

The Assurance of Pardon

You are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you. **Alleluia! Amen!**

◆ The Grateful Response It is Well With My Soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain.*

◆ The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Time with the Young Disciples

Children in K - 2nd grade are excused to attend K2 Quest.

The Hymn 288 I Sing the Mighty Power of God ELLACOMBE

The Gospel Reading Genesis 3:1-7

The Sermon The Persistent Question Rev. James Estes
Did God actually say...? Genesis 3:1

The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory My Jesus, I Love Thee Gilbert M. Martin

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign; my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. I love thee because thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree; I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow: if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him, how I've proved him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, O for grace to trust him more! In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

◆ The Hymn And Can It Be?

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?

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He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace; emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. *Refrain*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night; thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed Thee. *Refrain*

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. *Refrain.*

◆ The Charge and Benediction

◆ **The Postlude** The Lord Reigns, Let the Earth Rejoice Lester Groom

◆ *Please stand*

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Alao Aruna, Jane Azlin, Bob Balch, Kitty Brumbaugh, Nancy Burns, Karen Cluck, Sandra Cousins, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Fred Droege, Bill Dunning, Allan Edwards, Vivienne Edwards, Wandie and Mary Fitzpatrick, Luke Fravel, Eugene Gilbert, Loise Gitau, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Nathan Homan, Meg Hubler, Ruthie Huffman, Harvey Hunt, Beverly Jacobs, Larry Don Johnson, Maggie Jones, Charla Kitch, Ralph Kitch, Joyce Kunkel, John Lesch, Amy Lesh, Dottie MacMillan, Laurence Mansur, Margaret Martinson, Bob Matthews, Jo Matthews, Ann McKellar, Jan Miller, Gabriella Mungai, Pamela Neumann, Jerry Nixon, David Osterholt, Patti Parker, Penny Steinkuehler-Perkins, David Perkins, Don Perry, Robert Perryman, Sue Phelps, Rosemary Priest, Katherine Reid, Stephen Riungu, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Jacob Rodehaver, Mary Ruddle, Amy Russell, Ellen Ryan, Susan Shults, Helen Marie Sisler, Cissy Ssettimba, Ann D. Taylor, Barbara Thomas, Bill Thompson, Joe Wanenmacher, Sandi Willhite, and Jack Williams.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Jimmie Mathews, a member since 1991, died on February 1; and Gerald "Jerry" Nixon, a member since 2002, died on February 7.

Our Sympathy and Prayers to: Amy Fuller on the death of her sister, Rebecca Brown, on January 25.

Letters of Well-Wishing are available for you to sign before or after the services. This week the letter goes to Gary Mathews, and Amy Fuller.

WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers for today's worship service in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jackson and Lena Nafe, by Carol, Griffin, and Stephanie Elrod.

One of the great gifts of the church is the privilege of upholding one another in our prayers. You're invited to complete a prayer card from your pew, and place your request in the offering plate. Pastors and members of the Guild of Intercessors will pray over your concern. All prayer requests are treated in a confidential manner.

THE FIRST CHURCH PASTORS

James D. Miller, Ph.D., *Pastor* Daniel Hutchinson, M.Div., *Associate Pastor*
James Estes, M.Div., *Associate Pastor* Wambugu Gachungi, M.Div., *Associate Pastor*



*The People
of God
in Worship*

*Called to make fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ
Inwardly Strong
and
Outwardly Focused.*

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