

March 4, 2018

## Reverence

Salutation

Call to Worship

*Psalm 146, Rev Matt Bostrom*

Song of Invocation

*O Worship the King/Immortal Invisible*

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

*Mark 9:14 - 24, Grace Carruth*

*That which a person chooses as a god, he sets his heart mainly upon. And nothing will so excite enmity as opposition to that which is dearest. A man will be the greatest enemy to him who opposes him in what he chooses for his god.*

— Jonathan Edwards

*When I consider where enduring happiness is to be found, I am driven to search for it in relation to God—the personal Creator of all things. Nothing seems more reasonable to me than that lasting happiness will never be found by a person who ignores or opposes his Creator. I am constantly astonished at people who say they believe in God but live as though happiness were to be found by giving him two percent of their attention. Surely the end of the ages will reveal this to be absurd.*

— John Piper

*The Christian cannot be satisfied so long as any human activity is either opposed to Christianity or out of all connection with Christianity. Christianity must pervade not merely all nations, but all of human thought. The Christian, therefore, cannot be indifferent to any branch of earnest human endeavor. It must all be brought into some relation to the gospel.... The Kingdom must be advanced not merely extensively, but also intensively. The Church must seek to conquer not merely every man for Christ, but also the whole of man.*

— J. Gresham Machen

*Confident hope breeds inward joy. The man who knows that his hope of glory will never fail him because of the great love of God, of which he has tasted, that man will hear music at midnight.*

— Charles Spurgeon

## Reconciliation

Scripture Call to Confession

*from Numbers 14:11, 19, Peter Morissette*

Confession of Sin

Song of Confession

*Help My Unbelief*

Assurance of God's Grace

*Various Scripture, Rev Matt Bostrom*

Song of Assurance

*Satisfied*

## Revelation

Prayers of the People

*Doug and Jodi Hammerstrom*

Jude Doxology

*(dismissal for Coram Deo kids)*

Sermon

*Acts 14, Rev Matt Bostrom*

1 Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed. 2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. 3 So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. 4 But the people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews and some with the apostles. 5 When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them, 6 they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country, 7 and there they continued to preach the gospel. 8 Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. 9 He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, 10 said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking. 11 And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" 12 Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. 13 And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. 14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, 15 "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. 16 In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. 17 Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." 18 Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them. 19 But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead.

## Announcements

Men's Study & Prayer ...  
Tues@ 6:30A@ My Fresh Basket

Young Adult Study ...  
Thurs@7:30P Bostrom's home

Ladies' Study...  
Wednesdays studying Exodus.  
9:30A @Joelle's 3924 S Bernard  
7P @Path of Life 103 E Indiana

Leadership Class...  
March 11th @ 5:45 - 7:15P  
My Fresh Basket

New Members' Class  
Friday Mar 16 @5:30-8P  
Saturday Mar 17 @9-12P  
Signup on the RED table

Easter 2018 ...  
Maundy Thursday @  
7:15P Good Friday @ 6:15P  
Nectar Events 120 N Stevens St  
Each service will be 1 hour!

Ladies' Retreat...  
Thurs. May 10th-Sat. May 12th  
Sandpoint, ID ... Cost \$80  
Signup on the RED table

## Purpose Statement

Coram Deo signifies "life in the presence of God." A relationship possible only by Jesus Christ's rescuing humanity through his gracious sacrifice. Christ's grace is evidenced in our ability to love God and man with:

- Convinced minds
- Cleansed hearts
- Captivated souls
- Committed hands

The community of Coram Deo desires to extend Christ to Spokane and equip the saints to serve.



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20 But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. 21 When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. 23 And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed. 24 Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. 25 And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, 26 and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. 27 And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. 28 And they remained no little time with the disciples.

## Response

Song of Response

*Be Thou My Vision*

Confession of Faith

*Heidelberg Catechism Q60, Anna Sproule*

Tithes and Offering

Hymn

*It Is Well With My Soul*

## Renewal

Lord's Supper / Invitation and Prayer

Words of Institution

*1 Corinthians 11:23 - 26*

Congregational Response / Distribution of the Elements

Hymn

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*

## Rest

*Benediction*

## Relevance

*A Prayer When Feeling "Outgunned" by the Opposition by Scotty Smith*

Gracious Father, there are times when the "odds" feel quite stacked against us, as your people. Sometimes it feels like we are outmanned and outgunned. With the naked eye, the enemies of justice, truth, and the gospel greatly seem to outnumber your "troops." Serving you feels quite overwhelming, at times even futile. Darkness on the outside and weakness on the inside wears us down.

But just when we begin to retreat into a basement of fear or question your concern and faithfulness, once again, as with Elisha, you open the eyes of our hearts and show us the way things really are—"those who are with us are more than those who are with them" (2 Kings 6:16). We praise you for your patience with us and your mercy towards us. You are always in control. Your time is always Swiss. Your ways are never in need of "tweaking."

But the way of the gospel will always be strength in weakness—the transforming treasure of the gospel in fragile clay pots, like us. It was three hundred poorly armed soldiers, not thirty-four thousand fighting men, you sent with Gideon to defeat the Midianite army. Jesse's youngest son, David, a young shepherd, was your choice to be the king of Israel. Most profoundly, it was the crucifixion of Jesus, not an insurrection of zealots, which won our salvation. Keep bringing us back to the cross, Father. There's room at the cross for believers, not just for non-believers.

The odds are never really stacked against your covenant purposes and your transforming kingdom. Father, we know you're not "trying" to do anything. You never have to resort to plan B. You never hedge your bets. You are God, and there is no other. So help us, and your servants throughout the world, not to become weary in preaching the gospel and planting churches, in doing justice and loving mercy; in doing the next right thing and praying the next prayer of faith. We will reap a harvest at the proper time, if we do not give up (Gal. 6:9), and the gospel is all the motivation, hope, and power we need to keep us from giving up.

Before Jesus returns, he will, most certainly, gather his pan-national bride; and when he returns, Jesus will finish making all things new. This unalterable, unassailable, unbelievably glorious plan of redemption will be fully realized. Our labors in the Lord are often exhausting and discouraging, but they are never in vain (1 Cor. 15:58). Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a salvation! So very Amen we pray, in Jesus' trustworthy and triumphant name.