.

SENDING

May the Peoples Praise You

Benediction

Galatians 1:3-5, NIV

Loving our community to life by pursuing gospel restoration