

THE MESSAGE

A Serenity Prayer Christmas

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God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that You will make all things right, if I surrender to Your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with You forever in the next.

Amen.

1. Everyone is _____ into the _____ of _____.

2. God can use _____ to _____ people to himself.

3. We all _____ who sits on the _____ of our lives.

Matthew 2:1-12 (CSB) - ¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, wise men from the east arrived in Jerusalem, ²saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star at its rising and have come to worship him."

³When King Herod heard this, he was deeply disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴So he assembled all the chief priests and scribes of the people and asked them where the Christ would be born.

⁵"In Bethlehem of Judea," they told him, "because this is what was written by the prophet:

⁶And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah: Because out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod secretly summoned the wise men and asked them the exact time the star appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report back to me so that I too can go and worship him."

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⁹After hearing the king, they went on their way. And there it was—the star they had seen at its rising. It led them until it came and stopped above the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹Entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and falling to their knees, they worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their own country by another route.

Deuteronomy 18:9-14 (CSB) - ⁹"When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not imitate the detestable customs of those nations. ¹⁰No one among you is to sacrifice his son or daughter in the fire, practice divination, tell fortunes, interpret omens, practice sorcery, ¹¹cast spells, consult a medium or a spiritist, or inquire of the dead. ¹²Everyone who does these acts is detestable to the Lord, and the Lord your God is driving out the nations before you because of these detestable acts. ¹³You must be blameless before the Lord your God. ¹⁴Though these nations you are about to drive out listen to fortune-tellers and diviners, the Lord your God has not permitted you to do this.

Isaiah 47:12-15 (CSB) - ¹²So take your stand with your spells and your many sorceries, which you have wearied yourself with from your youth. Perhaps you will be able to succeed; perhaps you will inspire terror!

¹³You are worn out with your many consultations. So let the astrologers stand and save you—those who observe the stars, those who predict monthly what will happen to you.

¹⁴Look, they are like stubble; fire burns them. They cannot rescue themselves from the power of the flame. This is not a coal for warming themselves, or a fire to sit beside!

¹⁵This is what they are to you—those who have wearied you and have traded with you from your youth—each wanders on his own way; no one can save you.

Acts 17:22-24 (CSB) - ²²Paul stood in the middle of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that you are extremely religious in every respect. ²³For as I was passing through and observing the objects of your worship, I even found an altar on which was inscribed: 'To an Unknown God.' Therefore, what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it—he is Lord of heaven and earth—does not live in shrines made by hands.

MINISTRIES

Visit **CAchurch.com** for info on available ministries or email us: **info@cachurch.com**

**Men | Women | Fusion 18-35yrs | Life Groups
CA Students (6th-12th) | Kids Church
Thrive Growth & Recovery | Stewardship
Counseling at The Relationship Center
Kingdom & Evangelism**

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Go to **CAchurch.com** or use the envelope in the seatbacks at our services.

Financial Update

2019 General Budget:
\$7,900,000

YTD 11.30.19 - Requirement:
\$7,140,384.62

YTD 11.30.19 - Offering:
\$7,072,712.99

November Kingdom Offering: **\$39,178.98**
YTD Kingdom Offering: **\$522,670.45**



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WELCOME

December 15, 2019

Worship God

Become part of His **Family**

Extend His **Kingdom**

 **Christian Assembly**

WELCOME!

We're so glad you've chosen to join us!

Christian Assembly (CA) is a community started in response to God's grace shown to us through Jesus Christ. **That grace compels us to lead spiritually convicted and unconvinced people to complete commitment to Jesus Christ.**

We don't profess to have all the answers, but we do believe there is a God who is worth knowing and following. Whether you are simply curious about Jesus or have been a long-time follower of Christ, we welcome you and are excited you are with us today.

Enjoy the service!

Tom Hughes & Mark Pickerill
Co-Lead Pastors

NEW?

- We'd love to meet you! Stop by our **New People's Table** in the lobby where we have a welcome gift for you.
- There is a **Connection Card** in the seatbacks that you can use to ask questions, submit a prayer request or just let us know you're visiting. Fill it out and drop it in the offering bag or at the New People's Table.
- If you have an infant or you'd like your child to be with you during service, there is a **family room** that is equipped with a live feed of the service as well as a private **nursing room** for mothers. Just ask an usher!

INFORMATION



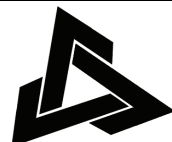
Join us next weekend **Dec. 21/22**, as we conclude our series "**A Serenity Prayer Christmas**" at our **Christmas Candlelight Services!** Through the lens of this famous prayer, we will see how God wants to grant us the serenity in our own lives to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference this Christmas.



KIDS CHURCH

Our Kids Church Program is offered during all services for children from birth to 5th grade. For more information stop by the Kids Church tent or visit: cakidschurch.com

Do you have junior or senior high school-aged kids? We offer programs for junior high (grades 6-8) Saturdays at 6pm and high school (grades 9-12) Wednesdays at 7pm. For more info visit: castudents.com



FUSION

Fusion is one of our weekend services and is specifically geared toward 18-35 year olds. We meet on Sunday nights @ 6pm. Join us! For more info visit: cafusion.com

OPPORTUNITIES



JOIN US FOR
A Christian Assembly
CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY, DEC. 21
4pm (South): **FULL**
6:30pm (South): **FULL**
6:30pm (North): **OPEN**

SUNDAY, DEC. 22
9am (South): **OPEN**
9am (North): **FULL**
11:30am (South): **FULL**
11:30am (North): **OPEN**
6pm (South): **OPEN**

We will have live music with a choir, life-giving teaching from God's Word, & candlelights! Please RSVP if you haven't done so yet.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fusion Christmas Party

We're having our annual Fusion Christmas Party tonight after service at The Cafe! There will be Cambodian food for sale (Yum!), gingerbread house making, pictures with Santa, games with prizes, hot cocoa bar, photo booth, and Christmas carols! Come celebrate the holidays with us on this joy filled night!

No Cafe - Dec. 22 & 29

The Cafe will be closed for the next two weeks. Enjoy spending time with friends and family in this holiday season! We'll see you on **Jan. 5!**

Join the Christmas Choir

If you love to sing, worship God and can carry a tune, we would love to have you join the choir for our Christmas Candlelight services on **Dec. 21/22**. No audition required, just show up to our rehearsal on **Saturday, Dec. 21 at 1pm**. To sign up and get more details, please email: choir@cachurch.com

Year-End Contributions

All contributions must be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 (if you give online, submit by 10pm) to receive tax credit for 2019. Also, keep us informed with your correct address and email with the connection card. You can update online at cachurch.com/connectioncard

Women's Retreat

Join us for a weekend of connecting with God and other women. Two weekends: **Mar. 6-8** and **Mar. 13-15**. Register now at cawomensretreat.com

Entertainment Industry Gathering

We are hosting a gathering for those working in Film, TV, Music or other media. Join us to be encouraged and equipped, as well as to meet other Christ-followers working in the industry. A guest speaker and a panel of industry professionals will be sharing on how to live out faith at work. **Saturday, Jan. 18 (9am-11am)** at 2435 Colorado Blvd. Continental breakfast provided. For more info and to RSVP, visit: cachurch.com/eig

End of Year Services - Dec. 28/29

Join us for our end of year services on **Dec. 28/29** as we close out 2019 together! We will have regular service times. We will not have North services on **Sunday, Dec. 29**, so join us on the South side.