

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hark! The Herald Angel's Sing # 93

SCRIPTURE READING

Sun- Kevin T.

Wed- Bob M.

HYMN

Love Divine # 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We plan to have only one service next Sunday at 10:30, and a meal following. Bring what you like and Happy New Year!

CLOSING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation # 186

"Contemporary worship" is a temporary-con. It is offering what the people want. When today's fad stops drawing the people then tomorrow a new fad will take its place. God described false religion in Isaiah's day being like the harlots wearing their garments and jewelry to attract their customers. The LORD called it "*changeable suits of apparel.*" (Is 3:16-24) That is what "contemporary worship" is. It is vain religion changing its apparel to attract its customers.

God, God's purpose and God's grace never changes. He says "*I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed*" (Mal 3: 6). He has given us faith to believe on "*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and forever*" (Heb 13: 8). God has robed us in the righteousness of his dear Son which is "*everlasting righteousness*" (Dan 9: 24). The gospel of God is the "*everlasting gospel*" (Rev 14: 6). The worship that the Spirit of God creates in the hearts of the saints never changes. There is no con to it and it is not temporary.

- Clay Curtis (Ewing, NJ)

ALL I NEED IS JESUS CHRIST

This time of year, I have often been asked by family members and friends, "Is there anything that you NEED that I can get you for Christmas?" Matter of fact there is. But you can't give it to me. Only God can. I need what I have needed all my life. I have always needed it. I needed it at the beginning of this year, and I need it now. I needed it yesterday, and I need it today. It is the one thing needful. I need a Savior. I need a Substitute. I need a Sacrifice. I need a Surety. I need Jesus Christ and so do you. With Christ, "*I have all, and abound; I am full...*" Christ is, "*An odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God. But my God shall supply all your NEED according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*" (Phil. 4:18-19)

- David Eddmenson (Madisonville, KY)

When the unbeliever dies, he has already experienced the best he shall ever enjoy. When the believer dies, he has already endured the worst he shall ever suffer.

- Joe Terrell (Rock Valley, IA)

TAUGHT OF GOD

John 6:45

All of God's children, in time, shall be taught of God. God the Father does not leave his children to just any teacher, He will do all the teaching. Our Father is a God of means, He will use his word, His Spirit, pastors, trials, all are his servants to teach us. What is the lesson? Who God is, who and what we are, who Jesus Christ is, what he did, who he did it for, where he is now. He will teach each child of his they're desperate need of Christ. Christ himself will be both lesson and teacher. Mat 11:29 "*Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*"

- John Chapman (Spring Lake, NC)

GIVING TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE LORD

And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, this is the thing which the LORD commanded, saying, *“Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass”* (Exodus 35: 4-5).

When Moses had received all the instruction from God for the building of the tabernacle, he told the people to give willingly to support the work of the Lord. In the reading of this chapter it is revealed to us that many people were made willing, *“As many as were willing hearted brought”* (Exodus 35:21, 22, 29). This scheme of giving was so successful that Moses had to command the people to stop giving because of the excess (Exodus 36:5-7).

This should be the pattern of giving for every believer. God has given to us the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:1-3, 16-17). He has also made us willing in the day of His power to believe and lovingly embrace Christ as all of our salvation (Psalm 110:3; Eph. 1:19). We have freely received all spiritual blessings because of Christ crucified and exalted to the throne of God (Rom.3:24; 8:32; Eph. 1:3). How can we who have been blessed so abundantly, not also generously and willingly give to support the ministry of Jesus Christ? Our Lord said, *“Freely have you received, freely give”* (Matt. 10:8), *“It is more blessed to give than to receive”* (Acts 20:35).

What a privilege it is to hear the gospel, to believe and to support it in every way by prayer, presence and pocket book. *“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work”* (2Cor. 9:7-9).

May God be pleased to give us a "willing heart" to cheerfully and faithfully give to support the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ!

- Tom Harding (Pikeville, KY)

San Diego Grace Fellowship

“But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.”
1Cor 1v23-24

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Service Times

Sunday - 9:30 AM

- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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