

Liturgy Notes for the week of November 12, 2017

Liturgy: The Work of the People

Friends and strangers, passionate believers, hopeful skeptics: All are welcome as full participants or thoughtful observers.

If you are visiting, you'll find a card in the pew pocket explaining our liturgy. Fill out the back side and drop it in the basket to keep in touch.

This Week's Readings

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. – 1 Corinthians 1:23-24

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. – Romans 6:1-4

NOTES

See You Throughout the Week

- Lunch Today: Pinthouse Pizza
- Help our kids collect cans!
- 12/3: Ice Skating after liturgy

Community Group Discussion Guide

Community Groups are “Families on Mission.”

Learn more at AustinMustardSeed.org/CommunityGroups.

Use this guide to facilitate discussion in your group and in personal reflection.

Check-in

Always begin by checking in. This is a time for everyone in the group to speak briefly. You may choose to always use the basic check-in question “what was one high point and one low point from your past week?” or come up with an “icebreaker” of your own.

Sermon Synopsis // What happened at the cross?

Jesus was crucified by Romans on a hill outside Jerusalem two millennia ago. Christians understand that event to be a pivotal moment in history. We understand the implications of that week to be cosmic and personal – and everywhere in between. How should those events from thousands of years ago determine how we live today and lean in to tomorrow.

Discussion Questions

1. What thoughts and feelings do you experience when you think about the story of the cross? (Choose some of these or add your own.)

Love	Confusion	Guilt
Purpose	Safety	Skepticism
Caution	Hope	Value
2. If you've been baptized, do you remember it? What do you remember understanding about it at the time?
3. If you were part of a church as a child, what is something you understand about Jesus' crucifixion now that you didn't understand then?
4. What is a time you have seen someone live the way of the cross that might have appeared foolish but turned out to be a work of power and wisdom?
5. In the sermon, John described how the cross can be seen to offer both a 'transaction' to be welcomed in to God's work of new creation, as well as a 'transformation' into what how life is meant to be lived. Which one do you most need to experience in your current season of life?