



# CHRIST THE KING

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 1, 2025

### GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 24:50-53  
Rev. Dave Lindberg

*And Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.*

\*SONG

COME CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING

1  
Come Christians join to sing  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all with heart and voice  
Before His throne rejoice  
Praise is His gracious choice  
Alleluia! Amen!

2  
Come lift your hearts on high  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky  
Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend  
Our cry He will attend  
His love shall never end  
Alleluia! Amen!

3  
Praise yet our Christ again  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain  
Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore  
His goodness we'll adore  
Singing forevermore  
Alleluia! Amen!

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Christians, what do you believe?

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became**

**incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

\*That is, the true Christian church of all times and all places.

## **GOD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN**

**\*SONG OF CONFESSION**

**1**

Most Merciful God we confess  
That we have sinned against you  
By what we have done  
By what we have left undone  
(Repeat)

**Chorus 1**

We have not loved you with our whole heart  
Our whole heart  
We have not loved our neighbors as  
We've loved ourselves

**MOST MERCIFUL GOD**

**2**

For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ  
Have mercy and forgive us  
That we may delight  
In your will your will

**Chorus 2**

And walk in Your ways in Your ways  
In Your ways  
To the glory of your name of your name  
Of your name

**3**

Most Merciful God we humbly repent  
Help us to walk in your ways  
Most Merciful God Most Merciful God  
(Repeat)

**Amen**

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**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Based on Jeremiah 31:31-34; Exodus 34:5; Luke 22:20**

Behold, the promised days have come, according to the steadfast love and faithfulness of the LORD, when he has made a new covenant in Christ Jesus with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that he made with their fathers on the day when he took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, his covenant that they broke, though he was their husband. For this is the new covenant that he has made with his people:

He has put his law within us, and he has written it on our hearts. And he is our God, and we are his people. And we all know him, from the least of us to the greatest, according to LORD's promise. And he has forgiven our iniquity, and he remembers our sin no more.

Leader: In Christ you are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG

(Collection of tithes, gifts and offerings)

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness  
and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep  
and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing  
All is mine

Yet not I but through Christ in me

2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Savior he will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won  
and I shall overcome

Yet not I but through Christ in me

3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing  
I am free

Yet not I, but through Christ in me

4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete  
still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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\*SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 34:1-24  
Margaret Doria

*34 The word of the LORD came to me: 2 "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the LORD GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? 3 You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. 4 The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. 5 So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered; 6 they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.*

<sup>7</sup> “Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>8</sup> As I live, declares the LORD GOD, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep, <sup>9</sup> therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>10</sup> Thus says the LORD GOD, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

<sup>11</sup> “For thus says the LORD GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the LORD GOD. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

<sup>17</sup> “As for you, my flock, thus says the LORD GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup> Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? <sup>19</sup> And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

<sup>20</sup> “Therefore, thus says the LORD GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup> I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Emeritus Doug Pollock

***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

\*SERMON TEXT

Matthew 18:1-14

*<sup>18</sup> At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup> And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup> and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

*<sup>5</sup> “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup> but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.*

*<sup>7</sup> “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup> And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.*

*<sup>10</sup> “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>12</sup> What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup> And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup> So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Dave Lindberg

“Self-Humiliation and the Way of Jesus”

## 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.*
- ❖ *Gluten-free and nut-free bread is in a small box on the plate.*

SONG DURING COMMUNION

INSTRUMENTAL

\*SONG

COME UNTO JESUS

1

Come unto Jesus all you who are weary  
Come to the mercy seat fervently kneel  
Here bring your wounded hearts  
broken and needy  
Come unto Jesus mighty to heal

2

Joy of the comfortless  
Light for the straying  
Hope of the penitent Peace in our strife  
Here speaks the Comforter  
tenderly saying  
My yoke is easy my burden is light

Chorus

Come unto Jesus  
Come unto Jesus  
Lay down your burdens He is enough  
Come unto Jesus rest in His love

3

Come taste the Bread of Life  
broken for sinners  
Drink from the cup  
of His promise made sure  
Feast at His table  
as sons and as daughters  
Grace overflowing is yours evermore  
(chorus)

4

Come now and follow Him  
this life forsaking  
All that was gain  
count as nothing but loss  
Trade all this world  
for His kingdom unfading  
Come unto Jesus take up your cross  
(chorus x2)

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## GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

\*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  
Matthew 18:1-14  
“Self-Humiliation and the Way of Jesus”

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Youth Group**

Youth Group for grades 6 – 12 has shifted to summer schedule. Be on the lookout for upcoming summer Youth events.

### **Items for Bridges Resource Center**

We are collecting **shampoo and conditioner** for Bridges in June. You may place these items in the basket provided between the nursery and Welcome Table. Thank you for helping local families in need.

### **Come Pray Together**

We will begin our summer prayer schedule in June meeting once a month on the third Wednesday of the month. Our next gathering will be June 18th from 6:30 to 7:30 at the church office, 313 N 9<sup>th</sup> St, Midlothian 76065.

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