

Sandhills Presbyterian Church

Sunday Evening Service
May 8, 2011

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

A time of quiet preparation for worship

MEDITATION

I am on a journey. But I am convinced it is not just a journey for pastors. I am convinced these questions are critical for the larger community of faith in our country today. I am convinced that we as Christ followers in American churches have embraced values and ideas that are not only unbiblical but that actually contradict the gospel we claim to believe. And I am convinced we have a choice. I could not help but think that somewhere along the way we had missed what is radical about our faith and replaced it with what is comfortable. We were settling for a Christianity that revolves around catering to ourselves when the central message of Christianity is actually about abandoning ourselves. David Platt

This is where Eve fell, and Adam right behind her. Satan suggested, back in the garden, that somehow God was withholding something good from the humans, something that, in fact, would make them like him. Eve started to see God not as Father but as rival, and that's when she struck out to grab what he was holding back from her. Her appetites, Satan said, were a more reliable guide to what she needed than the word of her God.

Russell D. Moore

***GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP**

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

Psalm 96:1-6

***GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE**

O Father You Are Sovereign

PASTORAL PRAYER

UNISON READING

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, LORD; teach me your decrees. With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

Psalm 119:9-16

***GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE**

The Law of God is Good and Wise

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

Galatians 3:19-25

"Paul, are you sure you want to say that?"

Senior Pastor, Kevin Skogen

***GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE**

Abide with Me

***BENEDICTION**

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**Those who are able, please stand.*

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