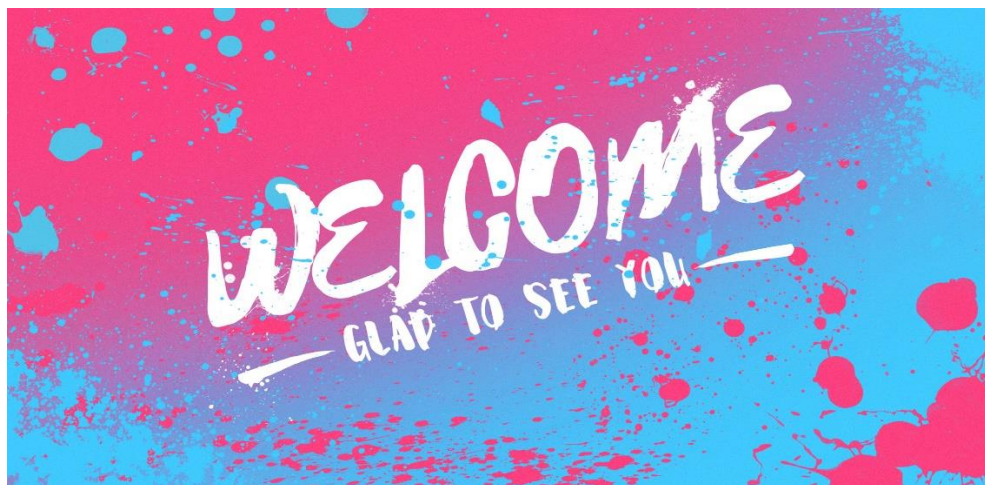


Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC..... Dan Kent
SINGING TOGETHER Great are you Lord (raise your hands)
PRAYER
SINGING TOGETHER Blessed be your name
Grace
UPDATES Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Ten thousand reasons (bless the Lord O my soul)
BIBLE READING Philippians 1:1-11 (Church Bible page 1230)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER When peace like a river (it is well)



Restored ~4 How God helps us persevere. Philippians 1:1-11

'God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished.' Philippians 1:6 NLT

'My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that the grace of God is with you no matter what happens.' 1 Peter 5:11 NLT

God's sustaining grace...

1. Helps me keep standing when I'm _____.

'Watch out for attacks from the devil, your great enemy. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour. Take a firm stand against him and so be strong in the faith.' 1 Peter 5:8-9 NLT

'But remember that the temptations that come into your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it.' 1 Corinthians 10:13 NLT

2. Helps me keep standing when I'm _____.

'And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up.' Galatians 6:9 LB

'It is God who gives us the ability to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us and He has identified us as His own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts.'
2 Corinthians 1:21-22 NLT

'Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.' Genesis 6:8 KJV

'For God is at work within you, giving you the will and the power to achieve His purpose.' Philippians 2:13 JBP

3. Helps me keep standing when I'm _____.

'So don't worry, because I am with you. Don't be afraid, because I am your God. I will make you strong and will help you; I will support you with my right hand that saves you.' Isaiah 41:10 NCV

'God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.'
Psalm 46:1 NLT

How to receive God's sustaining grace...

1. Call out for God's _____.

'God gives grace to the humble. So give yourselves completely to God. Draw close to God and God will draw close to you.' James 4:6-8 NCV/NLT

2. Fill your mind with God's _____.

'I am completely discouraged; revive me by Your word.' Psalm 119:25 NLT

3. Accept support from God's _____.

'By helping each other with your troubles, you truly obey the law of Christ.'
Galatians 6:2 NCV

4. Hold on to God's _____.

'He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youth grow tired. But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint.' Isaiah 40:29-31 NIV

'So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever.' 2 Corinthians 4:18 NLT

'I begged the Lord three times to take this problem away from me. But He said to me, 'My grace is enough for you. When you are weak, then My power is made perfect in you.' 2 Corinthians 12:8-9 NCV



1. Read 1 Peter 5:8–9. Who is the lion referred to in this verse?
2. How will God provide for us when we are faced with temptation, according to 1 Corinthians 10:13?
 - What are some common temptations we all face in our day-to-day lives?
 - What can we do to ensure that we have a firm stance necessary to resist temptation?
 - How can fellowship with others in Christ help us resist temptation?
3. In 2 Corinthians 1:21–22, what does Paul say God has placed in our hearts in order that we may have grace?
 - What difference should the truth of these verses make when we feel tired or overwhelmed?
4. Who does the Bible say works in us in Philippians 2:13? What reason is he at work in us?
 - God never requires anything without giving the strength to do it. Discuss some examples of times when we become overtired. What are practical ways we can rely on God to help us through?
 - List several ways God energizes us when we are tired.
 - How can we protect ourselves from becoming overtired?
5. According to Isaiah 41:10, where is God when we need him?
 - What comfort do Isaiah's words offer us when we are feeling troubled?
6. In Psalm 46:1, what is God prepared to do in times of trouble?
 - God wants us to wholly rely upon him. Times of trouble and grief tend to spur us to rely on him. List examples of difficult circumstances that could work to pull us in toward Christ.
 - What steps can we take to give our troubles to God?
 - How can prayer help us see God's power in our lives?
7. In Psalm 119:25, how did the psalmist deal with his time of discouragement?
8. What advice does Isaiah 40:29–31 and 2 Corinthians 4:18 offer us as we hold on to God's promises?

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