



# CHRIST THE KING

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 17, 2025

### GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 92:1-2  
Rev. Dave Lindberg

**Leader:** *It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;*

**People:** *to declare your steadfast love in the morning  
and your faithfulness by night.*

\*SONG

COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

1

Come, people of the risen King,  
Who delight to bring Him praise.  
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing,  
To the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth,  
We will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach,  
To gather children in.

*Chorus*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice, O church of Christ,  
rejoice!

2

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
And those weeping through the night.  
Come, those who tell of battles won,  
And those struggling in the fight.

For His perfect love will never change,  
And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace.  
(chorus)

3

Come, young and old from every land,  
Men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands,  
Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing,  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age;  
'Our God is all in all.'  
(chorus x2)

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\*Please stand if you are able

People of God, what do you believe?

**We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

\*SONG

IN THE VALLEY

1

When the path that I feared  
Is the way He has set  
And I long to give in and retreat.  
Still to Jesus I hold  
As I face every step  
For the Lord, He will give me His peace

*Chorus 1*

Bless the Lord! He will give me His peace.  
Bless the Lord! He will give me His peace.  
And if I should remain in the valley today,  
Bless the Lord, He will give me His peace.

2

When the road that I tread  
Fills my heart with despair  
And it seems that my grief has no end.  
Still to Jesus I hold  
Who will walk with me there  
And the Lord, He will give me His strength.

*Chorus 2*

Bless the Lord! He will give me His strength.  
Bless the Lord! He will give me His strength.  
And if I should remain in the valley today,  
Bless the Lord, He will give me His strength.

3

On the road that You walked  
With the weight of the cross,  
All my pain and my sorrow You held.  
So to You I shall hold,  
You redeem every loss  
For my Lord You have given Yourself.

*Chorus 3 (x2)*

Bless the Lord! for He gives me Himself.  
Bless the Lord! for He gives me Himself.  
And if I should remain in the valley today,  
Bless the Lord! for He gives me Himself.

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## GOD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

Book of Common Prayer

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 17

*We have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised...Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come.*

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

SONG OF ASSURANCE

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.

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 x2)

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\*SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 4:1-16

Jim Gilchrist

*Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." <sup>2</sup> And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. <sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup> and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. <sup>6</sup> The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? <sup>7</sup> If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, and you must rule over it."*

*<sup>8</sup> Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" <sup>10</sup> And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup> And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup> When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." <sup>13</sup> Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. <sup>14</sup> Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. <sup>16</sup> Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.*

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

#### **COMMUNITY GROUP MINISTRY MOMENT:**

Nate and Amy Ford, hosts of the Ellis County "Ovilla" Community Group

#### **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**

\*SERMON TEXT

Matthew 23:1-39

*Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, <sup>2</sup> "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, <sup>3</sup> so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. <sup>4</sup> They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. <sup>5</sup> They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, <sup>6</sup> and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues <sup>7</sup> and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others. <sup>8</sup> But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. <sup>9</sup> And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. <sup>10</sup> Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. <sup>11</sup> The greatest among you shall be your servant. <sup>12</sup> Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.*

*<sup>13</sup> "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in.*

*<sup>15</sup> Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make*

*a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.*

*<sup>16</sup> “Woe to you, blind guides, who say, ‘If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.’ <sup>17</sup> You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred? <sup>18</sup> And you say, ‘If anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.’ <sup>19</sup> You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? <sup>20</sup> So whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. <sup>21</sup> And whoever swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it. <sup>22</sup> And whoever swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it.*

*<sup>23</sup> “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. <sup>24</sup> You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!*

*<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. <sup>26</sup> You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.*

*<sup>27</sup> “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. <sup>28</sup> So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.*

*<sup>29</sup> “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’*

*<sup>31</sup> Thus you witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. <sup>32</sup> Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers. <sup>33</sup> You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell? <sup>34</sup> Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, <sup>35</sup> so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. <sup>36</sup> Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.*

*<sup>37</sup> “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>38</sup> See, your house is left to you desolate. <sup>39</sup> For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”*

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

## 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

#### MAY THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU

##### 1 & 2

You have called us out of darkest night,  
Into Your glorious light,  
That we may sing the wonders of  
The risen Christ.  
May our every breath retell the grace  
That broke into our strife  
With boundless love and deepest joy,  
With endless life.

##### **Chorus**

May the peoples praise You,  
Let the nations be glad!  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise,  
May praise the Name of Jesus.

##### 3 & 4

All the earth is Yours and all within,  
Each harvest is Your own,  
And from Your hand we give to You,  
To make Christ known.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us  
For those who have not heard,  
May songs of praise build lives of grace  
To spread Your Word.  
(chorus)

##### 5

This our holy priv'lege to declare  
Your praises and Your name  
To every nation, tribe and tongue,  
Your church proclaims.  
(chorus)

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.  
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain.  
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty  
All creation praise Your glorious Name!  
(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

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 23:1-39

“Temple Confrontation, Part Four: Pronouncing Woes”

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CTK Kids: A Song for Back to School**

All children are invited to lead the song *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* for the Sunday morning worship service on August 31<sup>st</sup>. If your child(ren) would like to participate, please see our music director Julie Lindberg for sheet music and instructions. You can also send an email to [julie@ctktexas.com](mailto:julie@ctktexas.com)

### **CTK Community Groups are LAUNCHING THIS FALL!!!**

Beginning the second week of September CTK will be launching three new Community Groups in Cedar Hill, Midlothian, and Ovilla. The purpose of community groups is to grow in our Love of God and Neighbor in and through our relationships with each other as we share a meal and pray together twice a month. Please check out the sign-up sheets at the welcome desk and consider which group is best for you! \*We encourage you to choose a group close to your community, but we understand that day and time might also be an important factor.

### **Upcoming!!!**

Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks regarding the CTK Fall Schedule as we look forward to a new ministry year of Sunday School, Men's and Women's Bible Studies, as well as Youth and Family Activities.

### **Serve Your CTK Family**

We have several areas where your help one Sunday morning a month would be greatly appreciated. Consider and choose from one of the following: Coffee team, Ushering, Welcome Desk, Communion Set-up. Contact Carla Ellison 817-480-3925, [carla.evalyn@hotmail.com](mailto:carla.evalyn@hotmail.com) for communion. Contact Margaret at 817-312-6633, [margaret@ctktexas.com](mailto:margaret@ctktexas.com) for information on everything else.

### **August Collection for Bridges Resource Center**

We are collecting diapers (size 4, 5 and 6) and wipes for Bridges in August. You may place these items in the basket provided between the nursery and Welcome Table. Thank you for helping local families in need.

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