

CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, June 25, 2023

"...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..."



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— ORDER OF WORSHIP —

Thank you for joining us this morning! At Christ the King, our worship is a divine-human dialogue, in accordance with Scriptural example and precedent, alternatively hearing God's Word and responding in prayer, song, or meditation. The boxes throughout the bulletin were written to aid each worshipper in thoughtful and meaningful participation in this dialogue. Please prepare your heart by reading through the bulletin, praying for those leading and worshipping around you, and silencing all communication devices.

** Indicates congregational standing*

WE APPROACH THE LORD

Call to Worship

God calls us in relationship to Him to a mutual delight: to the pleasure of worship, and to His delight in us who fear Him.

Psalm 147:1–11 *ESV*

- ¹ For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
- ² The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- ³ He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
- ⁴ He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
- ⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
- ⁶ The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.
- ⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!
- ⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.
- ⁹ He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.
- ¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*** Hymn of Praise**

This hymn expresses well the goodness of the Lord, that is, His willingness and delight in bestowing abundant blessings upon all that He has made, as an expression of His love, the giving of Himself in His fullness.

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

(Trinity Hymnal #53)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

The Sabbath is meant to point us to and give us an opportunity for focused delight in the Lord Himself, which is not only a commandment, but a gift and a privilege.

Isaiah 58:13, 14 ESV

¹³ "If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath,
from doing your pleasure on my holy day,
and call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly;
¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess the weariness which the burden of sin imposes upon us as we turn to the only One who can give us true rest.

"Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul"

1. Dear refuge of my weary soul,
On Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,
My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief,
For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,
For every pain I feel

2. But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,
I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail,
And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?
Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee
Though prostrate in the dust
3. Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,
And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace,
Be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace,
Attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access,
To breathe my sorrows there
4. Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet,
Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet

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WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

God's salvation, His "rest," begins with resting from all our works which are an attempt to gain and maintain life through our fleshly striving, but instead trust in the sufficient work of Christ our Savior.

Hebrews 4:9, 10 ^{ESV}

So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: **Hallelujah!**

*** Hymn of Assurance**

We celebrate in this hymn not only that we are resting from our own works to save us, but also that our rest is an experience of the joy of who Jesus is in Himself.

"Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"

(Trinity Hymnal #188)

WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Prayers of Intercession

*During this time the elders will be in the back of the room, ready to take personal prayer requests from and pray with all who want this, and these will be confidential if desired. Everyone who is not receiving prayer in this way will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with the words, "**We offer these our prayers,**" followed by a brief silent prayer from each individual.*

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

"A Biblical Approach to Church Growth"

*** Exodus 31**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

WE COMMUNE WITH OUR LORD

Communion Meditation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into 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.

I 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. (*or universal)

Distribution of Elements

Because we believe that wine was used in the Last Supper and is thus more in accord with the fullness of symbolism intended by God in the Lord's Supper, we offer and encourage wine for those who take part in Communion. For those with conscientious convictions against the use of wine, however, we offer grape juice, which is contained in the inner circle of the communion trays. The cups containing wine are in the outer circles.

"The Church's One Foundation"

(Trinity Hymnal #347)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

This verse comes at the end of a passage describing the unrestrained giving by the people of their resources to build the Temple in Jerusalem, following King David's example. We should note that the result of their willing and generous giving was great joy. This pattern still hold true for God's people today.

I Chronicles 29:9 ESV

Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

"Lord, Thou Lov'st the Cheerful Giver"

(Trinity Hymnal #434)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We close our worship exhorting one another to the activities that produce holiness in us and thus make us pleasing and useful to the Lord.

"Take Time to Be Holy" *hymn of the month* *(Trinity Hymnal #537)*

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

June 25, 2023

"A Biblical Approach to Church Growth"

(Mike Biggs)

Exodus 31

Introduction:

What must we understand about building the Church today?

I. Building the Church is a *Spiritual* work.

A. It involves every aspect of the work.

B. It involves all the people in the work.

II. Building the Church is a *biblical* work.

A. God's explicit directions.

B. God's overarching Law.

III. Building the Church is a *purposeful* work.

A. The theology of Sabbath.

B. The experience of Sabbath.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:

VISION

Purpose (our reason for existence): to reverse the effects of rebellion against God (sin)

Mission (what we are called to do): to build the Kingdom of God, by...

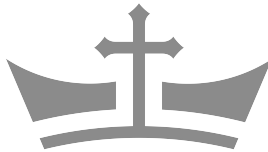
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

CoreValues (our fundamental commitments):

1. *Knowing* truth from God (Scripture)
2. *Being* right with God (Justification)
3. *Living* life for God (Sanctification)

Goals (what we seek to accomplish):

1. *Worship*—People experiencing and being attracted to and trained in the enjoyment of God
2. *Fellowship*—People displaying and enjoying genuinely loving and giving relationships/Christian community
3. *Christian Education*—People being confronted with and oriented to the whole truth of God
4. *Outreach*—People being drawn to the Church and trained to draw others
5. *Mercy*—People caring about and meeting the material needs of both non-Christians and other Christians



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