

**ORDER FOR THE CORPORATE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
*A Service of Celebration and Covenantal Renewal*  
 October 18, 2009

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME**

**MISSIONAL LIVING TESTIMONY—**  
 Room in the Inn, Mario Barone

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP GOD**  
*We gather to worship our God in spirit and in truth...*  
**I John 3:1-3** How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

**WORSHIPPING GOD THROUGH MUSIC**

**AFFIRMING THE GOSPEL WE BELIEVE—**  
**1 Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?**  
**A.** That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

**ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED FOR THE GOSPEL TODAY—**  
**THE PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD, PART 1—**

**This Gospel:**  
**Engaging the good news of Jesus—for heart and world**

**Colossians 1:6** - *All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God’s grace in all its truth.*

**Believing the Gospel**  
*(The Gospel-Centered Life, Lesson 3)*

**I. The Gospel as Lyric, Music and Dance**

**The gospel is like a great song: It has a lyric to know, a music to enjoy and a dance to learn.** Here is one of many portions of Scripture which demonstrates this reality...

**Galatians 3:26-4:7** - You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise. <sup>4:1</sup> What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. <sup>2</sup> He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. <sup>3</sup> So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. <sup>6</sup> Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

- **Lyric** – Biblical and theological reflections about the good news of Jesus.
- **Music** – The personal implications of the good news of Jesus for you and for me.
- **Dance** – The missional implications of the good news of Jesus for the community, the culture and the nations.

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD, PART 2**

**II. Two Important Gospel Lyrics—Often Missed, Tragically Lost**

- **PASSIVE RIGHTEOUSNESS:** “It’s called ‘passive righteousness’ because we do not have to labor for it... It is not righteousness that we work for, but righteousness we receive by faith... When there is any fear or our conscience is bothered, it is a sign that our ‘passive’ righteousness is out of sight and Christ is hidden... The person who wonders away from ‘passive’ righteousness has no other choice but to live by ‘works’ righteousness. If he does not depend on the work of Christ, he must depend on his own work. *Martin Luther*

**Romans 10:3** *Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness.*

**Romans 3:21-22** *But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.*

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SELF-ASSESSMENT:  
**ORPHANS VS. CHILDREN**  
 This is a practical exercise to reveal our sinful tendencies to manipulate life and our daily need to return to Christ. This exercise will humble you, which is on of the first steps in serving Christ and others. Read through each bulleted description from

THE ORPHAN	
Lacks a vital daily intimacy with God	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anxious about friends, money, school, grades, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feels as if no one cares about you	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lives on a success/fail basis	<input type="checkbox"/>
Needs to look good	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feels guilty and condemned	<input type="checkbox"/>
Struggles to trust things to God	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has to fix your problems	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not very teachable	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is defensive when accused of error or weakness	<input type="checkbox"/>
Needs to be right	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lacks confidence	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feels discouraged and defeated	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strong-willed with ideas, agendas, and opinions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solution to failure: “Try harder”	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has a critical spirit (complaining and bitterness)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tears others down	<input type="checkbox"/>
A “competent analyst” of others’ weakness	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tends to compare yourself with others	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feels powerless to defeat the flesh	<input type="checkbox"/>
Needs to be in control of situations and others	<input type="checkbox"/>
Looks for satisfaction in “positions”	<input type="checkbox"/>
Looks for satisfaction in “possessions”	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tends to be motivated by obligation and duty, not love	<input type="checkbox"/>

- **ADOPTION** “What is a Christian? The question can be answered in many ways, but the richest answer I know is that a Christian is one who has God as Father ... If you want to know how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God’s child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all... Adoption is...the highest privilege that the gospel offers: higher even than justification...” *J.I. Packer*

**SONG OF REFLECTION**

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD, PART 3**

**III. Life as an Orphan** – What happens when we don’t hear and enjoy the music of the gospel?

Gal. 4:15 *What has happened to all your joy?*

*con’t on back*

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left to right. Under “The Orphan” column, check the box if you see that tendency in yourself. Underline the words that most apply. Under “The Son/Daughter” column check the boxes that describe where you most want to grow, underlining the key words.

THE SON/DAUGHTER	
<input type="checkbox"/> Feels freed from worry because of God’s love for you	
<input type="checkbox"/> Learning to live in a daily partnership with God	
<input type="checkbox"/> Not fearful of God	
<input type="checkbox"/> Feels forgiven and totally accepted	
<input type="checkbox"/> A daily trust in God’s sovereign plan for your life	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer is a first resort	
<input type="checkbox"/> Content in relationships b/c you are accepted by God	
<input type="checkbox"/> Freedom from making a name for yourself	
<input type="checkbox"/> Is teachable by others	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open to criticism b/c you rest on Christ’s perfection	
<input type="checkbox"/> Able to examine your deeper motives	
<input type="checkbox"/> Able to take risks—even to fail	
<input type="checkbox"/> Encouraged by the Spirit working in you	
<input type="checkbox"/> Able to see god’s goodness in dark times	
<input type="checkbox"/> Content with what Christ has provided	
<input type="checkbox"/> Trusting less in self and more in the Holy Spirit	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aware of inability to fix life, people and problems	
<input type="checkbox"/> Is able to freely confess your faults to others	
<input type="checkbox"/> Doesn’t always have to be right	
<input type="checkbox"/> Does not gain value from man-made “props”	
<input type="checkbox"/> Experiences more and more victory over the flesh	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer is a vital, ongoing part of the day	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jesus is more and more the subject of conversation	
<input type="checkbox"/> God truly satisfies your soul	