



Order of Worship

August 16, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 145:10-13

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

All: *We will speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.*

Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

All: *The LORD is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.*

SONG OF PRAISE

The Solid Rock

SONG OF PRAISE

Belong to You

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*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON & PRAYER

SONG OF RENEWAL

At The Foot of The Cross

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5-7

MESSAGE

Building A Kingdom Culture

COMMUNION

SONG OF PRAISE

Exalted over All

SONG OF EXPECTATION

Kingdom Come

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

Leader: The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace.



Message Notes: Building A Kingdom Culture

1. Recognize the problem.

One Big Idea: Instead of merely _____ the darkness of culture,
be a light that _____ and _____ Jesus.

2. Build your life around King Jesus.

1) Identify who/what is _____ your thinking.

2) Recognize the underlying _____ / _____ our culture serves.

3) Shift your fundamental _____ to King Jesus.

3. Simply follow the _____ of Jesus.



Questions for Gospel Reflection & Application

1. What's stood out to you the most through the first 6 lessons in this "CounterCulture" series? What's the biggest change you've begun to make in response?
2. Have you ever met a perpetual critic who was negative about everything, yet never had any new or better ideas? If so, how did you feel around that person?
3. What are some ways Christians "curse the darkness" (i.e. simply rail against something in culture? [Consider the spectrum of very conservative to very progressive Christians in your answer.]
4. What are some reasons we find it easier to criticize and tear down than to work on building/cultivating something better?
5. Thinking about the people you know and love, how do they decide what to believe/think/prioritize - and who do they allow to tell them what to believe?
6. In back-to-back paragraphs of The Sermon on The Mount, Jesus teaches us the importance of non-retaliatory forgiveness and a new sexual/marriage ethic. How does this fly in the face of both Eastern and Western cultures? What do you learn from this?
7. What stands out to you most about Jesus' positive teachings in The Sermon on The Mount? What's as countercultural now as it was then?
8. What are some practical ways you could build a kingdom culture in your home and/or your closest-knit relationships?
9. What are some practical ways you could build a kingdom culture in your vocation or job?
10. What one thing will you do to act on this message?