

Lord's Day Worship

October 6, 2024

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

*CALL TO WORSHIP Ephesians 1:3-6

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. 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 glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

*Song

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 COME CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING

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!

Our cry He will attend

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

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

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest.

Lay down, O weary one, lay down
Your head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was;
So weary and worn and sad.

I found in Him my resting place:
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold I freely give The living water, thirsty one; Stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus and I drank Of that life-giving stream. My thirst was quenched, my soul revived. And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light.
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise
And all thy days be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun.
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till pilgrim days are done.

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GOD CLEANSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 10:10, 14-18

Brothers and sisters "we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.... For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

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

SONG (Collection of tithes, gifts and offerings)

1

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 — 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 Llive.

IN CHRIST ALONE

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 —
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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*SCRIPTURE READING

Daniel 7 Jane Peterson

In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter. Daniel declared, I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. The first was like a lion and had eagles wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the

ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it. And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.' After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it. After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

"As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

"I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. "As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. "And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

""As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me. "I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things. "These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. "But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever."

"Then I desired to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the rest, exceedingly terrifying, with its teeth of iron and claws of bronze, and which devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet, and about the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up and before which three of them fell, the horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke

great things, and that seemed greater than its companions. "As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them," until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.

""Thus he said: 'As for the fourth beast, there shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all the kingdoms, and it shall devour the whole earth, and trample it down, and break it to pieces. ""As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise, and another shall arise after them; he shall be different from the former ones, and shall put down three kings. "He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. "But the court shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end. "And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.'

**Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly alarmed me, and my color changed, but I kept the matter in my heart."

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 8:18-22

**Now when Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. **Pand a scribe came up and said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." **And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." **Another of the disciples said to him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." **And Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead."

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

"Two Cautions to Potential Followers"

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

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;

Thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

2

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest; sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Chorus
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide; strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!
(chorus)

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RECOGNITION OF HUGH AND DEBBY COMER

GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*BLESSING Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

*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 "Two Cautions to Potential Followers" Matthew 8:18-22

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Group Tonight

Youth Group will meet at the church office tonight. Meetings are held on 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month; youth group social gatherings will be every 4th Sunday, typically at the Thompsons' house.

Visitor Card

If you are visiting today, please pick up a visitor card at the Welcome Desk, fill it out and give it to the person behind the desk or drop it in the collection basket. The visitor card is also a great way to let us know if you would like a nametag, to be added to the CTK Directory or receive the church-wide email.

Bridges

Items needed for October are laundry detergent (less than 50 oz) and fabric softener. Please check the table for more information. Thank you for helping local families in need.

Women's Bible Studies Have Begun. It is not too late to join.

- The **Tuesday** group meets from 6:30-8:00 pm at 118 Cumberland Drive in Ovilla and is studying 1 Corinthians. All materials will be provided. Contact Katie Blanks at 720-469-2584 with any questions.
- The **Thursday** group meets from 6:30-8:00 pm at 1123 Douglas Drive in Cedar Hill and is studying Luke. The book will be provided. Contact Karla Pollock at 972-979-8599 with any questions.

Men's Bible Studies Have Begun. It is not too late to join.

• **Tuesdays** from 7 to 8:30 pm studying Deuteronomy at the church office. Billy Hollingsworth facilitating.

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: October 16 and 30

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