



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude ..... Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship ..... Chris Kimbrell
- Trinity Hymnal No. 1 ..... "All People that on Earth Do Dwell"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise ..... Seth Lirette
- Trinity Hymnal No. 109 ..... "This is My Father's World"
- Trinity Hymnal No. 487 ..... "Faith of Our Fathers"
- The Reading of the Word — *Genesis 16:1-21* ..... Hal Pritchard
- Trinity Hymnal No. 271 ..... "How Sweet and Awful is the Place"
- The Pastoral Prayer ..... Pastor Winn
- The Sermon — "Go Into All the World" (*Mark 16:15*) ..... Pastor Winn
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Trinity Hymnal No. 679 ..... "The Light of the World is Jesus"
- The Benediction ..... Hal Pritchard
- The Postlude

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# EVENING WORSHIP

- The Prelude ..... Prepare your heart for worship
- Baptist Hymnal No. 3 ..... "Worthy of Worship"
- Baptist Hymnal No. 60 ..... "Be Thou My Vision"
- The Sermon — "A Parable for Troubled Times" (*Ezekiel 17:3*) ..... Hal Pritchard
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Baptist Hymnal No. 290 ..... "I am Thine, O Lord"
- The Benediction ..... Pastor Winn
- The Postlude



# COMMENTARY

Leonard De Chirico

The final section of the gospel of Mark is an unusual text in many respects. Its belonging to the original gospel of Mark is disputed, and it contains several elements that make it unique. In this text, the risen Christ sends His disciples into the world (Mark 16:15), and in doing so He calls them to grapple with three challenges.

## CONDEMNATION'S REALITY

Condemnation is part of the message. The Lord commands His disciples to preach the good news to all creation, and those who believe shall be saved. So far so good. But here comes another piece: "Whoever does not believe will be condemned" (v. 16). The other side of the coin is that condemnation for those who don't believe is as real as salvation is for those who do believe.

Condemnation means being judged and exiled from the kingdom of God. Especially in our generation, this sounds arrogant, outmoded, divisive, and politically incorrect. Yet, it is part of the outcome of the message of the gospel. The good news is not a message of universal salvation for all, regardless of the response. Either we believe and we are saved or we don't believe and we are condemned. Our moral obligation as Christians is to be faithful to the message by preaching it graciously and truthfully.

## SUPERNATURAL REALITIES

The supernatural intersects with the ordinary at the end of Mark. The text is also replete with references to unusual things:

demons, new tongues, snakes, deadly poison, and healings.

Many supernatural events that involve these things and experiences appear in the book of Acts. We are confronted with a world that is affected by and open to the supernatural. God is sovereign over the natural, cyclical, predictable events and is sovereign over the unpredictable and extraordinary as well.

The point here is that the supernatural is part of God's created reality and that God is free to act in ordinary and extraordinary ways. Our battle is not against flesh and blood but against our spiritual enemy.

## SEATED AND GOING

The One sitting is also the One who is changing the world. After commissioning His disciples, the risen Lord ascended to heaven and sat at the right hand of God (v. 19). As King of the universe, Jesus is seated now on the throne. Yet Christ, by His Spirit, continues to work.

In the outworking of His mission, there is a contrast. While Jesus is seated, His friends go out. While Jesus is on the throne, His disciples are on the road. King Jesus chooses to act through us.

Our life is not yet a place of rest but a road to walk and a world to reach. This is another unique aspect of this unusual text.



# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Today's Nursery Volunteers

<b>April 18th</b>
<i>Morning</i> Rhia McDonough & Naidia Poirier
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Bethany Wallace & Wendy Winn
<i>Wednesday - April 21<sup>st</sup></i> Amanda Spansel

Today's Sound Operator - Daniel Ranck



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Drill and Children's Choir and 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir will meet this afternoon at 5:30 pm.

Pastor Tiago and his family will arrive in Jackson late on April 20<sup>th</sup> and depart early on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please be in prayer for them as they fly in. He and Marta will give an update in Sunday School and he will preach in the morning service on April 25<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help with their travel expenses, please note on your check memo or in your Venmo description, Oliveira's Travel Expenses.

There will be a churchwide crawfish boil on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at the church. The cost is \$10/adult. Kids eat free. There is a sign up list on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. See Seth if you have any questions.

VBS is June 1-4<sup>th</sup> and volunteers are still needed. We will pass out door hangers in the community on May 2<sup>nd</sup> following the afternoon service. There are CAMEL DONATIONS still on wall behind the sanctuary. Please take time to look over them and grab what you can to donate toward VBS this year!



Wednesday Night Meal begins at 5:45 pm. Prayer Meeting begins at 6:30 pm.

There will be a fellowship for the Oliveira's next Sunday evening. Please see the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



State Drill will be April 22<sup>nd</sup> at First Baptist Church, Clinton from 2-5 pm.



Oatmeal, sugar, and flour

