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SUNDAY WORSHIP

GATHERING EVERY SUNDAY AT 5 PM AVON THEATER

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THE ORDINARY YEAR

OCTOBER 17, 2010

GATHERING

REFLECTION

There are a few ways I can go to church. One, I am preoccupied and am there because I should be there. Two, I want to hear the Word and respond in worship, but it is all very private. It is Jesus and me, though I can overhear the crying babies around me. Three, I want to hear the Word and respond in worship, I want to do that together with my brothers and sisters, and, as soon as the service is over, I want to move toward someone. The moving toward doesn't have to be complicated. "How are you [really] doing?" is enough. When I move toward others on a Sunday ... I expect to have at least one more person to pray for.

— Ed Welch

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

To whom be the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

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HYMN OF ADORATION

TEN THOUSAND TIMES TEN THOUSAND

Words: Henry Alford, 1867

Ten thousand times ten thousand
in sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints
throng up the steeps of light:
'Tis finished, all is finished,
their fight with death and sin:
Fling open wide the golden gates,
and let the victors in.

What rush of alleluias fills
all the earth and sky!
What ringing of a thousand harps
bespeaks the triumph nigh!
O day, for which creation
and all its tribes were made;
O joy, for all its former woes
a thousand fold repaid!

O then what raptured greetings
on Canaan's happy shore;
What knitting severed friendships up
where partings are no more!
Then eyes with joy shall sparkle,
that brimmed with tears of late;
Orphans no longer fatherless,
nor widows desolate.

Bring near Thy great salvation,
Thou Lamb for sinners slain;
Fill up the roll of Thine elect,
then take Thy pow'r and reign;
Appear, Desire of nations,
Thine exiles long for home;
Show in the heav'ns Thy promised sign;
Thou Prince and Savior, come.

Nursery
Ages: 8 weeks – 3 years

Children's Lessons
"Beulah Land"
Age: 3
Structured nursery time including free play, Bible story, "work" time (artwork), and snack.

"Godly Play"
Ages: 4 – 9
Children are welcome to accompany their parents in church until dismissed for their lesson. Contact Bobby Bardin.

Each community group is asked to recruit 4 volunteers to serve in the nursery. Volunteers should arrive at 4:45 p.m. If your group can't participate on the assigned date, swap with another group at least a week in advance. Contact Bobby Bardin.

Tonight's Nursery
Denton-Hill CG

October 24 Nursery
Greer-Naftel CG

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

FROM THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Christians, what do you believe?

> **I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment. I am a member of Christ by faith, and thus partake of his anointing. He is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Ghost, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; and to be our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of his body, has redeemed us, and makes continual intercession with the Father for us; and also to be our eternal King, who governs us by his word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in that salvation, he has purchased for us.**

REMEMBERING THE GOSPEL

HYMN OF CONFESSION

GOD BE MERCIFUL

Words: Richard Redhead, 1853 (from Psalm 51)

God, be merciful to me,
on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within,
cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess,
grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace
and provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just,
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust
by Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice
and in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face,
blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew,
make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from Thee,
let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me
and return, O God, to Thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove,
and my tongue shall sing Thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall praise accord.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.

Jesus said, "You may ask for anything in my name."

Forgive us for trying to solve our problems without You.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Forgive us for living in fear, anxiety, and worry rather than trusting you.

Jesus said, "If you remain in me, and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

Forgive us for our spiritually barren lives and lack of zeal for your kingdom.

Jesus said, "Surely I am with you always."

Forgive us for doubting your loving presence and saving help.

(Silent Confession)

WORDS OF GRACE

FROM 1 JOHN 2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

ELEANOR MCLEAN HALL

BAPTISM HYMN

Words: Henriette L. Von Hayn, 1778

I am Jesus' little lamb
Ever glad at heart I am
For my Shepherd gently guides me
Knows my need and well provides me
Loves me every day the same
Even calls me by my name

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Here the leader intercedes for the congregation, community, and world at large)

The risen Christ is in our midst, so with Christ we pray,

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF GRACE

JESUS WHISPERS

Taken from the Gadsby Hymnal, #108
Words: Joseph Hart, 1759
Music: Clint Wells & Brian T. Murphy, 2004

Lamb of God, we fall before thee,
Humbly trusting in thy cross;
That alone be all our glory;
All things else are vain and loss.

Thee we own a perfect Savior,
Only source of all that's good:
Every grace and every favor
Comes to us through Jesus' blood.

Jesus whispers this sweet sentence,
"Son, thy sins are all forgiven."
Faith He gives us to believe,
Hearing ears and seeing eyes.

When we live on Jesus' merit,
Then we worship God aright,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Then we savingly unite.

Hear the whole conclusion of it;
Great or good, whate'er we call,
God, or King, or Priest, or Prophet,
Jesus Christ is All in All.

CHILDREN DISMISSED

TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH (GODLY PLAY — PRE-K THRU 3RD)

DEVOTED TO THE SCRIPTURES

HEARING GOD'S WORD

JAMES 1:19-27 (NIV)

[19]My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, [20]for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. [21]Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.
[22]Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. [23]Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror [24]and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. [25]But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it — he will be blessed in what he does.
[26]If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.
[27]Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

DOING THE WORD

Grace, mercy and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH OFFERING

HYMN OF OFFERING

** Please remain seated for offering hymn (congregation sings in unison).*

THERE IS A FOUNTAIN

Words: William Cowper, 1772

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy power to save,
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave.
Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave.

Lord, I believe Thou hast prepared, unworthy though I be,
For me a blood bought free reward, a golden harp for me!
'Tis strung and tuned for endless years, and formed by power divine,
To sound in God the Father's ears no other name but Thine.

The Passing of the Peace, or Pax Domini, is an ancient part of Christian worship and was established as an element of communion liturgy. Here we observe it as preparation for approaching the Lord's Table. Not to be seen simply as a "grab and gab" time, it is a moment where we joyfully but reverently express our union and reconciliation with each other in Christ.

We welcome all followers of Jesus Christ to partake in this sacrament of communion: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live in deeper communion with Jesus. If you are not a Christian, or you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is of benefit to you as you reflect on your relationship with Christ and with his people, the church.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Greet one another with a sign of friendship such as: "The peace of Christ be with you" & "And also with you.")

PREPARING FOR THE TABLE

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

It is good and right to do so!

Truly it is good and right that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting King. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven and all the Church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosannah!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosannah in the highest!

We break bread in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and proclaim the mystery of the faith.

Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

Therefore let us keep the feast.

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIANS

I know, O Lord, that you have risen. I feel the weakness and frailty of my flesh and my will. But I hope in the power of the gospel, the power of the resurrection. As I feast at your table, eating the bread and drinking the cup, fill me with life again. Sustain me by your grace that I might run in the path of your commands.

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH UNBELIEF

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

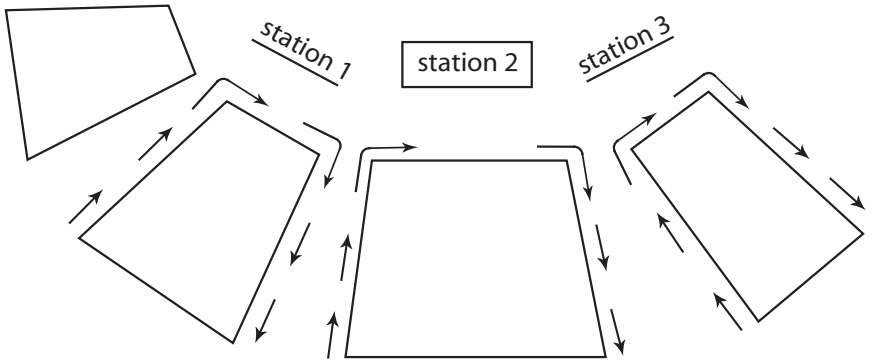
PRAYER FOR THOSE BEGINNING TO BELIEVE

God, I am beginning to see that I am more sinful and lost than I dared to believe, and yet in Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared to dream. I thank you for the work of Christ, his atoning death and his perfect life, which are credited to me when I turn from my sin and believe. Help me to embrace Christ as he is offered to me in the gospel, and in believing, help me live a new life.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIANS STRUGGLING WITH SIN

O Lord, my transgression is ever before me! It clings to me! Help me believe that the Gospel is bigger than my sin. Help me see that Jesus' work not only frees me from the penalty of sin, but also breaks sin's power. As I feast on the bread and wine, convince me that I am no longer struggling to be free from sin, but that in Christ I am now free to struggle with my sin.

FLOW OF COMMUNION LINES



We celebrate by coming forward to feast at the Lord's table. Please approach the table, break off a piece of the bread, and drink the wine from the common cup as it is offered to you. If you don't feel comfortable drinking the wine or are concerned for health reasons, there are smaller cups of juice available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New to Red Mountain Church? You'll get a chance to meet some folks during our worship services, but real relationships take time. Community groups are the best way to find your stride at RMC and to join in the life of the church. Groups meet in members' homes in neighborhoods across the city, and meeting formats vary. For more information about community groups or church membership, contact Adam Young.

Opportunity to Pray for RMC and Our City: Meet for prayer each Sunday before the worship service, 4:30 p.m. in the second-floor office suite. Contact David Chong, DAVEYPC@GMAIL.COM.

Announcements
To have an announcement added to the bulletin, email Stephanie Laughlin.

Lost & found
located in kitchen.

The Last Word
God always has the last word in our worship. Our tradition at Red Mountain Church is to extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

FOR CONTACT INFORMATION, SEE BACK PAGE.

CHURCH BUSINESS

Parent's Meeting: TONIGHT immediately following worship service. During this 45-minute meeting, church leadership will discuss the issue of spiritual formation for children, including worship, teaching/learning, community, and supporting parents. Childcare and happy meals will be provided for the kids.

Community Group Mixer: THIS WEEK, RMC community groups will be joining together for mixers across the city. Contact your CG leaders for more details.

Homewood Kids' CG: Mondays through October at 4 p.m. Open to all ages with a parent to accompany them. Join us for fellowship, crafts and stories. Contact BARDINS@ME.COM.

Fall Women's Bible Studies. Sunday Mornings: Meets every other Sunday, studying Philippians. Contact Sara Helms (SARA _ HELMS@YAHOO.COM). Monday Mornings: 9:30 a.m., reading Nancy Guthrie's *Hoping for Something Better*. Contact Meredith Grimm (MEREDITH.GRIMM@GMAIL.COM). Tuesday Evenings: 7 p.m., reading Nancy Guthrie's *Hoping for Something Better*. Contact Carolyn Adkins (CADKINS@BHAM.RR.COM).

MISSIONS & MERCY

Southtown's Afterschool Program is in need of snacks, backpacks and school supplies. If you or your CG are interested in supplying any of these needs, contact Marshall Pollard, MSPOLLAR@SAMFORD.EDU.

OUR COMMUNITY

Welcome Baby Dentici! Joseph IV "Fourth" was born on October 12, weighing a little less than 1 lb. Melissa is doing better, but Fourth is still at UAB Hospital. If you would like to provide a meal for Joe and Melissa, please email Lauren Denton at LAURENKDENTON@HOTMAIL.COM.

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CONNECTING WITH RED MOUNTAIN CHURCH

Tear off and place this in the offering basket to provide updated contact information, interest in membership, interest in serving or other important information for the pastors.

__ 1st-time visitor
__ Interested in more information about RMC
__ Prayer request

DATE _____

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

Other information (address, prayer request, interest in serving):

OUR PLACE

Within a few miles of Red Mountain lives all the diversity of Birmingham, Alabama. Throughout Southside, UAB, Highlands, Downtown, Lakeview, Avondale, Woodlawn, Crestwood and Homewood, the glory and the poverty of the city are mixed together. Red Mountain Church hopes to be deeply rooted in these few square miles. Stand in downtown Birmingham anytime day or night, and you will see "the friendless, the sorrowing, the rich, and the poor." This is our place!

OUR PURPOSE

To embrace and embody the gospel in the church and among all the people of Birmingham with the hope of seeing the joy and peace of Christ's kingdom come to our city.

OUR HOPES FOR BIRMINGHAM

That Christ will create, out of the diverse communities of our city, a new worshipping community, which will experience the grace, joy and freedom of the gospel. "Praise awaits you O God in Zion ... blessed are those you have chosen. We are filled with the good things of your house!" (Psalm 65)

That we will become a welcoming community, open to the skeptic, the seeker, the new convert and the struggling Christian. That we will meet needs (spiritual, physical, social), and share together in the life of Christ. "They broke bread in each other's homes with glad and sincere hearts, enjoying the favor of all the people. And God added to their number daily those who were being saved." (Acts 2)

That we will become a serving community that loves our city and which gives to, challenges and changes Birmingham through gospel ministries of word, justice and mercy. "They will be called Oaks of Righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor." (Isaiah 61)

That we will become a growing community that helps establish other churches around Birmingham, the nation and the world. "All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing." (Colossians 1)

WE BELIEVE...

WE BELIEVE that the gospel — as taught in Scripture and lived out through the church — changes everything