



SOJOURNERS
CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP 17/01/21

WELCOME TO SOJOURNERS CHURCH

WANDERING HEARTS FINDING REST IN JESUS

Thank you for joining us for worship today!

We would especially like to welcome you if you are visiting for the first time.

We realise that some of the elements of our worship may be unfamiliar to you. We have included a few notes in the margins to offer some explanations of the service to help you participate.

Sojourners Church opens its doors to everyone! We all have wandering hearts in need of rest.

If you have any questions or would simply like to learn more about our church, please feel free to speak to our ministers or to one of our leaders. We would also be grateful to receive any feedback.

OUR VISION

Our vision is for wandering hearts to find rest in Jesus

OUR VALUES

Through God's grace and dependent prayer, we want to strive for these things:

- Generous Hospitality
- Building Up and Sending Out
- A Heart for the City

PREPARATION

In preparation of the service we invite you to use the resources below to prepare your heart for worship.

Ordinary Time refers to parts of the church year that are not included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost.

January 17th, 2021

Ordinary Time - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

"I know nothing of any other Christ than he whom the Father gave and who died for me and for my sins, and I know that he is not angry with me, but is kind and gracious to me; for he would not otherwise have had the heart to die for me and for my benefit."

– MARTIN LUTHER

The Collect is a prayer that 'collects' the silent prayers of all assembled and gathers them into a succinct prayer to focus worship.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Eternal God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, is now exulted as Lord of all, and pours out his gifts upon the Church: grant it that that unity which only your Spirit can give, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

ORDER OF WORSHIP

In the Bible, the call to worship comes from God.

We need to be called because it is not our natural inclination to move towards God in worship. However, God Himself takes the initiative. He moves towards us with grace, and invites us to worship him.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Please stand*

Psalm 34.8-14

- ⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
- ⁹ Fear the Lord, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- ¹⁰ The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
- ¹¹ Come, my children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- ¹² Whoever of you loves life
and desires to see many good days,
- ¹³ keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from telling lies.
- ¹⁴ Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

A Hymn is a song of praise and worship to God. Christians sing together as a way of experiencing and responding to the truths about God they profess.

WORSHIP IN SONG *Words on screen*

Great are you Lord

David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

King of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood

Aware of God's holiness and our sinfulness, the Prayer of Confession invites us to honestly confess our sins. We are free to confess even our most grievous faults because no matter how deep our sin may be, God's grace in Jesus Christ is deeper still. Confession both acknowledges our need for grace whilst celebrating its abundant provision in Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all mercy,
we humbly admit that we need your help.
We have wandered from your way.
We have sinned in thought, word and deed
and have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us,
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit
that we may live in the new life of your glory.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

The Words of Encouragement assure us that God has promised to forgive those who confess their sins. They can be received with gratitude and joy because we are restored into relationship with God through the finished work of Jesus Christ.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father— Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2.1-2

Leader: Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

OFFERING

If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give. At Sojourners Church we encourage our members and regular attenders to give generously, recognising that all we have has been graciously given to us by God. Our offerings express our joyful dependence upon God and our commitment to join God in his work of renewal.

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

All 3 year olds to primary age children are invited to the front of the church. For the first two weeks of January Kids Packs will be provided. Sojo Kids will resume in the third week of January.

THE DOXOLOGY *Please stand*

Old Hundreth LM

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*The Word of God
is the primary
means by which
God speaks to us.
It is the ultimate
authority for what
we believe and
how we live. All
Scripture passages
are taken from the
New International
Version (NIV)
unless otherwise
noted.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Please be seated

Job 1.6-12

⁶ One day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them. ⁷ The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"

Satan answered the Lord, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it."

⁸ Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

⁹ "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied.

¹⁰ "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. ¹¹ But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

¹² The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger."

Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

Job 42.1-9

Then Job replied to the Lord:

²“I know that you can do all things;

no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

³You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’

Surely I spoke of things I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me to know.

⁴“You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak;

I will question you,
and you shall answer me.’

⁵My ears had heard of you
but now my eyes have seen you.

⁶Therefore I despise myself
and repent in dust and ashes.”

⁷ After the Lord had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, “I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has.” ⁸ So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has.” ⁹ So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite did what the Lord told them; and the Lord accepted Job’s prayer.

*The Spirit applies
the reading and
preaching of God's
Word to our hearts.*

*The sermon is a
powerful means
of challenging,
comforting, and
strengthening
God's people and
awakening new
faith.*

SERMON

Job | Meet the Wisdom's
Andrew Seedhom

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PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

We regularly pray for the needs of our congregation, our neighbourhood, and the world. Please submit your prayer requests to aseedhom@sojo.org.au

We join Christians around the world and throughout time by professing our faith using the words of the ancient creed.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

The word catholic means universal, referring to the universal church throughout the world and across time.

*We begin our
worship with
God's gracious
invitation, and
we conclude with
God's blessing.*

BENEDICTION

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

–Col. 3.16-17

*The Dismissal
reminds us that
while God calls
us to Himself, he
also sends us into
the world as his
ambassadors.*

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All: In the name of Christ. Amen!

POSTLUDE

We encourage you to take the opportunity to pray with one another after the service. You are also welcome to join us for Coffee Hour which will commence directly after the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Steps

If you would like to join a Sunday Team, or could use gifts to serve the Church in another way, we'd love to chat to you! Come and chat to a minister after the service or email:

aseedhom@sojo.org.au

Sojourners Forum

The Sojourners Forum is a day for Sojourners Church to prepare for the year ahead. If you serve in some capacity or consider Sojourners your home, this day is for you!

When: Saturday the 6th of February

Where: Werribee Baptist Church

Time: 10am-3pm

This will be a catered event. Childcare will be provided. More details to follow.

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INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

To the Parents of Young Children

Welcome! We are so glad you are here. In order to make the most of your time with us, may we suggest the following:

Relax! At Sojourners Church, we want to be a place where children are both seen and heard! So don't worry if your children wiggle around or make a little noise. This is God's house and all are welcome – especially the little children.

Feel welcome to sit toward the front of the sanctuary where it is easier for the children to see and hear. Feel free to quietly explain the different parts of the service to your children.

Sing the hymns, pray the prayers, and participate in the responses. Children learn how to worship by imitating you. If you have to step outside of the sanctuary during the service, feel free to do so.

We want to welcome children so they always know that the church is for them as much as it is for the rest of us!

Sojo Kids

Families at Sojourners Church are encouraged to engage their children in worship.

Children may join their families during the service in its entirety or may follow leaders to Sojo Kids following the "Prayer with Children."

Sojo Kids is for 3 year-olds to primary age children.

During Sojo Kids, children will learn how to worship God in response to his love for them, responding through song, prayer, and crafts.

After the service, parents should pick up their children from the room next to the sanctuary.

Children are welcome to enjoy fun with friends and family at coffee hour.

NEW TO SOJOURNERS?

If you are new to Sojourners, we'd love to get to know you!

Fill in a Connect Card and place it in the offering bag as it is passed around, or give it directly to a minister or leader after the service.

Coffee Hour commences straight after the service.

Stay around, have a drink and some food and meet some of the regulars at Sojourners Church.

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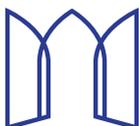
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