

Call to Worship (Pastor Fletcher)

Good morning! Let's read this scripture together as a call to worship:

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.
- Psalm 95:6-8

Confession/Lament

*As I've considered our present predicament (each of us being stuck inside our own homes for months at a time without any real face-to-face contact), I've rarely felt **hopeless**, but I've often come to this feeling of **helplessness**.*

I've often wondered if there is anything in the Bible that speaks to it. Is there anything in the Bible that speaks to a group of people who literally cannot see one another face to face.

The thing that I keep coming back to is how Paul would write letters to people that he couldn't physically see, although he would long to see them. He talked about this all the time. It was something that he deeply lamented.

In Romans 1:11, Paul puts it like this:

[11] For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you

In 2 Timothy 1:4, Paul says this:

[4] As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy.

And then in Philippians 1:3-5, Paul puts it like this:

[3] I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, [4] always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, [5] because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Paul is no foreigner to longing to be with those that he loves. Today, we cannot gather in person, but we all long and yearn for the day when we might be back together.

Assurance

For me, I fear that God will not build his church during this time. This is something we say all the time, but it's good for us to remember, but this is God's church, and he's going to build it. That means that I don't get to have the church that I want, but the church that God wants.

He gives us two sweet promises as continues the letter to the Philippians:

[6] And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

It's so good to know that though I might feel helpless and distanced, God is going to continue to do his work in each of your hearts.

And he continues in v. 12:

[12] I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel

Paul is talking about being locked up in an isolated prison cell. If God can use that to advance his gospel, he certainly can use the coronavirus to advance the gospel!

Christ's Hope International Presentation (Ashley Williamson & Joe Marton)

- Support through COVID19 - <https://christshope.org/covid-19/>
- Sponsor a child - <https://christshope.org/sponsor-child/>

Prayer for Christ's Hope (Thales & Tayna Brito)

(Screenshare off)

Passing of the Peace

Let's take a minute to pass the peace of Christ. Just go into the chat box and say hello to someone that you're glad to see here. Send a bunch of private messages. Let people know they're on your mind.

Welcome to any guests!

[Please fill out this form so we can get to know you better!](#)

Vision

We exist to help religious & irreligious people become gospel people.

Announcements

- Services will be at this link until further notice.
- Community Groups
- Daily (M-F) [Zoom Prayer Meeting](#) (same link as church today)
- [Get on Slack](#) to host discussions & share news/articles/needs.
- Benevolence [Request Form](#)
- Giving - coahchurch.org/give

Set List (For later, listen to this today and worship at home)

[Apple](#) // [Spotify](#)

Prayer of Illumination (Todd Link)

Scripture Reading (Riley Orrell)

Revelation 21:1–7

[1] Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. [2] And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. [3] And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. [4] He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

[5] And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." [6] And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. [7] The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Message (Turn off screen share)

Response / Word from the Lord / Prayer Requests

Benediction

[7] The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. (ESV)

May our God, who calls you son and daughter, captivate your imagination with his presence and the promise of his imperishable, undefiled, and unfading inheritance kept in heaven for you.

Go now in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

Breakout Rooms - Random group of 10 or so

- Digital bagel time. 10 minutes.
- If you want to leave before we do that, feel free.
- If you're new - DM me and we'll have a special breakout room for you