



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship — 9 September 2018

Theme for the Year: "King Jesus Must Reign" (1 Corinthians 15:25)

Prelude	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>
Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymn	434 - <i>Our Great Saviour</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	2 Corinthians 4:1-18
Hymn	310 - <i>The Light of the World</i>
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Haggai 2:1-9
Hymn	476 - <i>May the Mind of Christ My Saviour</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Overcoming Disappointment"
*Closing Hymn	358 - <i>Not a Disappointment</i>
*Benediction & <i>Threefold Amen</i>	
Silent Prayer & Postlude	
Announcements	* <i>Congregation standing</i>

†Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

††Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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The Angry Person: Always the Last to Know

by Ed Welch

Only once have I rebuked a class of students. Some of the students were not putting in any effort. I stopped for a moment and spoke personally to them.

I said something like, "Some of you are not prepared for class and are just going through the motions. I want you to consider what you are doing here and decide if you want to continue."

And a handful of students went home and repented. The next day they came and asked my forgiveness. They were, of course, the wrong students.

The ones who repented were diligent and faithful. Ideal students. The students who didn't have the problem heard me; the ones who had the problem were deaf.

This "deafness" is common, but with some sins, the consequences are far worse than those of uncommitted students. I am talking again about anger.

The problem with anger is that those who don't have the problem take it to heart; those who are angry are confident in their rightness and over time can become massively, utterly, completely deluded, blind and (this is no exaggeration) can feel quite good about themselves after bludgeoning someone close them, as if they have set the world aright. Arrgghh. I hate anger.

But I also want to hate this evil in myself before I hate it in other people.

How? By zeroing in on the more subtle expressions of anger, such as a critical attitude toward someone, complaining, not wanting another's best, jealousy at the level of my imagination, any hint of "I am right and you are wrong," sarcasm, or "whatever."

I want to keep asking my wife and at least one other person if they have seen me frustrated or angry. I want to have no wiggle room for righteous indignation.

By that I mean that since ninety-nine percent of my anger is sinful, I don't want to give tacit permission to my frustration by calling it righteous indignation.

If I am angry because of what was done to another person I am on safer ground. If I am angry because of what someone did to me, I am always wrong.

"Be angry and don't sin" – forget about trying to master that one. Don't let it authorize one blasted scrap of anger.

Now, back to the matter of the how the angry person doesn't get the message.

This should scare us all, unless, of course, we are certain that we have a problem with anger.

If you believe you have a problem with anger, if you have confessed that to others, and if you have a ruthless agenda for putting this monster to death, then you are in the advanced course of sanctification and please feel free to teach the rest of us.

For the rest of us, here are a few questions.

Do you stretch and enlarge the category of anger so it includes you? I know a man who doesn't think he is angry even though every hour or so he threatens to rip off someone's head.

His narrow definition of anger? An angry person actually rips off someone's head. Since he only wants to rip off someone's head, he isn't angry.

Have you enlarged the spectrum of your anger by filling in some of the details from the Sermon on the Mount? (Matthew 5:21-22) For example, at one extreme is murder, at the other is our internal muttering, "what a jerk."

What's in between? Of course, everything on this spectrum is murderous.

In the last six months have you confessed your sin of anger, to both God and the injured person?

In the last six months have you asked those closest to you, "When have you seen me angry in the last few weeks?" When will you ask them?

Is the real cause of your frustration/anger usually something or

someone other than you? Do you understand the real cause is not "them" and is really "I want and I'm not getting what I want"? (James 4:1-10)

Do you know that Jesus was never angry because of something done to him? Do you care? Are you ever wrong?

Angry people, against all the odds, are nearly always right. "Do you have a right to be angry?" This is God's patient question to Jonah.

In a world where we are god, anger makes perfect sense. Anger stands above all things in omniscient and infallible judgment.

But in the real world, where we are creatures and not the Creator, and where the Creator chose the path of a servant in order to rescue, comfort and encourage, our anger is ugly and perverse.

Lord, help us to recognize our anger and not be the "last to know" about it. Be merciful to us and give us power to show mercy.

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Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (9.9.18)</i>	<i>Next Week (16.9.18)</i>
Speaker	Glen Lock	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Jimmy Orchard	Mark Chen
Pianist	Edward Lim	Elizabeth Huang
Welcomers	Johnny & Lydia Orchard	John & Adeline Ng
Offering Stewards	Ken Chong*, Ethan Huang* David Pang, Micah Chiang	Chris Budiman*, Jansen Ng* Rex Sriharan, Yen Fye Yap
Ushers	Jesslyn Leow, Putri Harapan	Josephine Austin, Joyce Ng
Kitchen Duties	Angela Yap*, Adeline Ng Jemima Ng	Nancy Lim*, Lisa Lim Rosemary Fitzpatrick
PA Duty	Ian Tay	Raymond Woo
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>14 September 2018</i>	<i>21 September 2018</i>
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Pianist	Ian Tay	Eugene Lim

Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshipers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship and tea.
2. Next week's message: "C'est La Vie!" (Ecclesiastes 7:15-29).
3. Next week's Junior Worship message: "The First Christian to Die" (Acts 7:54-8:4). Speaker: Tee Xuan.
4. We welcome Rev Glen Lock to our pulpit today.
5. Pastor Mark Chen is overseas for a conference from 6 to 11 September 2018. Worshipers needing pastoral care can contact Elder Jimmy Orchard.
6. Ministry reports for ACM 2018. Please submit by 1 October 2018 - email Jacob Woo (jacob.woo@gmail.com).
7. Ladies Fellowship. Sunday, 30th September 2018, 12 pm at church. Lunch and DVD "How People Change". Bring a dish to share. Ladies of all ages welcome. Please see Marilyn for more details.
8. Spring Camp 2018 (12-17 year olds), Presbyterian Youth of WA. 2-4 October 2018 at Dwellingup. Cost: \$130. Speaker: Mr Joel Otteen. Register: tinyurl.com/wa-spring-camp
9. Friday, 14 September 2018, 7 pm. "William Tyndale: God's Outlaw" by Douglas Bond, adjunct professor of Church History at Western Reformed Seminary (BPCUSA).

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
WED 10:00 am Craft Group	General Fund - \$2,239.50 (*DD - \$200.00). Missions Fund - \$230.00 (*DD - 100.00, #817 - \$20.00). Building Fund - \$1,000.00 (*DD - \$400.00, #609 - \$200.00, #610 - \$200.00, #611 - \$100.00, #612 - \$100.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$3,469.50. Attendance - 130.
FRI 7:00 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting	
SAT 4:30 pm JF & TF	
SUN 9:00 am Sunday School	
10:00 am Worship Service	
	<i>*DD: direct deposit</i>

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