



July 6, 2025—8:30 and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

When we meet someone from a sharply different culture, race, or social class but who has experienced the grace of Jesus Christ through the gospel, we don't see the differences first... since in Christ we have spiritually died and been raised to new life (Eph. 2:1-6; Rom. 6:4-6).

Tim Keller, "The Difficulty of Community"

Prelude *Rejoice! the Lord Is King* arr. Forrest

Community Life Update

Time of Silence

*Call to Worship Psalm 30:4-5

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymns of Praise

You're the Word of God the Father, from before the world began;
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice:
Let the skies declare your glory, let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the author of creation, you're the Lord of ev'ry man;
And your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you calmed the sea.
Yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free.

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave,
And ascended into heaven leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father interceding for your own.
From each tribe and tongue and nation you are leading sinners home.

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* Please stand if you are able.

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:1-12

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

The Lord's Prayer

Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Grace and Peace

Ephesians 2:17-22

And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

*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.

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song. *(continued)*

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:26-27; 2:18; John 17:20-23

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Community: Design

Adam Betterton

Communion Prayer

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

Leader: God of all good, You have prepared for us a feast; and because we are unworthy in ourselves to sit down as guests, we wholly rest on the merits of Jesus and hide ourselves in His righteousness.

All: In this supper we remember the agony of the cross and the cost of redemption.

We rejoice in Your eternal love, boundless grace, and infinite compassion.

Leader: We proclaim Your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

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.

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ, torn for you, eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King. *(continued)*

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you, drink and remember.
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of the bonds of grace
around the table of the King.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Response

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond--and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim, Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven, around the table of the King

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher: Adam Betterton, Church Planting Resident

Liturgist: Scott Puckett, Engage the World Pastor

Adult Sunday Schools "paused" for the month of July, but...

The next focus in our year of Spiritual Formation is "Community" which begins next Sunday! If you normally attend a Sunday School from 9:45 to 10:45 am, we invite you to join us in the Welcome Center for coffee and fellowship during the month of July.

This may be a great opportunity to meet someone in our congregation that you don't know or welcome a visitor who is looking for a friendly face or a place to plug in! You may feel like you have already found your community here. That is wonderful! We encourage you to engage with those around you who may not yet have found the community they are longing for. We love our multigenerational and loving community here at Mitchell Road!

(Young Adult, Youth and Kids Sunday School will continue to meet in July)

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