



CELEBRATE THE SEASON

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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Good morning church! I believe God is refining his church during this pandemic and we can reestablish these great practices for us as well. When it seems like our life is falling apart, it is actually fall into place when we truly follow God. When I became your Pastor 27 months ago, there was a sign hung above the doors of the Sanctuary and I recently put it up again because I really believe and desire this truth that “We are better together” as a church and community.

- Together we celebrate the BAPTISM of others who have joined God's family.
- Together we celebrate the LORD'S SUPPER for those committed to God & his family.

“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, **24** and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” **25** In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” **26** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **27** Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. **28** Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. **29** For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. **30** That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. **31** But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. **32** But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world. **33** So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another— **34** if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-34

- The Church gathers to edify the saints by devoted FELLOWSHIP.
- Baptism and the Lord's Supper marks a church as biblically GENUINE.

A couple of weeks ago, I and few of you attended a leadership conference online. I attended the Pastor's conference hosted by Dr. Jeff Iorg, Gateway Seminary president, who asked diagnostic questions as the church moves forward. "What have we stopped doing that does not need to come back?", "What have we started doing that we need to continue in the future?", "How has our internal culture changed?", "How can we mitigate the negative and accentuate the positive?" How has our community (mission field) changed and what does that mean for us?" We will discuss these questions during our prayer gathering every Sunday at 10:00am if you would like to join us. Today, let's share some personal stories of praise that God has done or shown you during these times.

Testimonies of Praise in this season

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: 2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; 3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6 a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace." **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8***