

A community of believers devoted to the apostles' doctrine and fellowship in the breaking of bread and in prayers

Order of Worship - May 21, 2023

Call to worship and pastoral prayer

Hymnal #526: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Scripture Reading: Psalm 38

Sermon: The Gospel - An Anchor for the Soul

Colossians 1-3

Overhead: Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Testimonies: Daniela Mastaj, Michael Fitzgerald

Songbook #7: All I Have is Christ

Baptisms

Songbook #90: In Christ Alone

Overhead: Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

Baptism Questions

- Do you profess repentance toward God and faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ – His death, burial and resurrection?
- 2. Do you recognize that there is no work, including this work of baptism, that qualifies you for salvation—that it is by God's grace alone that you are saved?
- 3. Will you, by God's grace, trust Jesus Christ and follow Him all of your days as part of His church?

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Col. 1:13-14

You may give cheerfully in the offering box or through the Tithe.ly app

Visitors

- ▶ Put your welcome card in the offering box, we have free resources for you!
- ▶ Nursery available for children under age 3 during the sermon.
- ▶ Free evangelism materials in the foyer upstairs.
- ▶ Elders are available after service to pray or answer questions.

After Service

Light lunch following the service. Memorial service for Michael Cervera at 3 pm

> Elders Joseph LoSardo Damien Garofalo Eli Adamo Ibrahim Haro

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Paul Chiagoro
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Sermon Notes

The Gospel - An Anchor for the Soul

Colossians 1-3

- Introduction: The importance of a good anchor system to keep a ship from drifting away
 - Paul's purpose for writing the epistle to the Colossians
- II. A three prong anchor for the soul
 - A. Know that Christ is all you need (Col 1:15-17; 2:3,9)
 - All power, wisdom, mercy and grace are found in Christ, and as our head, He communicates them to us (Col 1:18-20)
 - B. Never forget the transforming grace of God in your life
 - 1. We were enslaved to the prince of darkness and He emancipated us (Col 1:13-14)
 - 2. We were in rebellion against God, and He reconciled us (Col 1:22)
 - 3. We were spiritually dead, and he revived us (Col 2:13)
 - C. Be assured that the one who began this good work in you is faithful, and will bring it to completion (Philip 1:6; Col 3:1-4)

III. Application:

Live in the reality of your union with Christ

- 1. Stay anchored to Christ (Col 2:6-7; 1 Cor 1:30)
- 2. Overcome sin in the power and strength of Christ (Col 1:9-12; 3:5,12)