



February 1, 2026—8:30 and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

If there is one Old Testament passage that the New Testament invites us to read in a Christ-centered way as a paradigm of Christ's salvation, it's the exodus. If you're a Christian, you've already crossed over. God has dealt with sin and death... Look at what God has already done for you!

-Tim Keller

Prelude

Community Life Update

PRAISING THE CREATOR

Call to Worship

Psalm 90:1-2

A Prayer of Moses, the man of God: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Prayer of Adoration

Choral Introit

Choir: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Word of God, the Cornerstone,
Yesterday, today, forever, seated on His heavenly throne.

In this world that God created, broken by the fall of man,
God remains the sure foundation, steadfast and unshakable, forevermore.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

God will not forget His promise, ever faithful to remain,
Never to forsake or leave us, by our side both night and day.

Our tomorrows hold no secrets that the Father does not know;
We can trust Him, ever working for His glory and our good, forevermore.

Congregation (seated): Under the shadow of Thy Throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Choir: Praise the Author of creation of the world and all it holds;
Word eternal, standing firm, our God is God forevermore.

***Congregation** (standing): O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Choir: Forevermore!

"Forevermore" Words: Susan Bentall Boersma, Isaac Watts (based on Psalm 90); Music: Dan Forrest, quoting ST. ANNE; © 2023, Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

*Please stand if you are able.

*Hymn of Praise

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhaunting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above, thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Immortal, Invisible" Words: Walter Smith, Public Domain, 1867; Music: Trad. Welsh

Prayer of Dependence

St. Augustine (354-430 A.D.)

Leader: Let me fly from myself and take refuge in you,
All: That I may be defended by you.

Leader: Let me be among those who are chosen by you;
All: Let me be willing to obey for the sake of you.

Leader: Let me distrust myself and put my trust in you;
All: Let me cling to nothing, save only to you,

Leader: Look upon me, that I may love you;
All: Call me, that I may see you, and enjoy you forever.

LAMENTING THE FALL

Song of Deliverance

From the love of my own comfort, from the fear of having nothing,
From a life of worldly passions, deliver me, O God.

From the need to be understood, from the need to be accepted,
From the fear of being lonely, deliver me, O God. Deliver me, O God.

And I shall not want, no, I shall not want.

When I taste your goodness, I shall not want.

When I taste your goodness, I shall not want.

From the fear of serving others, from the fear of death or trial,
From the fear of humility, deliver me, O God. Deliver me, O God.

"I Shall Not Want" Words and Music: Audrey Assad © 2013 Audrey Assad Inc. Song No. 7004369 CCLI. No. 789870

Confession of Sin

All: Heavenly Father, we humbly confess that we are an anxious, fearful people. We do not trust you as we should, and often try to control our circumstances to prevent hardship and pain. We are slow to seek you in prayer and quick to forget your faithfulness. Forgive us for the folly of self-preservation and self-trust. Forgive us for doubting your goodness. By your mercy, renew our minds and hearts that we might walk by faith and not by sight. Through Christ Jesus we pray, Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

CHERISHING REDEMPTION

Words of Grace and Peace

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

*Hymn of Worship

K4-K5 may leave for Kids Ministry.

8:30 am—One parent will need to escort the child to volunteers in the Commons Area for Kids Church.

9:45 am—One parent will need to escort the child downstairs to join Kids Sunday School.

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will;
And if you had not loved me first, I would refuse you still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;
And I beheld God's love displayed, you suffered in my place;
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ, Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.
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Now, Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see,
The strength to follow your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose,
And let my song forever be, "My only boast is You."

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Pastoral Prayer

LONGING FOR RESTORATION

Scripture Reading

Exodus 1:8—2:10

Leader: This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Burden of Oppression

Andy Lewis

Communion Prayer

Based on The Valley of Vision prayer, "The Lord's Supper"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*An usher will invite you forward. The elements offered by the elders can be taken at your pew at any time.
If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand to be served at your pew.*

*Communion Hymns

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast. When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold, through life's fearful path. For my love is often cold, he must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast. For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast. Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, his promises shall last. Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

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For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast. Justice has been satisfied, he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast. Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last.

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast. For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

*"He Will Hold Me Fast" Words: Ada Ruth Habershon (v. 1-2) and Matt Merker;
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How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues, "Lord, why was I a guest?"

"Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there's room,
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?"

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;
Send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

*Hymn of Response

We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing thy redeeming grace.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Liturgist: Adam Betterton, Church Planting Pastor (8:30); Scott Puckett, Engage the World Pastor (9:45)

Mark Your Calendar for these Upcoming Events!

February 8—Officer Ordination and Installation (Rescheduled)

February 21 - 25—Missional Living Conference (see QR code below)

March 29 - April 5—Holy Week

April 10 - 12—New Members Weekend (sign up on Church Center)

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