

Order of Service



Sunday, June 7, 2020

Message by Pastor Nick

In addition to his message, Pastor Nick will lead and record a short time of prayer in light of the events of these past weeks, and those that continue to unfold.

"God Will Guide But Not Override"

Based on the Question, "What Does it Mean to Seek God's will for Our Lives? How Do We Know What That Is?" Romans 12:1-8

We invite you to use this "order of service" today.

You might consider reading the texts and prayers aloud.

Words of songs might be sung, either acapella, or with the tracks that have been provided, by means of links. Simply click on the song titles.

Call to Worship

Come, bless the Lord who guides us,
whose wise teaching directs our days
and focuses our minds at night;
whose presence sustains us
and surrounds us here.

*We bless the Lord who is present among us.
We will not be shaken or live in fear,
but will sing God's praise
and worship with joy!*

From Psalm 16, by Christine Longhurst

Song [Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing](#)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Prayer

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that, if I do this,
You will lead me by the right road,
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore I will trust you always
though I may seem to be lost
and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.
Amen - *Written by Thomas Merton*

Invitation for Personal Prayers

*We invite you to offer up your own prayers in this time.
Whether silently or spoken out loud, praying for yourselves,
our community, country and world in this time.*

Song Lord I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
Where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Text Romans 12:1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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Song [Have Thine Own Way, Lord](#)

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

Benediction

All the way our Savior leads us,
What have we to ask beside?
Can we doubt His tender mercy,
Who through life has been our Guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in Him to dwell!

*For we know, whate'er befall us,
Jesus doeth all things well;*

From the song *All The Way My Savior Leads Me*