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Order of Worship 7 November 2021 The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

# We Listen to the Scriptures

Prayer Sermon Series: Heretic-Facing Misguided Beliefs Sermon: "Was Jesus Just a Good Man?"

# We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration The Lord's Prayer We Eat and Drink Together We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song

# We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life Doxology Blessing and Sending

4:00PM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 **Prayer Walk** Meet in front of the church building for a 45 minute walk when we'll pray for our neighborhood. Kids and dogs welcome! Visit the tables in the lobby before/after worship to find a ministry opportunity that is right for you! join a serve Sundays 11/7 & 11/14 team COMMON MEAL

> SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH AFTER WORSHIP IN THE GATHERING PLACE

#### 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.

# Heretic

Part 1: "Was Jesus Just a Good Man?" Pastor Kris Beckert

What is something you once believed but later found not to be true?

#### I. Why is it important to re-examine our beliefs?

1. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ what we hear

1 John 4:1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

2. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the implications

3. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ questions

#### II. The Debate of 300 A.D.

- The debate--\_\_\_\_\_
- Arius believed \_\_\_\_\_\_
- Athanasius believed \_\_\_\_\_\_
- The verdict--

#### III. Examining the Divinity of Jesus:

#### 1. What Jesus said about \_\_\_\_\_

John 12:44-45. Then Jesus cried out, "Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. <sup>45</sup> The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me.

#### 2. What Jesus' earliest followers \_\_\_\_\_

- Outside the Bible—
- Inside the Bible—
  - Jesus was seen as



#### 3. Why it matters

1 Cor 15:12-19. But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead. then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God. for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.<sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

A. If Christ isn't divine, \_\_\_\_\_

- B. If Christ isn't divine, \_\_\_\_\_
- C. If Christ isn't divine, \_\_\_\_\_

Big Idea: \_\_\_\_\_

# Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



- 1. Do you tend to be someone who is open to re-examining your beliefs? Why or why not?
- 2. Which is more difficult for you to comprehend—Jesus' humanity or divinity? Has it ever been a struggle for you or someone you know?
- 3. Which of the three (Jesus' claims, evidence outside the Bible, or evidence inside the Bible about Jesus' followers) do you feel most bolsters your faith in Jesus' divinity?
- 4. "When we rule out Christ's divinity, we reduce God to something we can grasp." Do you agree?
- 5. What difference does it make if Jesus was divine or not?
- 6. How do we make room for the Mystery of our faith, without checking our brains at the door?

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org or call 717-774-6444 to set up an appointment.