

SULLY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Evening Worship November 15, 2020 6:00 PM

Gathering With Joy

- Prelude
- Welcome
- * Call to Worship
- * God's Greeting
- * Opening Songs "Here I am to Worship"
 "Surely Goodness and Mercy" RH 45
 "The Family of God" RH 282

Opening Ourselves to God

Evening Prayer

Hearing God's Word

- * Song "O Master Let me Walk With Thee" RH 451
- Scripture Lord's Day 4
- Sermon "**The Merciful Judge**"

Responding in Faith

- Prayer
- * Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1
- * Prayer
- * Song of Response "Lord, Speak to Me" RH 450

Departing for Service

- * Benediction
- * Doxology "Behold, What Manner of Love" RH 71
- * A Moment of Meditation
- * Postlude

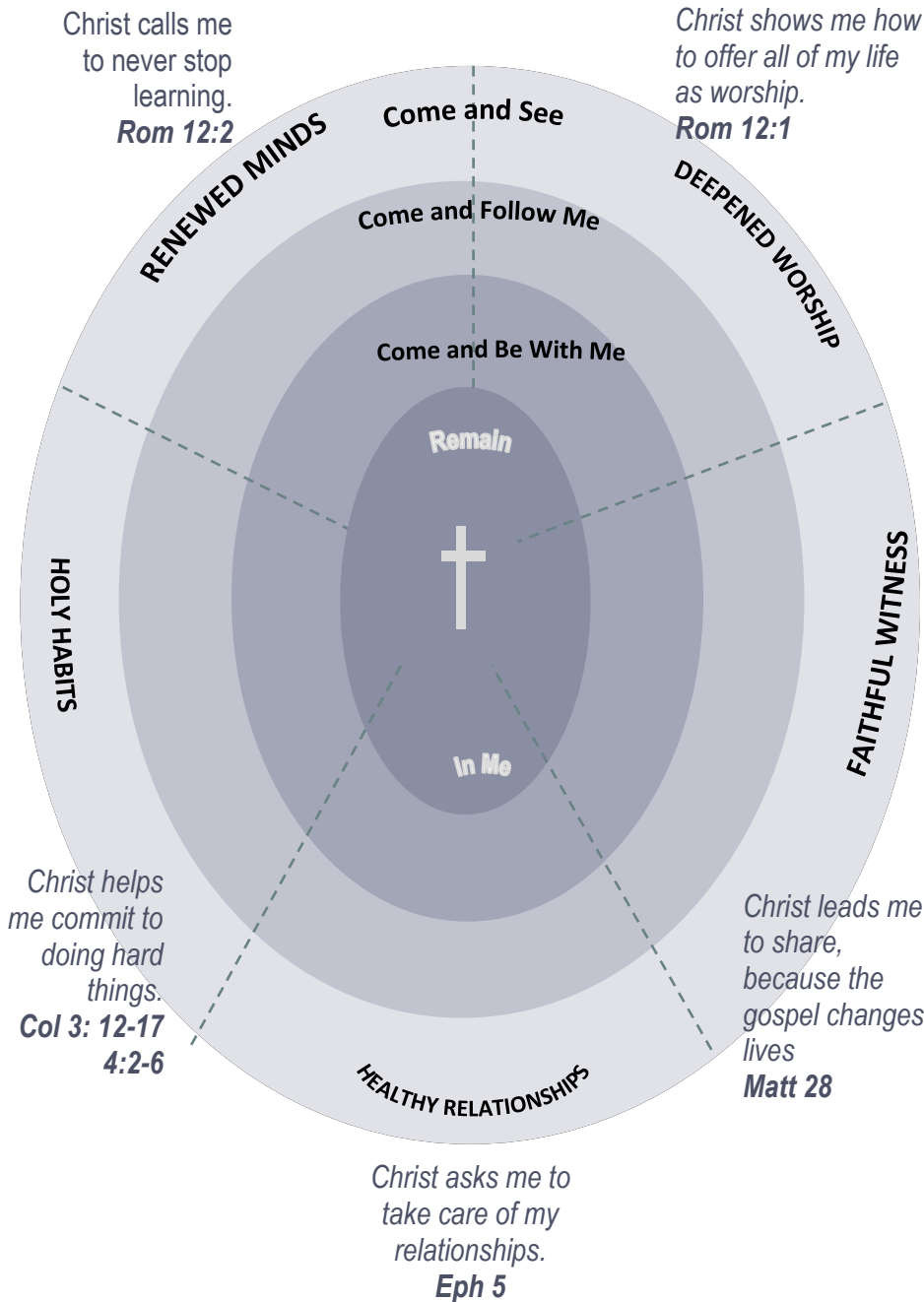
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Worship Leader: Pastor Brian Ochsner

Accompanist: Jodi De Vries



Lord's Day 4

Q & A 9

Q. But doesn't God do us an injustice by requiring in his law what we are unable to do?

A. No, God created human beings with the ability to keep the law.¹ They, however, provoked by the devil,² in willful disobedience,³ robbed themselves and all their descendants of these gifts.⁴

¹ [Gen. 1:31](#); [Eph. 4:24](#)

² [Gen. 3:13](#); [John 8:44](#)

³ [Gen. 3:6](#)

⁴ [Rom. 5:12, 18, 19](#)

Q & A 10

Q. Does God permit such disobedience and rebellion to go unpunished?

A. Certainly not. God is terribly angry with the sin we are born with as well as the sins we personally commit. As a just judge, God will punish them both now and in eternity,¹ having declared: "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law."²

¹ [Ex. 34:7](#); [Ps. 5:4-6](#); [Nah. 1:2](#); [Rom. 1:18](#); [Eph. 5:6](#); [Heb. 9:27](#)

² [Gal. 3:10](#); [Deut. 27:26](#)

Q & A 11

Q. But isn't God also merciful?

A. God is certainly merciful, but also just.² God's justice demands that sin, committed against his supreme majesty, be punished with the supreme penalty— eternal punishment of body and soul.³

¹ [Ex. 34:6-7](#); [Ps. 103:8-9](#)

² [Ex. 34:7](#); [Deut. 7:9-11](#); [Ps. 5:4-6](#); [Heb. 10:30-31](#)

³ [Matt. 25:35-46](#)

PM NOTES

Text: Lord's Day 4

Title: *"The Merciful Judge"*

What:

So What?

Now What?

1. In your own words, describe the balance of God's mercy and justice, particularly how he showed it in Christ.

2. Put into words your own experience of "reckless disobedience" and being "robbed of the gift (of keeping the law)" that this Lord's Day describes.