Discuss, while waiting to begin:

1. What's your <u>aim</u> when you come to church on a Sunday morning?

2. What do you expect when you come to church on a Sunday morning?

Adult Sunday School 22 May 2022 How does Immanuel work?

Why does gathered worship look like that?

Psalm 84

Introduction

Our purpose: the Lord calls...

All his people to gather Hebrews 12:22-23, Deuteronomy 31:12-12

Reverently to worship Him: He is present in His people's gatherings Matthew 18:20, 1 Corinthians 5:4, 10:16

Actively to build each other up Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16

And to show outsiders the gospel 1 Corinthians 14:24-25

Our pattern

Do only what the Bible says, because *how* we worship matters Exodus 20:4, Deuteronomy 12:30, Colossians 2:23

... And because Biblical worship protects the conscience Romans 14:4, Matthew 16:6-9

The elements of worship are few and simple! Bible & prayer, speaking and singing, water, bread & wine 1 Timothy 4:13, Matthew 28:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Following the "shape" of the Gospel...

<u>Call to worship, and praise</u>: we meet the Lord in his greatness and grace <u>God's Law, confession, receiving forgiveness</u>: we meet him as sinners <u>Thanksgiving</u>: for the Cross of Christ, free forgiveness and adoption <u>Prayer</u>: talking to our Father - the privilege of adopted children <u>Bible and sacraments</u>: receiving from the Lord <u>Blessing and dismissal</u>: sent out to serve Him in the world