

Gathered Worship



RESTORATION COMMUNITY CHURCH

We exist to pursue the restoration of people, communities, and cultures in the greater St. Louis area and the world through the transforming power of the Gospel.

WELCOME TO RESTORATION COMMUNITY CHURCH

We are glad that you found your way here today. We believe that corporate worship is the central event in our church's life together and that it restores and shapes our whole lives in the pattern of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In worship, God gathers us together to serve us and strengthen us, and we have the great privilege to respond to him with our praise, thanks, confession, and commitment.

Last Sunday, we began a new sermon series, Discipleship with Jesus. We all follow something or someone, looking for answers about our own identity and searching for freedom, contentment, security, and joy. Jesus invited ordinary people to follow him and become his disciples. He extends this same invitation to us today. If we choose to follow him, the path of discipleship forces us to confront the reality of who we are, what we value, and who we listen to in light of who Jesus is and what he offers. Are we walking a path of our own making, one set out for us by our culture, or are we seeking to get in step with Jesus? Wherever you are in your faith journey, we're glad to have you with us as we follow Jesus through the gospel of Mark and explore what it means to be his disciples.

If you are visiting with us today, we're glad you're here! We invite you to stay after the service for refreshments and conversation. Our Welcome Team and staff would love to connect with you at that time.

Here are some options if you have children:

- 1. Keep your children with you through the entire worship service.** Many of our families see worship as one of the most unifying times of their week as a family. If your children are a bit wiggly or make a little noise, don't worry; it will not bother us!
- 2. Leave children age three and under with our capable nursery workers during all or part of the service.** We have two rooms for nursery: 23 mos. and under are in Room 107, while 24 mos. and up are in Room 102.
- 3. If you have an infant or young child, please feel free to use our Family Room.** Parents are welcome to use this room (located to the left of the sound booth) where they will be able to continue listening to the service. Please respect the privacy of nursing mothers if the "Privacy Please" sign is posted.
- 4. Have your children participate in our Children's Worship time that will begin just before the sermon.** See the time noted later on page 7. (*ages 4-2nd grade*)

SONG OF PREPARATION

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul, praise him! For he is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near
Praise him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If, with his love, he befriend thee

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him
Let the “Amen” sound from his people again
Gladly fore’er we adore him

Text: Joachim Neander, 1680; Tune: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 9:1-2*
This morning’s liturgy is led by Rev. Daniel Song.

We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
We will be glad and exult in you;
we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

WE PRAISE GOD

Lord Most High

From the ends of the earth (From the ends of the earth)
From the depths of the sea (From the depths of the sea)
From the heights of the heavens (From the heights of the heavens)
Your name be praised

From the hearts of the weak (From the hearts of the weak)
From the shouts of the strong (From the shouts of the strong)
From the lips of all people (From the lips of all people)
Your song we raise, Lord

CHORUS **Throughout the endless ages**
 You will be crowned with praises
 Lord most high
 Exalted in every nation
 Sovereign of all creation
 Lord most high
 Be magnified

Text and tune: Don Harris and Gary Sadler, 1996

WE PRAY FOR GOD TO HELP US WORSHIP

GOD CALLS US TO CONFESSION *from Isaiah 1:18*

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD.
Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson
they shall be like wool.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN TOGETHER *from Worship Sourcebook*

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in
your likeness and image through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.
Amen.**

A time of silent prayer will be kept for personal confession.

GOD DECLARES OUR FORGIVENESS *from Psalm 103:8-9,11*

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD IN OFFERINGS AND SONG

At this point in the service, Restoration members and regular attendees are invited to respond to God's grace by giving their tithes and offerings. If you are our guest this morning, please know that you are under no obligation to give.

WE THANK GOD

In the Shadow Of The Glorious Cross

**In the shadow of the glorious cross
Compelled by grace to cast my lot
I'll discard the loss and bare Your name
Forsaking all for Your own fame**

**Your hymn of grace sung over me
Abounding forth in glorious streams
My thirst is quenched by You my Lord
Sustained am I; redeemed restored
Sustained am I; redeemed restored**

Hallelujah hallelujah

**When death's dark shadow's at my feet
When I am plagued by unbelief
You place my hands into Your side
By precious blood identified
By precious blood identified**

Hallelujah hallelujah

**These crowns I've clenched with fisted hands
I cast them down before the throne
Of Christ my God the worthy Lamb
Christ crucified, the Great I Am
Christ crucified, the Great I Am
Christ crucified, the Great I Am
Hallelujah hallelujah**

Text and tune: Brooks Ritter and Rebecca Elliott, 2007

COMMUNITY WELCOME & NEWS *Children are dismissed for Children's Worship*

At this time, children ages 4 through 2nd grade are invited to join our Children's Ministry volunteers in the back of the Sanctuary. Their classes will be held in the Res-Kids room (103) and Youth room (110). They will be returned following the sermon.

*Please take a moment to warmly welcome those around you
Announcements and upcoming events can be found on page 10*

PRAYER FOR THE READING AND PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 8:33-34*

Church Bible p. 844

After the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Characteristics of Discipleship: Surrender
Elder John Peters

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

Discipleship with Jesus: Trust/Faith

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH IN GOD *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried. He descended into hell.¹ The third day he rose again from the
dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe
in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic² Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

¹ Hell is not to be understood here as the place of judgment, but simply the place of the dead; therefore, when we confess that Jesus descended into hell, we confess that He actually died.

² In this sense, "catholic" means "universal."

GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

It is our custom to receive and hold the elements until invited to partake so that we may do so together.

A gluten-free bread option is available; just let one of our servers know you need it.

Wine is in the cups in the inner rings of each tray; grape juice is in the outer ring.

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

**Jesus, I my cross have taken
all to leave and follow thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken
thou from hence my all shall be
Perish every fond ambition
all I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own**

**Go, then, earthly fame and treasure
Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure
With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather
All must work for good to me**

**Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
joy to find in every station
something still to do or bear
Think what Spirit dwells within thee
Think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee
Child of heaven, canst thou repine**

**Haste thee on from grace to glory
armed by faith, and winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal days before thee
God's own hand shall guide us there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise**

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1825; Tune: Bill Moore, 2001; © 2001, Bill Moore Music

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Amen, Amen, Amen**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; Tune: Louis Bourgeois, Genevan Psalter, 1551 OLD HUNDREDTH

WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING (*hands outstretched*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Illuminate — *TODAY! & November 10*
Membership Class — *TODAY & October 20, 27*
Children's Communicant Class — *October 26*
Youth Scareoke — *October 27*
Spark Sleep Under — *November 1*
Chew on This! — *November 3, December 1*
Women's Brunch — *Nov 9th, 10am-noon*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, Visitor!

If you are a visitor to Restoration, we're so glad you've chosen to worship with us today. If you are looking for a church home, we'd love to connect with you and help you learn more about our church. Please text your name and e-mail address to **314.722.6212** to connect with our staff or receive our e-mail newsletter.

Community Groups

If you are interested in getting plugged into a community group, check out bit.ly/ResComCG. Please contact our Adult Ministries director Jenilyn Swett (Jenilyn@restorationcommunity.net) if you have further questions.

Membership Class

Are you interested in membership at Restoration or curious about our mission and vision as a church? Join us for our Membership Class! We'll get to know more about the church, each other, and how God is at work among us. The class will be held on **October 13, 20, and 27** from **3:30-5pm**, with dinner following on the 13th and 20th. Please sign up at tinyurl.com/ResComMembership or talk to Jenilyn after service.

Church Work Day

Thank you for those who came out to help yesterday!

Welcome Baby Ethan Lee!

Kristin and Joshua Lee, along with big sister **Hannah** and big brother **Caleb**, welcomed **Ethan** on *October 6, 2019 at 1:23pm*. Please pray for their transition to life as a family of five. If you'd like to bless them with a meal, please sign up at www.carecalendar.org (Calendar ID: 285513, Password: baby)

Communicant Class

Is your child interested in learning more about communion, or would they like to begin to participate in communion? Come to the Communicant Class on **October 26, 9-11am**. Taking the class is a necessary step for our children who want to begin to participate in the Lord's Supper at our church. We ask one parent to stay with your child for the class. Please RSVP to Bethany at childrens@restorationcommunity.net.

Illuminate

Our monthly youth service Illuminate meets **TONIGHT!** This is held on 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings **6:30-8:30pm** and consists of dinner, games, worship, teaching, and discussion. Youth, invite your friends!

Loaves & Fishes: October Needs

Our local ministry partner, **Loaves & Fishes** has a "Greatest Needs" list for each month and would appreciate donations from this list. A collection box is in the foyer so please drop off the items **by October 27**. Please check your Friday e-mail for the specific list of items they need this month.

Mercy Fund

If you are interested in contributing to the Deacon's Mercy Fund you can give any time by making a check with "Mercy Fund" in the memo line. If you have questions, contact our deacons at deacons@restorationcommunity.net.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

9 AM Sunday School / ACE (Adult Christian Education)

10 AM Gathered Worship

11:15 AM Refreshments & Fellowship

GET IN TOUCH WITH US

Office Hours: T/W/F 9 AM-3:30 PM

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