



Order of Worship

May 3, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Chronicles 29:11-13

Leader: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the victory and the majesty,
for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.
Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.
Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.
In your hand are power and might,
and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

All: *And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.*

SONG OF PRAISE

I Will Exalt

SONG OF SURRENDER

Belong to You / Blessed Assurance

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

All: *Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen*

Take a moment to confess your sins, knowing that he hears you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON & PRAYER

SONG OF SURRENDER

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 37

MESSAGE

Stay in The Story

SONG OF PRAISE

Goodness of God

SONG OF PRAISE

Hosanna

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING BLESSING

Ephesians 3:20-21

Leader: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly
than all that we ask or think,
according to the power at work within us,
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



Message Notes: Stay in The Story

Overview:

Theme: Worship by letting God _____ and _____ your story.

1. Your story will include both _____ and _____ things.

2. Your story unfolds in the _____ of God.

3. Your story _____ something about God.

4. Your story has a _____ designed by God.

5. Your story finds its ultimate meaning only in the _____ story.



Gospel Applications: Stay in The Story

1. What is your all-time favorite book or story outside the Bible? Think about the protagonist(s) and some of the challenges he/she/they had to face. What would the story be like without those challenges and tension?
2. What stood out to you the most this time through the Joseph story?
3. Put yourself in Joseph's shoes. What do you think the most anxious, frustrating, stressful moment or season would've been for you? Why?
4. What are some practical ways it helps you to remember that *everyone's* story includes both good and bad, joy and sorrow, successes and failures?
5. Why do you think the author repeatedly makes the point that the Lord was with Joseph when bad things were happening to him?
6. What are some times when you've questioned, "Where are you, God?" In those times, why did you think he was afar off? What were your underlying assumptions behind those thoughts?
7. What are the top 2-3 things you think your story is saying about God right now? What are you intentionally doing/saying to proclaim the truth about God? Are there any parts of your life (actions, words, reactions, attitudes, treasures, etc.) that are functionally telling a lie about God?
8. What are some of the God-given purposes of your life, according to the Bible? How is God still accomplishing that grand design even when/if he's not fulfilling your personal hopes, dreams, and plans?
9. How does the Gospel redeem your story, especially the dark and broken parts? How does the hope of eternal life with Jesus fundamentally change your story?
10. What one thing will you do with this message this week?