

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
19 July 2020
The Season after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music
Welcome
Call to Worship
Worship Reading from Psalm 85

We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer
Sermon Series: Paul's Letter to the Romans
Sermon: "Tippy Toes"
Scripture Readings: Romans 8.18-25

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 8.18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Question for Everyone

(1) I am constantly the victim of emotional or physical suffering. (10) I have no acquaintance with suffering at all. Where are you on this suffering range?

Suffering

I said to a dear friend who's little girl is facing a harrowing surgery that "suffering's mystery is often wounded by words." When we attend to the suffering, one's presence is almost always more poignant than prose. Do you agree that "suffering's mystery is often wounded by words?" In what way is suffering a mystery?

Pandemic Suffering

It is difficult for us to access the kind of suffering of which Paul speaks in his letter to the Roman church. There is a distance between that church and our church when it comes to the experience of suffering. A little later (in verse 35) Paul will offer a list of the categories of suffering he has in mind. He uses the words: hardship, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, and the sword. These days we are bearing witness, on a grand scale, to a pandemic that is causing immense suffering. One of the truly cruel things about COVID-19 is the many ways it makes humans suffer both physically and emotionally.

Some suffer a deep sense of sadness with this disease. The disease makes us vulnerable to the accuser's voice. Response?

Glory to Come

Paul says: "Hey Church, what you're going through now is nothing in comparison to the glory about to be revealed to us. Live now according to the glory that is to come. Live now with God's future in mind. Place your trust in the character of a God who makes and keeps promises so as to not freak out! Christians live with hope for the future because we place our faith in the character of Jesus now. Are you hopeful? Why? Why not?"

Creation Waits on Tippy Toes

To help her remain resilient in suffering, Paul tells the Roman church that there's glory on the horizon. When the future is unveiled, the true nature of the church will be revealed. All of creation, waits on tippy toes in expectation for the unveiling of the Children of God. In other words, Paul tells the church: "Don't be brought down by this present suffering because, 'the entirety of creation—sun, moon, sea, sky, birds, animals, plants—is longing for the time when God's people will be revealed as God's glorious human agents, set in authority over the world' (N.T. Wright). How do we rightfully exercise our authority over creation now?"

In Glory

I'd like to think that there will be dogwood trees in glory. I'd like to think there will be Brown Trout and Brookies in New Creation. I'm sure there will be, but fishing will be strictly catch and release because there will be no death or decay on that day. The suffering of this present time for both humans and creation will be swallowed up in the healing victory of resurrection. Maybe God in Christ will preserve that redbud tree you planted all those years ago in glory for you to enjoy for eternity? Response?

Adoption

Through your baptismal adoption, you have been given a seat at the family Table with your big brother Jesus. With this comes all the privileges of grace and responsibilities of love. That's who you are now and creation can hardly wait for the day when you will be revealed as such to all the world. Response?