

# OUR VALUES:

## Worship as the Starting Point:

We come together in worship affirming who God is and what He does in our lives.

### Scripture:

Exodus 20:1-3 (NIV) And God spoke all these words: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me."

Hebrews 10:25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Lamentations 3:22 (ESV) The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end

Psalms 86:9-10 (NIV) All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.



### *Demonstrated by:*

Coming into God's presence, confessing our sins, receiving absolution, hearing God's Word, confessing our faith, singing God's praise, and receiving God's grace in Holy Communion.

Humbling ourselves, giving our gifts and seeking God's direction for our lives.

Being sent out from worship to make a difference for Him in our world.





### Thoughts:

"The first element in worship is adoration. The Hebrews expressed this by their posture and not alone by their word. For they prostrated themselves before God.

"O come let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."

They did not come with an easy familiarity into the presence of God, but were aware of his greatness and majesty, and came with a sense of privilege to His house."

— H.H. Rowley

"Worship has been misunderstood as something that arises from a feeling which "comes upon you," but it is vital that we understand that it is rooted in a conscious act of the will, to serve and obey the Lord Jesus Christ."

— Graham Kendrick

"Worship changes the worshiper into the image of the One worshiped"

— Jack Hayford

### Reflections:

Describe the character of God.

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If God is Sovereign, what does that say about me?

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How should our posture before God be seen in our lives?

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God loves and forgives you; how do you respond?

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How is God's character reflected in His church?

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