

Sunday Worship

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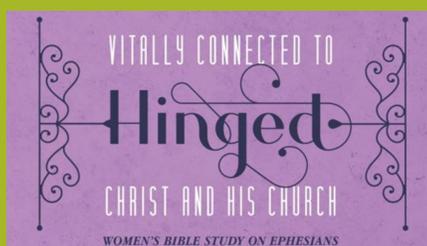
This online worship bulletin is designed to guide the COG family in worship on the Lord's Day at home while public gatherings are suspended. We pray that participating in worship this way, even though we're physically apart, will be a blessing to you and a reminder of our unity in Christ. Reach out any time!

Announcements



-RESCHEDULED-
Golf Outing

The Annual Golf Outing has been rescheduled from June to October 9, 2020. [Click here](#) to find out more information about this upcoming event.



The Women's Ministry will be hosting a Bible Study in conjunction with the National Women's Ministry Leadership of the PCA. [Please click here](#) to find out more information about the upcoming study and to sign up.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Call to Worship - John 16:33

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Graduate Testimony: Rachel Haines

(embedded in the worship video)

Song of Praise - Broken Vessels, sung by Laura Danko

(embedded in the worship video but also here: <https://youtu.be/8Aqza5DXfls>).

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:11

(embedded in the worship video)



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The Sermon: Seeking a Firm Future

YouTube <https://youtu.be/IfdaQ36t-C0>

Scripture Text: Jeremiah 29: 10-13

Intro.

Big Idea: Seek God wholeheartedly because His plans never fail.

1. Our plans can fall short (v10).
 - a. Interrupted plans can make us feel we've been abandoned
 - b. Our failed plans are part of a bigger story.
2. God has good plans for his people (v 11).
 - a. His plans are for our "prosperity" (Hebrew: Shalom).
 - b. His plans are for our redemption in Christ Jesus.
3. Seeking God wholeheartedly brings hope for the future (v 12-13)

Song of Praise - Miracles, by Blake Ruby

(included in the sermon video)

Questions for discussion / reflection

Question 1: What plans have you made in the last few months that have fallen short? What plans are you uncertain about for the future?

Question 2: Do you ever struggle with believing that God's desire is for your good and wholeness? Do you ever wonder whether he has the power to make you whole?

Question 3: Have you experienced a time when you sought after God wholeheartedly in a crisis or time of uncertainty? How did he meet you in your need?

Digging Deeper

Question: Read Jeremiah 29: 4-9, the first part of Jeremiah's letter to the Babylonian exiles. If Christians are "exiles" in the world (1 Peter 2:11), how might this passage apply to our perspectives on our lives now?

How we can pray

- Pray for our state and national leaders as they evaluate and make plans for the gradual lifting of stay-at-home orders.
- Pray for those in our families and community who are sick or suffering, that they would know God's healing power and faithful presence.
- Pray for COG leaders who are making plans for the eventual reopening of the church building, that God would guide them in humility, truth, unity and wisdom.