



Welcome!

We're glad you're with us today.

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PREPARING

Imagination can be easily hijacked by fear and anxiety. True enduring Vision requires deeper "eyes" to see (Ephesians 1:18) with the sanctified imagination. It takes love to grow the imagination and imagination to grow in love.

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CONTEMPORARY NORTH AMERICAN ARTIST AND AUTHOR

If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. . . . It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth "thrown in": aim at earth and you will get neither.

C. S. LEWIS (1898-1963)
BRITISH AUTHOR AND ACADEMIC
MERE CHRISTIANITY

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

JESUS OF NAZARETH
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 7:7-8 (ESV)

GATHERING

Call to Worship

From Psalm 67

Dr. Jimmy Agan

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

All: That your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

All: Let all the peoples praise you!

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore him;
praise him, angels in the height.
Sun and moon, rejoice before him;
praise him, all ye stars of light.

Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed.
Laws which never shall be broken,
for their guidance he has made.

Chorus:

All creation join the song of praise;
let every tongue declare his mighty ways;
and we will sing of your goodness and mercy
all of our days!

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail.
God has made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.

Chorus

Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, his power proclaim!
Heaven and earth, and all creation,
laud and magnify his name!

Chorus

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.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, though being in very nature God, when you came to redeem us you humbled yourself and made yourself nothing. Though you were rich, for our sakes you became poor, so that through your poverty we might become rich.

All: We confess how unlike you we are in our attitudes and actions.
We strive for recognition and acclaim from others, and we sulk and become bitter if we do not get it. We look out for our own needs and concerns, failing to care for others except when it serves our own purposes.
Forgive us our sin and renew our hearts. Make us realize that we only achieve greatness and gain our lives by giving them away. Work in us by the power of your Spirit so that we become more like you and so bring glory to our Father in heaven. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Encouragement From Philippians 2:6-11

Leader: Jesus Christ, who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

All: And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Leader: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

All: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning,
one with God the Lord, Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation
now revealed in you, our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus Christ my King.

What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us,
so Jesus, you brought heaven down.
My sin was great, your love was greater;
what could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus Christ my King.

What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory,
for you are raised to life again.

You have no rival, you have no equal.
Now and forever, God, you reign.
Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory,
yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus Christ my King.

What a powerful Name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Prayer for Christ's Church and the World

Psalm 6:9 (NIV)

The LORD has heard my cry for mercy;
the LORD accepts my prayer.

The Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: May his peace be with us now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE WORD

Sermon Scripture Reading

Psalm 72:1-7, 12-14, 16-19 (ESV)

Reader: Sam Glaze

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
- ² May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!
- ³ Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!
- ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!

⁵ May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!

⁷ In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

¹² For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.

¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.

¹⁶ May there be abundance of grain in the land;
on the tops of the mountains may it wave;
may its fruit be like Lebanon;

and may people blossom in the cities
like the grass of the field!

¹⁷ May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun!

May people be blessed in him,
all nations call him blessed!

¹⁸ Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!

Amen and Amen!

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Andrew Flatgard

Gospel and Government: The Heart of a Leader

Worship through Giving

2 Corinthians 8:9 (ESV)

Online Giving: intown.org/give or by mail

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Psalm 72 (Doxology)

Blessed be the Lord, our God, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds,
who alone does wondrous deeds.

Blessed be his glorious Name,
his glorious Name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with his glory, alleluia!

Amen, amen! Amen, amen!

Repeat Song

Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 31

Leader: Why is the Son of God called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

All: Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance;
Our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father;
And our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

SENDING

Jesus Shall Reign (He Shall Reign)

Jesus shall reign wherever the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom spread from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his Name.

Chorus:

He shall reign in glory, crowned with grace and might.
Bless his name and praise the sovereign King.
He shall reign forever with his chosen bride;
all the earth shall sing that Jesus is the King!

Blessings abound wherever he reigns,
the prisoners leap to lose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blessed.

Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honor to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud "Amen!"

Chorus

Benediction Ephesians 1:17-21 (ESV)

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the

immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

Worship Music Leaders:

Luke Brodine – Director, Guitar, Vocals

Jeremy Bell – Percussion

Randy Hoexter – Piano

Christina Wert – Vocals

James Wert – Vocals

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for upcoming Creative Conversations

Calling all Intown creatives. How has creativity been going for you over the last six months? Let's talk about it. Join Sarah and Luke Brodine for a conversation about creativity during the pandemic. There are three opportunities, and space is limited so reservations are required. Saturday, Sept 26, 4-6 p.m. or Friday, Oct 2, 7-9 p.m., both in the Brodine's carport, for outdoor meetings with social distancing and masks. Or Monday, Oct 5, 8-9 p.m. via Zoom. Six spaces available each time; [email Sarah](#) with your first and second choices to reserve your spot.

Sunday Morning Life Groups – Fall 2020

Sunday Morning Life Groups offer creative teaching on growing in grace. Life Groups meet via Zoom video conferencing. Please see contact info below for Zoom link information.

Growing in Grace: The Gospel and How to Lead the Church Well

Leaders: Jimmy Agan, Jay Thompson, Jim Wert

Contact [Andrew Flatgard](#).

IFC: International Friendship Community

Focus: Understanding gospel truth from Sunday sermons.

Contact [Ed Lin](#).

The Middle

Focus: Creative teaching for all adults, especially those in the middle of life. Contact [Cindy Bowers](#).

Sermon Study

Focus: Discussing the Sherri Breunig prior week's Sunday sermon.

Contact [Sherri Breunig](#).

Let's Pray for Each Other

Part of loving each other as a body of believers includes praying for each other and for the needs of our church. You can submit a prayer request [here](#). All prayer requests will be kept confidential among church leaders and staff unless you select to opt-in to the Churchwide Prayer List.

Opportunities to Serve

There are many opportunities to help people in our community and our congregation. Follow the "Deacons' Weekly Update" in the Intown newsletter for opportunities to serve and give.



Intown
Community
Church

We're glad you joined us for worship today!

For questions about any Intown ministry, please visit
our website at intown.org
or call the church office at 404.633.8077.

Loving our community to life by pursuing gospel restoration