

Sunday Mornings / The Gathering

June 15, 2025

Notes

Liturgy

Welcome and Announcements

(on screen)

Call to Worship and Invocation Prayer

Assigned - Begin by asking everyone to stand

Call to Worship - Zephaniah 3:9, 14-18

"For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the Lord and serve him with one accord.

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! 15 The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. 16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. 17 The Lord your God is in your midst, a

mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. 18 I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer

suffer reproach.

Invocation Prayer -

Heavenly Father, with the Psalmist, we pray,

Answer us, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good; turn to your people according to your abundant mercy.

Hide not your face from your servants, draw near to our souls, and sanctify our hearts through your indwelling Spirit and accept our worship through the work of your Son, Christ. Amen.

Adapted from Psalm 69:16-18

Opening Song

Revive us Again

Call to Confession

Elder asks the congregation to be seated and then calls to confession -

As we come to our time of confession today, listen to the words of Ezra from his prayer in Ezra chapter 9.

"O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens. From the days of our fathers to this day we have been in great guilt... O LORD, the God of Israel, you are just... Behold, we are before you in our guilt, for none can stand before you because of this."

Knowing these things to be just as true of us as they were of ancient Israel, let us together confess our sins to our merciful God. First, individually in silent prayer, and then I'll conclude our time with a prayer of corporate confession. Let us pray.

Prayer of Corporate Confession

Elder led -

Oh Lord, we come before you today, recognizing our total dependence on you to deal with our brokenness and sin. So broken are we that we need your grace even to understand that we need your grace! In our sin, we remain unwilling to confess our sinfulness until you open our eyes to it and break our hearts over it.

Lord, thank you for the conviction of our sins. Thank you for allowing us to see even the edges of the darkness in our hearts. Thank you for driving us back to you. Gracious and merciful God, we acknowledge our sin to you; we will not cover up our iniquities. To you, we confess our transgressions. Please forgive us, renew our spirits, and restore our relationship with you, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Elder

For our assurance of pardon today, listen to the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

2 O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

4 But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

6 my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

7 O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

8 And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Worship Song

Asks the congregation to stand and sing

The Power of the Cross

Call to Hear

Pastor Jody reads – 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Pastor Jody - "People of God, this is the Word of God!"

Congregation - "Thanks be to God!"

Prayer for Understanding

Pastor Jody- Prays and then asks the congregation to be seated.

Sermon

The preaching of God's Word followed by prayer – 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 "Growing up is hard to Do!"

Pastor Jody May

Call to Obey

Elder

Communion

Pastor Jody explains The Bread and the Wine

Followed by Family prayer over the Bread and the Wine – led by heads of households

Confession of Faith

* The Congregation will stand

Elder – "Christians, what do you believe?"

Congregation - recites the London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter 13, Section 1. All Who Are Saved Will Pursue Holiness

All who are united to Christ, effectually called, and regenerated with a new heart and spirit created in them through the work of Christ's death and resurrection are also in addition sanctified, both objectively and personally, 1 through the same work of Christ. They are sanctified by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them. 2 Through sanctification, the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed 3 and its various lusts are more and more weakened and killed. 4 Those who are sanctified are more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces 5 to the practice of true holiness, without which no one will see the Lord. 6

1. Acts 20:32; Romans 6:5-6

2. John 17:17; Ephesians 3:16-19; 1 Thessalonians 5:21-23

3. Romans 6:14

4. Galatians 5:24

5. Colossians 1:11

6. 2 Corinthians 7:1; Hebrews 12:14

Giving and Closing Song

The Wonderful Cross

Benediction

Pastor Jody - The Benediction (and Commission?)
