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Reflections

How do we present the radical message of Christ in a church that has catered to the religious demands of the nominally committed? In other words, if we have gathered people into congregations by appeasing their appetites and desires, how can we help them deal with the fact that their problems in life and character—even “in church”—are primarily caused by living to get what they want? How can the cross and self-denial become the central fact in a prosperous, consumer culture? How can discipleship to Jesus—in a sense recognizable from the Bible, with the spiritual transformation it brings—be the mode of operation in a thriving North American congregation? [This is] the single most important question in the church culture of North America today.

Dallas Willard, forward to Renovation of the Church

If Christ is King, everything, quite literally, every *thing* and every *one*, has to be re-imagined, re-configured, re-oriented to a way of life that consists in an obedient following of Jesus. This is not easy. It is not accomplished by participating in a prayer meeting or two, or signing up for a seven-step course in discipleship at school or church, or attending an annual prayer breakfast. A total renovation of our imagination, our way of looking at things—what Jesus commanded in his no-nonsense imperative, “Repent!”—is required.

Eugene H. Peterson, The Jesus Way

This idea that Christianity and consumerism are completely compatible is the great insanity of our times.

Win Butler of Arcade Fire

Cover art by Deborah Chi, a member of our community

Art will change each week, often created by our community

God Calls Us to Worship

Call to Worship – Lamentations 3:22-24

Leader: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
 His mercies never come to an end;
 They are new every morning;
 great is Your faithfulness.

All: The LORD is our portion,
 therefore we will hope in Him.

Mission – Lisa Carrick and Jaclynn Balas

Community – Marshall Brown and Sean Davis

Offerings of the People

The offering is a way for Christians to support the mission and ministry of the church. Christians offer a sacrificial portion of their resources—time, talents, possessions—as an act of faith and gratitude in response to God’s grace.

If you are a guest we are glad you are here today. Please feel no obligation to give.

Worship – Revelation 5:11-14 – Chris Weldon

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

God Speaks to Us

Scripture

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches.
Whoever abides in Me and I in him,
 he it is that bears much fruit,
for apart from Me you can do nothing.

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.

*What Kind of Church
Do We Want to Become?*

Rankin Wilbourne

God Sends Us Out

Lord's Supper (9:00 a.m. only)

Why do we come forward together?

Because we are all members of one body in Jesus Christ. In coming forward for the Supper together, we see and participate in the visible display of this truth.

Can someone pray for me?

Yes! People who desire to pray with and for you will be wearing name tags and standing in the front of the auditorium. All prayer requests will remain confidential. Also, if you would like to learn more about Jesus, they're available to talk with you.

What if I'm not a Christian?

We are glad you're here. Consider using this time to reflect on your experience today. If you're looking for God, He is near. Take some time to pray to Him. Use your own words or one of the prayers printed below.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of who You are. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life You promise.

Prayer for Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through You I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. Thank You for paying my debt on the cross and offering me complete forgiveness. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as my Savior and Lord.

God Sends Us Out – Rankin Wilbourne

Want prayer? Our prayer team is available to pray with you after the service at the front of the sanctuary. All requests are kept confidential.

Welcome Center. If you would like more information about our church, please visit the Welcome Center in the refreshments area.

Ministry Contacts. If you have a question or a need, we are here to serve you. To contact a pastor, discuss financial or mercy needs, find a community group, and for other information, please visit:
www.PacificCrossroads.org/Ministries



Our Vision

Changed Lives by God's Power
Renewing Los Angeles for Christ's Fame

Our Values

Gospel. The gospel is the good news of what God has done for us through Jesus Christ: it is expansive and animates everything we do.

Community. The gospel gives birth to a new community of sincere humility, indiscriminate love, and deep concern for both spiritual and material needs.

Discipleship. We desire to see lives changed by the gospel of grace so that the people of God, grounded in the Word of God, are equipped for the ministry of God.

Mission. The gospel defines our identity and our mission as one: we are witnesses to the gospel of God, declaring with our words and our lives that Jesus is Lord.

Sunday Worship

Westside: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

John Adams Middle School
2425 16th Street
Santa Monica, CA 90405

Downtown: 5:00 pm

St. John's Episcopal Cathedral
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Los Angeles, CA 90007

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