**Order of Worship**

**March 3, 2019**

**General Theme of This Week's Worship**

*As we embark on the new year, we will revisit our beliefs. No longer asking “why?” – this time, we’ll look at “what” we believe. We will be using the Apostles’ Creed as our historic spiritual foundation for these discussions, and each week we’ll examine one of the basic tenets of the faith found in the Creed. This week, we will look at the final elements of the Apostles’ Creed, with a special focus on the catholic church and eternity.*

**Scripture Cover of Bulletin***2 Corinthians 5:20 “We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.”*

***KNOWING CHRIST***

**Choral Introit**

**Welcome & Greeting**

**\*Call to Worship**

O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He is good!

 **We have come today to bring our best worship and praise!**

O sing unto the Lord, and tell of His salvation day to day

 **Christ offers us the forgiveness and healing that we desperately need!**

Great is our God and greatly to be praised

 **There is no one like our God in heaven or earth! Praise His holy name!**

**\*Hymn** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Call to Confession**

We pause to consider how far we may have wandered from our home with God. Have we turned away from the responsibilities bestowed upon us? Have we allowed ourselves to be discouraged by the speed-bumps of life in faith? Have we built up His Kingdom, or destroyed it without realizing? Wherever we have been, whoever we are…let us confess our sin to God. Let us pray…first in unison, and then in silence.

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

O Lord our God, we will not try to hide from you the wrong we have done or the good we have neglected. You know our transgressions. You have observed our pretensions. We have claimed the label “Christian,” but treated it far too lightly. O God, we are not worthy to be called your children. Grant us, we pray, your forgiveness and pardon, and a renewed sense of who you intend us to be and to become.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Gloria Patri**

***GROWING IN CHRIST***

**First Scripture**  2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**Choral Worship**

**Sermon**  **what we believe**: “The Last Couple Lines” Rev. Dino Rustin

 *(Ephesians 2:11-22)*

**Communion**

 **Invitation**

 **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

 **Words of Institution**

 **Communion of the People**

 **Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer**

 **insert prayer requests here**

***LIVING FOR CHRIST***

**Our Life Together**

**Call for Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*Hymn \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Postlude     \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**SCRIPTURES**

\*Ephesians 2:11-22

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)— **12**remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. **13**But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

**14**For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, **15**by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, **16**and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. **17**He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.**18**For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

**19**Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, **20**built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. **21**In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. **22**And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.**17**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:The old has gone, the new is here! **18**All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: **19**that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **20**We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. **21**God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.