

Contemporary Service

How Do I Navigate Politics?

May 16, 2021

Asking for A Friend

Length in mins		Audio/Visual	Band PersonVocals
0:00	Good God Almighty [Default Arrangement in C]	Scrolling Announcements (check fade button and place marking at the top in the middle)	
1:00	Welcome & Sharing God's Peace	Switch to Adam	Adam Wolfe
2:00	Theme Intro: Amy Bronner In our culture, what are the two basic topics that are not supposed to be discussed at the dinner table? (See if folks actually answer, but if they don't:) Religion and politics. These 2 topics have been unavoidable this past year: it appears that the entire year has revolved around religion and how it interacts with politics. In some very real ways, actions have been politicized trying to persuade the expression of our religion. In many other ways, folks religious beliefs have informed their expressions of politics. Which view is right? How do I act as a Christian in a politically unwelcoming climate? What can I do for my voice to be heard in the world, when the world contradicts God's Word? What do I owe elected officials? We'll explore these questions through God's Word in Paul's letter to the Romans as we are asking, you know, for a "Friend" - How do I navigate politics? But for now, we acknowledge the one who truly reigns - despite whatever people are governing right now or at another time - we serve a king who rules forever.	Pan to Amy	One Voice

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4:00 *Only King Forever* [Default Arrangement in C]
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Switch to slides One
Voice

Our God and firm foundation
Our Rock the only solid ground, the nations rise and fall
Kingdoms once strong now shaken
We trust forever in Your name, the name of Jesus
We trust in the name of Jesus

You are the only King forever
Almighty God we lift You higher
You are the only King forever
Forevermore You are victorious

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Unmatched in all Your wisdom
In love and justice, You will reign and ev'ry knee will bow
We bring our expectations
Our hope is anchored in Your name, the name of Jesus
We trust the name of Jesus

You are the only King forever
Almighty God we lift You higher
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We lift our banner high, we lift the name of Jesus
From age to age You reign, Your kingdom has no end
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1:00 **Transition Statement: Gail Arnold**

Switch to Gail One
Voice

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4:52	King Of My Heart [Bethel Music in A] CCLI License # 1250860	Switch to Slides	One Karen Voice Lippert
<p>Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run The fountain I drink from, Oh He is my song Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide The ransom for my life, Oh He is my song</p>			
<p>Yes, You are good, good, oh, You are good, good, oh You are good, good, oh, You are good, good, oh</p>			
<p>Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails The anchor in the waves, Oh He is my song Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins The echo of my days, Oh He is my song</p>			
<p>You are good, good, oh, You are good, good, oh You are good, good, oh, You are good, good, oh</p>			
<p>You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down</p>			
<p>You are good, good, oh, You are good, good, oh You are good, good, oh, You are good, good, oh You are good, good, oh, You are good, good, oh</p>			
2:00	Prayer of the Day: Jennifer Kleba	Switch to Jennifer	One Voice
4:00	Children's Message - Long Live the King (Jesus as King or Jesus 2021)!	Pan to Seth	Seth Flick
2:00	Announcement	Pan to Adam then switch to slides	Adam Wolfe
<p>1) Divine Redeemer will be celebrating the anniversaries and the departure of the following teachers with a special reception in the media center 9 –11 a.m. on Sunday, June 6th. The Congregation is invited to stop by before or following services to visit with these teachers: Nancy Bretzmann (25th anniversary) & leaving teaching, Jen Boris (25th anniv. Only), and Cindy Stoltmann leaving teaching. Cake and morning beverages will be served and a gift/card table will be provided.</p>			
<p>2) A Voters' Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 6 at 11:45 AM in the gym to vote on a proposed FY 21-22 budget.</p>			
<p>3) VBS Registration closes this Monday, May 17 so t-shirts and cds can be ordered. You may still sign up after that but a t-shirt and cd will not be guaranteed.</p>			
<p>4) Car Show: Register your car at drlc.org/events and attend on June 19 from 9-2. Food, Fun, Awards, and Live Music by: "Off the Record" (classic rock) FREE TO ATTEND - BRING A FRIEND. All makes/models welcome.</p>			
1:00	Offering Time	Switch to Adam	Adam Wolfe
<p>Remember to invite our folks to give via PushPay</p>			

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3:00 Reading Romans 13:1-7

Romans 13:1-7

Pan to Seth

Pastor
Seth

Pastor: Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

Congregation: Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

Pastor: 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority?

Congregation: Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God's servant for your good.

Pastor: But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

Congregation: 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.

Pastor: 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. 7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

0:00 Responsive Intro to Sermon

Pastor:What is the question for this week?

Stay on Seth

Congregation: How do I Navigate Politics?

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15:00 Message - Asking for a Friend: How Do I Navigate Politics?

Sermon Outline

1. v. 1 – Definitions:
 - a. “Every Person”
 - b. “Subject”
 - c. “Governing Authorities”
 - i. What Governing Authorities have Israelites been “subject” to in their time as a people?
 1. Theocracy (Appointed by God – Adam, Noah, Abraham)
 2. Loose Confederacy (Tribes – Israel’s Children)
 3. Ad Hoc Warriors (Judges: Samson, Ehud, Gideon)
 4. Divine Monarchy (Saul, David, Solomon, Split Kingdom Kings)
 5. Suzerain/Vassal Gov’t (under Moab, etc)
 6. Monarchy/Dictatorship (Babylon, Medo-Persian, Roman)
 2. V. 2-4 – Lowest Ideal Situation: Leader in a government not contradicting God’s Word
 3. How do we Biblically respond in our current democratic structure when a leader does not contradict the Word?
 - a. We are subject, even if we do not agree.
 4. How do we Biblically respond in our current democratic structure when a leader DOES contradict God’s Word?
 - a. Speak to the individual leader (call your congressman, etc)
 - b. Vote against their contradiction (being active in your political opportunity IS being subject under our current governing authority).
 - c. Inform fellow believers about this contradiction, encourage them to vote
 5. How do we NOT respond?
 - a. We do not break the 8th commandment as this directly contradicts an even higher authority to which we are accountable.
 - b. We do not break Christ’s law of love – that we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.
 6. Where is the Gospel in all of this?
 7. What do I owe then now (to governing authorities and others)? V. 7-8

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1:00 Message Prayer

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5:00 Family Prayers

Responsive Prayer

P: We pray for those placed in authority over us, but ultimately...

C: In God we trust.

Savior Jesus, send messengers to proclaim Your Word to all corners of this earth. Strengthen your Church where she is weak or persecuted. Bless those in every land who baptize and teach in Your name. Instruct those who lead around the globe to be friendly to the Christian witness. For those who do not, raise up courageous men and women to speak your message of peace despite the consequences.

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Father, the true purpose of good government is to safeguard peace and prosperity, so that we may live in a blessed and ordered land that has many chances to speak about You and Your Kingdom. As such we lift up to you President Biden, Governor Evers, our elected members of congress & State legislature, as well as our Supreme Court as their tasks are to provide good governance over Your people. Gift them wisdom and discernment in the way they govern.

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Dear Father in heaven, give each man and woman who have served and are serving in the military a courageous heart, a quick mind, and a focused will. Shield and protect our armed forces in the air, sea, and land. Bless also all local police officers who are to act as Your hand to protect and serve. We have enemies both physically and spiritually, keep us close to You so that in all circumstances we will be true to Your goodness, love, and compassion.

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Holy Spirit, we acknowledge that Jesus is the head of our Church. Today we lift up prayers for Divine Redeemer's Board of Directors as well as our faculty and ministry staff. Bless us as we are tasked with leading in this place. We pray for grace and wisdom so that Your people would be blessed by Your leadership among us Holy Spirit. As children we offer up prayers for our parents as they are the ones who are in authority over us. Give them a servant leadership that we can follow.

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Hospital and First Responders

Jesus, we lift up to you all of the difficult health concerns that we experience here on earth. Today we lift up prayers for.....Give them the peace and hope needed to recover well. Give them the patience to rest in Your mercies alone when their physical bodies can no longer be repaired. We lift up to You doctors, nurses, hospital workers and first responders who administer Your healing care to our bodies. Bless them with all the necessary gifts to be Your hands of healing in this fallen world.

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1:00 Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Adam
Wolfe

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1:00 **Sending**

Free Form
P: Go in peace and ...
C: Serve the Lord!

Switch to Adam

Adam
Wolfe

4:00 ***Battle Belongs*** [Default Arrangement in A]

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One
Voice

When all I see is the battle
You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain
You see a mountain moved

And as I walk through the shadow
Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now
For I am safe with You

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You

And if You are for me
Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing
Impossible for You

When all I see are the ashes
You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross
God You see the empty tomb

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You

Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against the power of our God
You shine in the shadows, You win every battle
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Rehearsal Times

Rehearsal

05/13 7:00P

