

St John Church of Christ

February 23, 2020

Order of Worship

Worship Leader: Jerry

Gathering Song: No. 238 You
Are the Song That I Sing

Welcome: Tom

Scripture Reading: Ned
Romans 8:38–39

Songs

No. 120 Gods Love Medley

No. 76 How Great Thou Art

No. 803 Turn My Heart

Prayer: Fred

Song No. 367 The Scars in the
Hands of Jesus

Communion: Richard

assisted by

Ben, Orrin, Darrel

Song: No. 535 The Glory-Land
Way

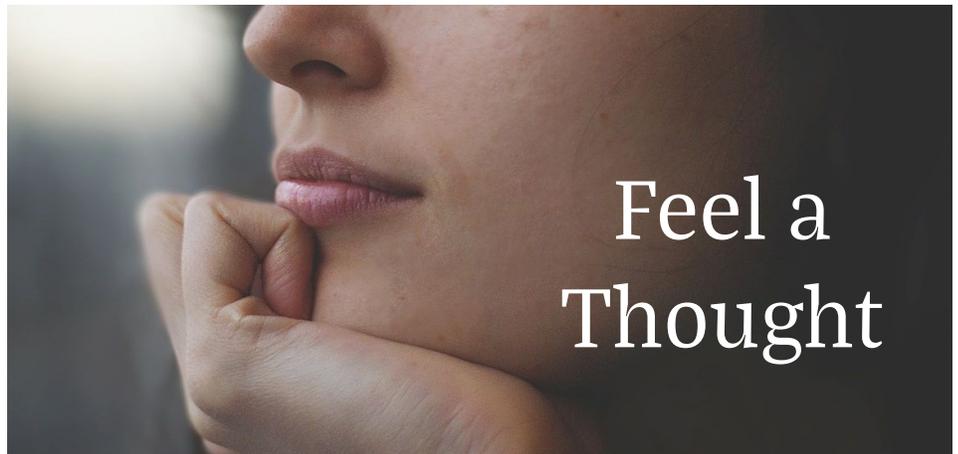
Lesson: The Lazurus Factor

John Chapter 11:1–44

Song No. 904 Have You Been
to Jesus? (1st verse)

Prayer: Chris

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Feel a Thought

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. – Paul, Colossians 3:16, 17

“Where words leave off, music begins.” – Heinrich Heine

Why does God want us to sing? If all we are supposed to do is “teach and admonish one another,” then it would seem a good sermon or Bible class would be far more appropriate than singing.

“Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent”
– Victor Hugo

While a lesson appeals to our intellect, music is played with our

hearts (Ephesians 5:19), and the heart is a powerful thing. You can reason with an intellect, but not so much with the seat of feelings. Perhaps that explains why we feel so strongly about our tastes in music.

My Orthodox friends love the ancient monophonic chants. And because they feel so strongly about their style of music, they believe four-part harmony distracts from the sacred texts with its unnatural ornamentation. So should we only chant?

On the other hand, my young Millennial friends long for total immersion in the worship experience. Their ears are delighted with overwhelming explosions of sound. Their eyes watch colorful backdrops of pictures moving with the beat of the music, and their whole-body shakes with the tactile experience of rhythmic movement, clapping and lifting

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holy hands. For them, worship in song involves as many different senses as possible. Simple song is drab in comparison.

My southern Sacred Harp friends delight in camp meeting choruses and shape notes, while my sophisticated choral friends believe in offering only the best music to God. Perfect pitch, spot-on timing, and virtuosity are the keys to a successful performance before God. Nothing else will do.

So what kind of music does God enjoy? Chants? Stately hymns or rambunctious praise? Perhaps the answer can be found in Who God is: our Father. And I know Fathers love the music of their children, especially when that music comes from their loving hearts.

Be filled with the Spirit, making melody to the Lord with your heart,
– Paul, Ephesians 5:18, 19

“Words make you think. Music makes you feel. A song makes you feel a thought.” – E.Y. Harburg



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News and Notes

Big Changes on Wednesday Nights

Join us on Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. as we continue to study Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Wednesday nights, from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m. we are having a parenting class as well as our regular children's Bible classes.

Someone once said, “Faith allows us to step into the future without understanding the present.”

The worst thing about TV is not what it puts into our mind so much as what it prevents us from doing. Watching television kills intimacy and conversation and disrupts sustained thought. Therapist Dolores Curren asked a family to write down the phrases most heard around the house over a two-week period. The two chart-toppers stunned the family: “What's on?” and “Move.”

– John Ortberg, *The Life You've Always Wanted*



For Your Prayers

Prayers of confession recognize we are not perfect people. This intimate prayer calls for reflection and honesty as we admit our sins and ask for God's forgiveness.

Forgiveness is God's greatest blessing!

More About Us

Meeting Times

- **Sundays**
 - ◇ Leisure Homestead 9:30 A.M.
 - ◇ Bible Study for All Ages 10:00 A.M.
 - ◇ Worship 11:00 A.M.
- **Wednesdays**
 - ◇ Community Bible Study 2:00 P.M.
 - ◇ Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.
- **Every Other Monday**
 - ◇ Ladies' Bible Class 7:00 P.M.

Saturday Bible Study

The Dodge City church of Christ invites you for a day of in-depth Bible study of the book of John on Saturday, February 29th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Anthony Lyons and Gary L. Bennett will be the study facilitators.