



ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 25th, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell
- Trinity Hymnal No. 6 "All Ye That Fear Jehovah's Name"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise Hal Pritchard
- Trinity Hymnal No. 220 "Blessed Jesus at Thy Word"
- Trinity Hymnal No. 460 "Love Divine All Loves Excelling"
- The Reading of the Word — *Isaiah 58:1-14* Hal Pritchard
- Trinity Hymnal No. 732 "I Asked the Lord that I Might Grow"
- The Pastoral Prayer Pastor Winn
- The Sermon — *John 5:1-18* Tiago Oliveira
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Trinity Hymnal No. 684 "Bring Them In"
- The Benediction Hal Pritchard
- The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- Baptist Hymnal No. 406 "On Christ the Solid Rock"
- Baptist Hymnal No. 546 "Love Lifted Me"
- The Sermon — "The Stubborn Call to Repentance" (*Ezekiel 18*) Hal Pritchard
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Baptist Hymnal No. 280 "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"
- The Benediction Pastor Winn
- The Postlude



COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

One thing that most Christian heresies have in common is a denial of the deity of Christ, often accompanied by the assertion that Jesus never claimed to be God. Now, it is true that the Gospels never record our Savior directly saying, “I am God”; however, a careful reading of the New Testament shows that Jesus on several occasions taught things that amounted to a claim of deity. His teaching was so clear, in fact, that His earthly enemies understood what He was ultimately saying about Himself. We see this in today’s passage, where John says the Jewish leaders sought to kill Jesus because He made “himself equal with God” (John 5:18).

How did Jesus make Himself equal with God on the occasion recorded in John 5:15–18? He told the leaders that He had the same right to work on the Sabbath that His Father did. The work He did was to heal the man at Bethesda, and while the old covenant law did not actually forbid healing and doing other works of mercy on the Sabbath (Matt. 12:9–14), many of the religious leaders hated Jesus so much that they would not abide His helping people on the holy day of rest. But Jesus, when He was confronted about the healing at Bethesda, did not appeal to the lawfulness of serving others on the Sabbath. Instead, He appealed to His Father’s sovereign prerogative to labor on the Sabbath and associated His own working with that same authority. Since God revealed the Sabbath law, He has the ultimate right to interpret it correctly and to do what He will on the Sabbath. There should

be no wonder, then, that the leaders who were opposing Jesus understood Him to be claiming equality with God. In essence, our Lord was saying He had the same right to do what He wanted on the Sabbath that the Creator has.

Scripture says that God rested on the seventh day and yet that He continues to work (Gen. 2:1–3; John 5:17). He rested from His labor of the original creation but has continued to uphold and sustain the universe (Heb. 1:1–4). He has continued to preserve and even restore His creation, so it is right to preserve life on the Sabbath. John Calvin comments on today’s passage that God “did not cease to sustain by this power the world which he had made, to govern it by his wisdom, to support it by his goodness, and to regulate all things according to his pleasure, both in heaven and on earth. In six days, therefore, the creation of the world was completed, but the administration of it is still continued, and God incessantly works in maintaining and preserving the order of it.”

Coram Deo: God’s rest on the Sabbath is a model for ours (Gen. 2:1–3). Thus, if God works on the Sabbath to preserve the universe, the cessation of ordinary labor on the Sabbath does not equal idleness on our part. We are called to do what is necessary to preserve life even on the Lord’s Day and to do works of mercy for the sake of others both on the Lord’s Day and throughout the week.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

April 25th
<i>Morning</i> Claire Shortes & Lana Wakefield
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Elise de Waal & Ashley Lirette
<i>Wednesday - April 28th</i> Katherine Ranck

Today's Sound Operator - Richard Jackson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Pastor Tiago and his family. He will be preaching for us this morning. Be in prayer from them as they return to Washington D.C. early Monday morning. It was a joy to have them with us for these few days. 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.



Congratulations to those that completed State Bible Drill this past week: August Irving, Carter Kimbrell, Lilli Price, John Spansel, Catherine Spansel, and Brooke-Ellen Wallace. We thank those who worked with them to prepare them the Bible Drill.



We will have our 2021 first quarter business meeting next Sunday immediately following our fellowship meal.

There will be a fellowship for the Oliveira's this evening following our evening service. Please see the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Choir and 1st-6th Grade Choir will meet this afternoon at 5:30 pm.

VBS is June 1-4th and volunteers are still needed. We will pass out door hangers in the community on May 2nd 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!



Oatmeal, sugar, and flour

