



CHRIST - THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, May 29, 2022

"...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

Our call to worship today focuses on God's works of forgiveness, healing, and redemption of His people.

Psalm 103:1–5, 20–22 ^{ESV}

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
- ² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- ⁵ who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- ²⁰ Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!
- ²¹ Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!
- ²² Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise God for the many forms God's goodness takes in giving us blessings in all of life.

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

(Trinity Hymnal #53)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Legalism often takes the form of following rules which cause us to distance ourselves from those who don't conform to them.

Romans 12:16 ^{ESV}

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess in this hymn that our only hope, when our sin confronts us and makes us despondent, is to flee to the grace of Christ.

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,
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Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Justification is achieved through faith in God's work alone, not by conformity to a standard, whether God's or man's.

Romans 4:1–5 ESV

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

The freedom of the Gospel is found in rest from dependence upon our human works, which is found only through faith in Jesus.

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

(Trinity Hymnal #468)

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. These will be confidential if desired. Everyone who is not receiving prayer will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with, "We offer these our prayers," followed by a brief silent, individual prayer.

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

"Gospel Commitment"

* Galatians 2:1-14

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.

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

One of the necessary, natural responses to the grace of God in the Gospel is the presentation of offerings to God in formal worship.

Psalm 116:12–14 ESV

¹² What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

"God Is Known Among His People" vv. 1 & 4 (Trinity Hymnal #66)

Presentation of Offerings (See Communion)

* **Doxology** (Trinity Hymnal #731)

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.

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We close our worship by affirming, far from being ashamed of the Gospel, our love of and commitment to its message, and to the personal proclamation of it through our lives and words.

"I Love to Tell the Story"

(Trinity Hymnal #478)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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"Gospel Commitment"

(Mike Biggs)

Galatians 2:1–14

Introduction:

What does commitment to the Gospel entail?

I. Commitment to the Gospel means *submission to the authority of divine revelation*, vv. 1-3.

A. The Gospel's sanction.

B. The Gospel's offensiveness.

II. Commitment to the Gospel means *acknowledgement of the freedom of grace*, vv. 4-10.

A. The bondage the Gospel addresses.

B. The freedom the Gospel provides.

III. Commitment to the Gospel means *resistance to the temptations of legalism*, vv. 11-14.

A. Temptations of status.

B. Temptations of association.

— 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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