

Lord's Day Worship

January 7, 2024

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

*CALL TO WORSHIP Ephesians 1:3-6
Elder Hugh Comer

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in

the heavenly places,

Leader: even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world,

that we should be holy and blameless before him.

People: In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons

through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his alorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the

Beloved.

*SONG COME THOU FOUNT

Come Thou Fount of every blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

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Christians, what do you believe?

We believe that God is love—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and that he 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 overcome.

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.

SONG SATISFIED

All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring that I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within.

Chorus

Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved! Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved.

Feeding on the filth around me. 'til my strength was almost gone: longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on. (chorus)

Poor I was and sought for riches, something that would satisfy. But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry. (chorus)

Well of water ever springing, Bread of Life so rich and free. Untold wealth that never faileth. my Redeemer is to me.

(chorus)

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GOD CLEANSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Book of Common Prayer

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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

SONG

(Collection of tithes, gifts and offerings)

1

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Chorus

Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2

He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace! Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, For O my God, it found out me!

(chorus)

AND CAN IT BE

.3

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee
(chorus)

4

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown,
through Christ my own.
(chorus)

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

PASTORAL PRAYER Elder Hugh Comer

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.

GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 45:16-46:34

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

SERMON

Teaching Elder Mark Husband

GOD FEEDS US AT HIS TABLE

"A Numb Heart and a Spirit Revived"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- CTK welcomes all baptized believers who are communing members of gospelbelieving 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.

1

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree! 'Tis the Christ by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long expected prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord; By His Son, God now has spoken: 'Tis the true and faithful Word

Ye who think of sin but lightly,
Nor suppose the evil great,
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the Sacrifice appointed!
See Who bears the awful load!
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of Man, and Son of God.

Tell me ye who hear His groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning
Foes insulting His distress:
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that Justice gave.

Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,
His the Name of which we boast.
Lamb of God for sinners wounded!
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.

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*Song

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion!
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things,"
We will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

1

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up.
(chorus)

WE WILL FEAST

2

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength!
(chorus)

2

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful One. And from the garden to the grave, Bind us together, bring shalom! (chorus)

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GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*BENEDICTION 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*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 Numb Heart and a Spirit Revived" Genesis 45:16-46:34

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Morning Sunday School from 9:30 to 10:20 am:

- Lower Elementary class (age 4 through 2nd grade)
- Upper Elementary class (grade 3 through 5)
 Each Elementary Sunday School class will be going through the Gospel Story Curriculum. Parents, please make sure you pick up your kids from Sunday School no later than 10:20 so our teachers can make it to their various other activities and responsibilities.
- Youth class (grades 6-12)
- Adult class Hugh Comer will resume his teaching on the Sermon on the Mount.

Youth: Parents of youth, grades 6 – 12, please join the Youth Sunday school class on **January 14.** Pastor Dave will be laying out the plan for youth in 2024.

Evening Youth Group will resume on January 14. More details to come.

Corporate Prayer 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Wednesday January 17 and 31 at the church office (313 N. 9th St, Midlothian 76065).

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