



CHRIST THE KING

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lord's Day Worship

April 14, 2024

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 2: 11-22
Rev. Dave Lindberg

Leader: *Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

People: ***For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.***

Leader: *And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.*

People: ***For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.***

Leader: *So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if you are able

*SONG

OH HOW GOOD IT IS

1

Oh how good it is, when the family of God
Dwells together in Spirit, in faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace,
of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us

Chorus

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His Word
Till the whole world sees
the Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people

2

Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy,
and weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength,
the afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging

chorus

3

Oh how good it is to embrace
His command
To prefer one another,
Forgive as He forgives
When we love as one,
we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit
chorus

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God is Love

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

O HEART BEREAVED AND LONELY

1

O heart bereaved and lonely,
Whose brightest dreams have fled
Whose hopes like summer roses,
Are withered crushed and dead
Though link by link be broken,
And tears unseen may fall
Look up amid thy sorrow,
To Him who knows it all.

2

O cling to thy Redeemer,
Thy Savior, Brother, Friend
Believe and trust His promise,
To keep you till the end

3

O watch and wait with patience,
And question all you will
His arms of love and mercy,
Are round about thee still.
Look up, the clouds are breaking,
The storm will soon be o'er
And thou shall reach the haven,
Where sorrows are no more
Look up, be not discouraged;
Trust on, whate'er befall
Remember, O remember,
Thy Savior knows it all.

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GOD CLEANSSES 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

Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

SONG
(Collection of tithes, gifts and offerings)

HIS MERCY IS MORE

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.

2

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)

3

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 x 2)

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*OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 2
Elder Greg Gorman

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

PASTORAL 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 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

Matthew 2:1-23

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

SERMON

Pastor Dave Lindberg

“Setting the Stage”

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

1

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

2

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

3

Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
'Til, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

4

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

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*SONG

SONG OF MOSES

1

O the Lord, our strength and song
Highest Praise to Him belongs
Christ the Lord, our conqu'ring King
Your name we raise, Your triumphs sing

Chorus

Praise the Lord, our mighty warrior
Praise the Lord, the glorius One
By His hand we stand in victory
By His name we overcome

2

Though the storms of hell pursue
In darkest night we worship You
You divide the raging sea
From death to life, You safely lead
chorus

3

All the saints and angels bow
Hosts of heaven crying out
Glory, glory to the King
You reign for all eternity
chorus (x2)

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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/DISSMISSAL

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
“Setting the Stage”
Matthew 2:1-23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bridges Resource Center

We will be collecting different items each month for Bridges. Items needed for April are laundry detergent (less than 50 oz) and fabric softener. Please check the Bridges table near the Welcome Desk for more information. Thank you for helping local families in need.

Youth Small Groups – Girls Meet Tonight

Youth (grades 6 – 12) small groups meet on Sunday nights from 5 pm to 7 pm at the home of Brittany and Matt Thompson (645 Summer Grove Dr., Midlothian 76065). Boys meet on 1st and 3rd Sundays; girls meet 2nd and 4th Sundays. Please contact Pastor Dave with questions.

Crawfish Boil coming May 4. Details to come!

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 teaching from The Sermon on the Mount

Come Pray Together

Corporate Prayer every First, Third and Fifth Wednesday.

We will meet to pray from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the church office, 313 N. 9th St., Midlothian 76065

April 17

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Men's and Women's Groups

For information on Men's and Women's ministries at CTK please contact margaret@ctktexas.com, 972-379-8788.

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