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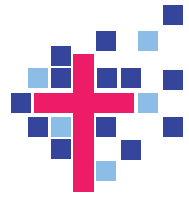
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Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.



GATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Dave Thomas

AN OPENING LITANY AND PRAYER FOR WORSHIP IN OUR HOMES

based on 2 Samuel 7 and Proverbs 24

Sovereign LORD, you are God! Your word is trustworthy, and you have promised good things to your servant.

Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever in your sight.

For you, Sovereign LORD, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever.

By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established;
Through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

Let us pray: Bless our homes, that they may be places where your wisdom, understanding, and knowledge are spoken of openly and often, and your name is lifted up in praise. We praise you now, as we join our family of faith in worship from our homes. You are our trusted Lord and our treasure. In your name we pray. Amen.

OPENING SONG

What a Beautiful Name



1. You were the Word at the be - gin - ning, one with God the Lord Most High.
 2. You did - n't want heav-en__ with-out__ us, so Je - sus you brought heav - en down.



Your hid-den glo - ry in__ cre - a - tion, now re - vealed in you, our
 My sin was great, your love was great - er; what could sep - a - rate us



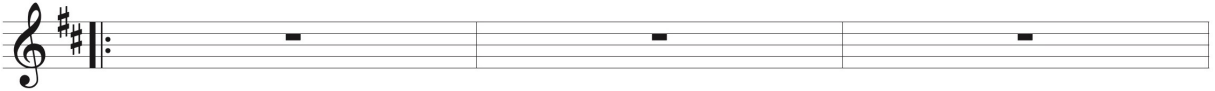
Christ. What a beau - ti - ful name it is, __ what a beau - ti - ful name it is, __ the name of __ Je -
 now? What a won - der - ful name it is, __ what a won - der - ful name it is, __ the name of __ Je -



- sus Christ, my King. __ What a beau - ti - ful name it is, __ no-thing com-pares to this.
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__ What a beau - ti - ful name it is, __ the name of Je - sus.
 __ What a won - der - ful name it is, __ the name of Je - sus.



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Death could not hold you, the veil tore be-fore you. You si-lence the boast
- val, you have no e-qual. Now and for-ev-



- of sin and grave. The heav-ens are roar-ing the praise of your glo-
- er God you reign. Yours is the king-dom, yours is the glo-



- ry for you are raised to life a-gain. You have no ri-
- ry, yours is the name a-bove all names.



What a pow-er-ful name it is, what a pow-er-ful name it is. The name of Je-



- sus Christ, my King. What a pow-er-ful name it is, no-thing can stand a-against.



- What a pow-er-ful name it is, the name of Je - sus. What a pow-er-ful name it is,



the name of Je - sus. What a pow-er-ful name it is, the name of Je - sus.

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GOD IS IN THIS PLACE



LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 (The Message)

L A reading from Ezekiel.

¹⁻² God's Message to me: "What do you people mean by going around the country repeating the saying,

The parents ate green apples,

The children got the stomachache?

³⁻⁴ "As sure as I'm the living God, you're not going to repeat this saying in Israel any longer. Every soul—man, woman, child—belongs to me, parent and child alike. You die for your own sin, not another's.

²⁵⁻²⁸ "Do I hear you saying, 'That's not fair! God's not fair!'

"Listen, Israel. I'm not fair? You're the ones who aren't fair! If a good person turns away from his good life and takes up sinning, he'll die for it. He'll die for his own sin. Likewise, if a bad person turns away from his bad life and starts living a good life, a fair life, he will save his life. Because he faces up to all the wrongs he's committed and puts them behind him, he will live, really live. He won't die.

²⁹ "And yet Israel keeps on whining, 'That's not fair! God's not fair.'

"I'm not fair, Israel? You're the ones who aren't fair.

³⁰⁻³² "The upshot is this, Israel: I'll judge each of you according to the way you live. So turn around! Turn your backs on your rebellious living so that sin won't drag you down. Clean house. No more rebellions, please. Get a new heart! Get a new spirit! Why would you choose to die, Israel? I take no pleasure in anyone's death. Decree of GOD, the Master.

"Make a clean break! Live!"

L Word of God. Words of Life.

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM

Psalm 25:1-9 (The Message)

L Psalm 25.

¹⁻² My head is high, God, held high;

I'm looking to you, God;

No hangdog skulking for me.

³ I've thrown in my lot with you;

You won't embarrass me, will you?

Or let my enemies get the best of me?

Don't embarrass any of us

Who went out on a limb for you.

It's the traitors who should be humiliated.

⁴ Show me how you work, God;

School me in your ways.

⁵ Take me by the hand;

Lead me down the path of truth.

You are my Savior, aren't you?

⁶ Mark the milestones of your mercy and love, God;

Rebuild the ancient landmarks!

⁷ Forget that I sowed wild oats;

Mark me with your sign of love.

Plan only the best for me, God!

⁸ God is fair and just;

He corrects the misdirected,

Sends them in the right direction.

⁹ He gives the rejects his hand,

And leads them step-by-step.

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SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13 (The Message)

L A reading from Romans.

¹⁻⁴ If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care— then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

⁵⁻⁸ Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.

⁹⁻¹¹ Because of that obedience, God lifted him high and honored him far beyond anyone or anything, ever, so that all created beings in heaven and on earth—even those long ago dead and buried—will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ, and call out in praise that he is the Master of all, to the glorious honor of God the Father.

¹²⁻¹³ What I'm getting at, friends, is that you should simply keep on doing what you've done from the beginning. When I was living among you, you lived in responsive obedience. Now that I'm separated from you, keep it up. Better yet, redouble your efforts. Be energetic in your life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God. That energy is God's energy, an energy deep within you, God himself willing and working at what will give him the most pleasure.

L Word of God. Words of Life.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God Speak



Word of God, speak. would you pour down like rain, wash-ing my eyes
 to see, your maj - es-ty, to be still and know that you're in this place?
 Please let me stay and rest in your ho - li-ness. Word of God, speak.
 li - ness. Word of God, speak.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32 (The Message)

P Hear the Good News, as recorded in St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

²³ Then he was back in the Temple, teaching. The high priests and leaders of the people came up and demanded, "Show us your credentials. Who authorized you to teach here?"

²⁴⁻²⁵ Jesus responded, "First let me ask you a question. You answer my question and I'll answer yours. About the baptism of John—who authorized it: heaven or humans?"

²⁵⁻²⁷ They were on the spot and knew it. They pulled back into a huddle and whispered, "If we say 'heaven,' he'll ask us why we didn't believe him; if we say 'humans,' we're up against it with the people because they all hold John up as a prophet." They decided to concede that round to Jesus. "We don't know," they answered.

Jesus said, "Then neither will I answer your question.

²⁸ "Tell me what you think of this story: A man had two sons. He went up to the first and said, 'Son, go out for the day and work in the vineyard.'

²⁹ "The son answered, 'I don't want to.' Later on he thought better of it and went.

³⁰ "The father gave the same command to the second son. He answered, 'Sure, glad to.' But he never went.

³¹⁻³² "Which of the two sons did what the father asked?"

They said, "The first."

Jesus said, "Yes, and I tell you that crooks and whores are going to precede you into God's kingdom. John came to you showing you the right road. You turned up your noses at him, but the crooks and whores believed him. Even when you saw their changed lives, you didn't care enough to change and believe him.

P This is good news.

C Thanks be to God.

KIDS' TIME

Pastor Dave Thomas

The Third Child

MESSAGE

Pastor Dave Thomas

Winning By Submission

SONG OF THE DAY
Who You Say I Am

Verse 1, Chorus, V2, C2, B, B, Tag, C, C2, C

Verse



1. Who am I — that the high - est King would wel - come me.
 2. Free at last, he has ran - somed me, his grace runs deep.



I was lost but he brought me in. Oh, his love for me. Oh, his love for me.
 While — I — was a slave to sin, Je - sus died for me. Yes, he died for me.

Chorus



Who the Son sets free, oh is free in - deed. I'm a child of God, yes, I — am.

Chorus 2



In my Fa-ther's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I — am.

Bridge



I am cho - sen, not for - sak - en. I am who you say I am.



You are for — me, not a - gainst me. I am who you say I am.

Tag



I am who you say I am. ———

PROFESSING OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face graciously shine upon you.
The Lord's mercy and peace be yours,
This day and forever.
Amen.



SENDING

CLOSING SONG

How Great Is Our God

1. The splen - dor of the King, clothed in maj - es - ty;
 2. (And) age to age he stands, and time is in his hands

let all the earth re - joi - ce, all the earth re - joi - ce. He wraps
 be - gin - ing and the end, be - gin - ing and the end. The God -

himself in light, and dark - ness tries to hide, and trem - bles at his voice,
 head, three in one, Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, the Li - on and the Lamb,

and trem - bles at His voice. How great is our God! Sing with me: How
 the Li - on and the Lamb.

great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God!

1. 2.
 2. And Name a - bove all names, wor - thy of all praise.

1.
 My heart will sing: How great is our God!

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SENT TO SERVE

P Jesus said, "As I have been sent, so also I send you."
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we are called to:

C **Worship God,**
Grow in Faith,
Share the Gospel,
Serve Others,
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