

Faithfully come together to worship God

Our life of faith begins and ends with worship. Worship is our highest duty and our greatest joy. Without worship our efforts will fail. What differentiates the Church from a club or a social service agency is this – that our primary task is to worship the One who created us, redeems us and dwells with us. Worship lifts us up from our preoccupation with ourselves and centers us on God. Worship reminds us that in fact it is not “all about me.” True worship expects nothing in return and does not seek to get anything, for true worship is not about us but is all about God. We are called to worship.

Jesus said “whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” When we hear these words some might be led to despair or to give up, for whom among us truly wants to carry the cross? But it is through worship that we are reminded that in fact it is not up to us to do anything to be worthy of salvation, Jesus has already done all the work, and all we are called to do is respond out of gratitude. It is in our devotion, our adoration, our prayers, our thanksgiving for the life, ministry, witness, death and resurrection of Jesus that we learn how to live.

Worship is never about us, it is always about God. Worship is also done in community. It is in community that we learn to see the image of God in the face of another. While of course we can experience God in the glories of the mountaintop or the ocean it is the worship of the community gathered which helps us see God in the unwashed and the broken.

Let us hold fast to this first promise, to Faithfully come together to worship God.