

Our mission is to learn the way of Jesus together as we invite others to join us at His Table.

Our Common Practices

We Gather

We gather for worship more often than not.
We gather in smaller groups to connect, learn, and grow.

We create hospitable space for one another.

We Grow

We attend the means of grace daily. (i.e. We attend to the presence of God through Scripture reading and meditation, prayer on behalf of others and myself, breath prayer, spiritual reading and study...).

We nurture our faith.

We attend to relationships that promote growth.
We develop and learn as human beings made in the image of God.

We Give

We are a generous people who give our time and resources to the mission of God and the world.

We tithe as the means through which our community enjoys fiscal health so as to minister generously.

We Go

We follow Jesus into the world as His healing presence.

We help the vulnerable among us.

We go into the world offering Jesus' invitation to gather at His Table.

A Breath Prayer for the coming week:

*"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
heal me by your love."*

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, kin - dle in us the fire of your love.
Ven, Es - pí - ri - tu de Dios, y de tu a - mor en - cien - de la lla - ma.
Ve - ni San - cte Spí - ri - tus, tu - i a - mó - ris i - gnem ac - cén - de.

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.
Ven, Es - pí - ri - tu de a - mor, ven, Es - pí - ri - tu de a - mor.
Ve - ni San - cte Spí - ri - tus, ve - ni San - cte Spí - ri - tus

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Order of Worship

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The Season after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

Worship Reading from Psalm 13

We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Series: Paul's Letter to the Romans

Sermon: "Yoked"

Scripture Readings: Romans 6.15-23; Matthew 11.28-29

We Come to the Table

Prayers of the People

Song of Preparation

Passing the Peace of Christ

Prayer of Confession and Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

We Eat and Drink Together

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life

Gossiping the Good Stuff

Doxology

Blessing and Sending

Sermon Reflection Guide

Romans 6.15-23

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to

righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 11.28-29

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Question for Everyone

(1) I hate being told what to do no matter who it is or what is about. (10) I gladly receive instruction from anyone, anytime. Where are you on this range?

Yoked

In his sermon, borrowing from Jesus, Pastor Rob uses the agrarian image of "being yoked" as the organizing metaphor. Let's talk about the implication of being yoked. What kinds of feelings does the idea of being "yoked with Christ" conjure? Does the word yoke mean constriction or liberation to you? To what or whom have you been yoked?

Yoked with Jesus in Reading the Bible

I suggest to new Christians that reading the Bible according to the Christian calendar is perhaps a better way of reading the Scripture than from beginning to end. By using the Lectionary to guide our Scripture reading one allows the life of Jesus to be the means

through which one approaches the Bible. This is one of many ways to yoke one's life with Jesus, to abide in Jesus, to be led by Jesus. How do you organize your Scripture reading? How has this changed over the years? Beyond the Lectionary, how might one read the Scriptures with Jesus?

Walk in Humility not Humiliation

Please know that humility is not humiliation. While they sound the same, they are very different concepts.

Humiliation is the fruit of bowing to powers and impulses that exploit us. Humiliation is being made ashamed. We can humiliate ourselves or others. Humility is the opposite of humiliation. Humility is about living in one's rightful place in creation. Through humility we acknowledge our status as creatures made in the image of God, enjoying our beloved status before the One who made us. Paul tells us we have been freed from the humiliation of sin so as to live in humility as the image bearers of God. Paul insists that as creatures, we will live in obedience to either sin and its humiliations or the way of humility in righteousness leading to holiness.

Response? What does humility require of us?

Yoked with Jesus

When we yoke ourselves with Jesus, we find such immense freedom from the humiliating results of sin. This freedom in Christ is made possible by God's life giving boundaries. Becoming Christian means being disciplined in the way of righteousness, the very righteousness of God's love. The freedom of discipline makes our holiness possible. Talk about the freedom that is made possible by discipline. How is it possible to be free and given boundaries? Response? Do you find boundaries constricting or life giving?

Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly" (Matt. 11.28-29, *The Message*).