

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:

"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

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 65

We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer
Sermon Series: Paul's Letter to the Romans
Sermon: "Liberation"
Scripture Readings: Romans 8.1-11

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 8.1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Question for Everyone

(1) I hate roller coasters and would never consider riding one, even one designed for children. (10) I love all roller coasters, the faster the better. I'd ride one everyday if I could. Where are you on this roller coaster range?

The Power of Sin

Last week, we ascended with Paul on the roller coaster of broken humanity. Paul assured us that there was no way off and no way out. Sin is too powerful for mere mortals. Sin is a pandemic force inhabiting the human heart as well as fallen human structures. Why do we need to hear Romans seven before we hear Romans eight?

No Condemnation! None, Nada, Never

"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!" Sin has been condemned. You have been liberated! Sin has been nailed to the cross of Christ. You have raised up to new life. Sin has been put to death. You have been given life eternal. So if we fully celebrated gospel liberation, how might this affect the way we live and serve?

Salvation is Liberation

The word salvation in the Christian lexicon has too often been rendered as merely the hope of not burning forever after we die. Liberation is a word that describes the power of Christ's work in us here and now as well as there and then. Liberation requires that we ponder questions like: From what have I been liberated? For what do I need Jesus' liberating work? How am I to participate in the liberation of others? Response?

Sanctified Through and Through

Entire Sanctification means we believe optimistically in God's power in Christ by the Holy Spirit to set the captive free from addictions, besetting sin, and patterns of thought that oppress. Entire Sanctification means that the human heart and human systems (economic and political) can be liberated from the pernicious presence of sin. Response?

Liberated to be Liberators

Church is but the name of the promise kept to Abraham. From Abraham's lineage, God would create a people liberated from sin so as to be liberators for the oppressed. All around the globe where you find oppressed people, you will most likely find a group of Jesus people doing the liberating work of their Divine Master. Response?

A Liberated Mind

Along with Roman 8.5-6 read the following texts: Romans 12.2; Phil 2.5-8; Luke 12.30. Our thought life is fair game for the transforming work of the Holy Spirit. Our bodies will never be liberated if our minds remain under the tyranny of sin. If we don't take on the mind of Christ, we cannot live the Christ life. What are your spiritual practices that allow the Spirit of Christ to renew or reset your mind?