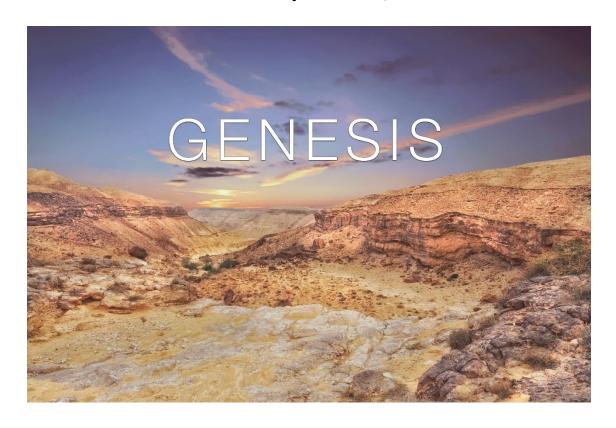


January 22, 2023



"A Strange Encounter on The Path of Faith"

Lord's Day Worship

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 11:28-30 (CSB)

Rev. Dave Lindberg

Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take up my yoke and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

*SONG

COME AND WELCOME

1

From the cross uplifted high Where the Savior deigns to die, What melodious sounds I hear, Bursting on my ravished ear; Love's redeeming work is done, Come and welcome, sinner, come.

2

Sprinkled now with blood the throne.
Why beneath thy burdens groan,
On my pierced body laid,
Justice owns the ransom paid;
Bow the knee and kiss the Son,
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

3

Spread for thee the festal board. See with richest dainties stored, To thy Father's bosom pressed, Yet again a child confessed; Never from his house to roam, Come and welcome, sinner, come.

1

Soon the days of life shall end.
Lo, I come, your Savior, Friend,
Safe your spirit to convey
To the realms of endless day;
Up to my eternal home,
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God is Love

Christian, what do you believe?

We believe in a God of love

-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that dwells in eternal love for all time.

We believe in the creation of love;

That this world is an overflow of God's love, given to His creatures; That our job is to receive that love, participate in it, and extend it to the world.

We believe in the corruption of love.

We understand that we sinned and chose lesser loves; That we have been exiled from our Beloved and disordered in our ability to love. But,

We believe in the pursuit of love;

That God promised He would come into this world To return us to Himself and reorder our loves; And He has done this in Jesus Christ.

We believe that in the incarnation of Jesus love pursued us;

In the ministry of Jesus love served us;

In the crucifixion of Jesus love bore our sin and suffering;

In the resurrection of Jesus love secured our life;

In the ascension of Jesus love governs us in wisdom now;

In Jesus' sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

love equips us for the work ahead;

And, at the return of Jesus love will win.

We believe in the triumph of love.

We believe that at Jesus' return God will in fact make all things new;

He will receive us as His beloved,

And He will transform this world into a city of love;

Where we can dwell together, with Him, for all time. Amen.

A liturgical confession based on Greg Thompson's, "The Way Forward: Six Practices of Love for Our Time" regarding the practice of confession.

1

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.

Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.

He is able, he is able, he is willing; doubt no more.

2

Come, ye needy, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify! True belief and true repentance; every grace that brings you nigh. Without money, without money; come to Jesus Christ and buy.

3

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall. If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all. Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

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Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream. All the fitness he requires, is to feel your need of him. This he gives you, this he gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

5

Lo! Th'incarnate God ascended pleads the merit of his blood. Venture on him, venture wholly; let no other trust intrude. None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

GOD CLEANSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

Book of Common Prayer

Rev. Mark Husband

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Leader: In Christ you are forgiven. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SONG HIS MERCY IS MORE

(Collection of tithes, gifts and offerings)

1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done; omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore; our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

Chorus
Praise the Lord!
His mercy is more.

Stronger than darkness, new every morn'; Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam; what Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor; our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

(chorus)

What riches of kindness he lavished on us; his blood was the payment, his life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford; our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

(chorus)

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Greg Gorman

GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*SERMON TEXT Genesis 14

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Rev. Dave Lindberg

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GOD FEEDS US AT HIS TABLE

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- CTK welcomes all baptized believers who are communing members of gospel-believing churches to participate in the Supper.
- Come forward to receive the elements.
- ❖ Gluten-free and nut-free bread is in a small box on the plate.
- If you are not partaking, you may either remain in your seat or come forward and pass by the elements, whichever makes you most comfortable.
- If you are unable to come forward, an Elder will serve you the elements at your seat.
- Once you have been served, please take the elements back to your seat. We will eat and drink together once everyone has been served.

SONG DURING COMMUNION

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

1

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be. O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in thy sunshine's blaze its day May brighter, fairer be.

3

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain, That morn shall tearless be.

4

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red Life that shall endless be.

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*Song

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All—

My Comforter, my All in All — Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For all my sin on Him was laid —
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine —
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death —
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home —

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GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

*BENEDICTION Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

*DOXOLOGY/DISMISSAL

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

SERMON NOTES "A Strange Encounter on The Path of Faith" Genesis 14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crates for Ukraine

CTK is planning to send crates filled with requested winter supplies to our Mission to the World partner churches in Ukraine to meet urgent humanitarian needs. You can help fill these crates: (1) by picking up a tag Sunday morning and returning the items to church, and (2) by making financial contributions to CTK with 'Crates for Ukraine' on the memo line. **We need these items by February 12** to meet urgent winter needs. The cost to fill a crate is estimated to total \$1,000 per crate. Funds are available to match your financial gifts to this project dollar-for-dollar for the first \$2,000.

Christianity Explored

From **February 5 through March 5** Pastor Dave will be leading an introduction to Christianity Explored during the Sunday School hour, 9:30 on Sunday morning. While this will not be an exact replica of the course's normal format, it will give members and attenders of Christ the King an opportunity to see how well tailored the class is for long time Christians who need a refresher on the basics, how new Christians can begin to appropriate more of the basics of the Christian faith, and how non-Christians can be introduced to the person of Jesus, his mission, and the response that invites. Please join us for these weeks, as this course will hopefully become a staple ministry of CTK in the years to come.

Annual Ministry Social January 29

Plan to stay after worship on Sunday, January 29, for food and fellowship. We will review and celebrate last year, looking forward to what we pray the Lord will do among and through us in 2023.

Youth Group Meets TONIGHT

The Youth Group for students in 6 to 12 grades will meet tonight, January 22, at the church office (313 N. 9th St, Midlothian) from 5 to 7 pm.

Questions? Contact Greg Gorman at 214-912-5195 or greg@gorman.fm.

Women's Ministry

Ladies, let's get together for coffee and fellowship at White Rhino in Waxahachie on **Friday, January 27, at 2 pm**. Please contact Kirstin Hollingsworth at 214-621-1116 with any questions.

Men's Ministry

A weekly men's study of Galatians meets **Wednesdays** at the Hollingsworths' home (528 Maglonia Ln, Glenn Heights) beginning at 7 pm. For more information contact Billy Hollingsworth 469-570-9553 or billy7790@gmail.com.

Set Up Team for January:

Tim Blanks and sons Calvin Pitts Tony Sok and sons **Ushers for January 29:**

Ian Sok Noah Hollingsworth