

The
Ancient
Roots
of the
GOSPEL

welcome to



October 25, 2026

9:30 am Worship Service

Dr. David Kieffer, Senior Pastor



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Welcome Visitors! We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning!
Hearing Devices are available at the sound booth.

Today's Speaker: Dr. David Kieffer, Senior Pastor
Worship Leader: Lincoln Fitch, Ruling Elder
Organist: Courtney Brooke

Childcare: Our ushers will be happy to direct you to any of these locations.

Nursery: during the worship service for infants through 3 years old in Room 103 (includes a **Nursing Mother's Room:** private room with a livestream of service).

Family Room: to see and hear the service; located across from Nursery; and the narthex classroom where service is projected for families that need some privacy.

Children's Worship: provided each Sunday (except first Sunday of each month) for children 4-6 years old. Children are dismissed before the sermon.

Children's sermon papers and activities: located at shelf in back of sanctuary.

Sunday School:

Nursery (birth-2 years old): Nursery Room 103

Toddler Class (2.5-3 years old): Nursery Room 101

Pre-K/K Class (4-5 years old): 2nd floor, Room 208

Beginners Class (6 years old): Room 204

Early Elementary Class (7 years old): Room 201

Middle Elementary Class (8 years old): Room 203

Upper Elementary Class (9-10 years old): Room 211

Jr. High (6th-8th grade): Room 213

Sr. High (9th-12th grade): Room 214

CAFE Class for adults: Foundations of Discipleship, located on the 3rd floor today. Next Sunday, Nov. 1, we will begin our **New Members** class on the 2nd floor in Room 212. Participation in the class does not obligate you to become a member.

Bible Study Skills on the 3rd floor.

Snacks will be served on the 3rd floor for both classes. All adult Sunday school attendees are welcome to come upstairs to pick up coffee and snacks to take to your class location.

PRELUDE

Faith of Our Fathers! (Hymn 570)/ J. Konkel
The Church's One Foundation (Hymn 347)/ arr. D. Hustad

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 42:1-6 (ESV) (A Psalm of Lament)

Leader: As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

People: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, “Where is your God?”

Leader: These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

People: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

◇ A time of quiet preparation

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 689

Be Still My Soul

*WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Psalm 6:1-4, 6-7 (ESV) (A Cry of Lament)

Leader: O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

People: My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O Lord—how long?

Leader: Turn, O Lord, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love.

People: I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping. My eye wastes away because of grief.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE:

Lamentations 3:22-26 (ESV)

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

SACREMENT OF BAPTISM

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

*Soli Deo Gloria
His Glory and My Good
How Great is Our God*

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD’S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/CHORAL OFFERTORY

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN’S WORSHIP

(ages 4–6 years old)

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 17:15-18:15 (ESV)

And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.” ¹⁷Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, “Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” ¹⁸And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might live before you!” ¹⁹God said, “No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. ²⁰As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly.

He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation.

²¹But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year.” ²²When he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham. ²³Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all those born in his house or bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very day, as God had said to him. ²⁴Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ²⁵And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ²⁶That very day Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised. ²⁷And all the men of his house, those born in the house and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

¹And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰The Lord said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah.

¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁵But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

SERMON

LOL: Laughter that Hides Heartbreak
Genesis series: The Ancient Roots of the Gospel
Dr. David Kieffer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE 691

It Is Well with My Soul

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Song Lyrics

689 Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul; your God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul, when dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;
Then shalt you better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
From His own fulness all He takes away.

4. Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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Soli Deo Gloria

Let the mountain maker come and take His place
Let the ocean in our hearts be still and wait
For the coming of our King
For the wonders that He brings
Let His majesty shine
And be lifted on high

When You move, there's nothing left to do
but stand in awe and wonder
You're like no other
When You speak, all power is released
We stand in awe and wonder
There is no other

Glory to our God alone
Soli Deo gloria
You'll reign forever on Your throne
Soli Deo gloria

You're the champion and confidence of earth
In Your presence, we're reminded of our worth

We've been chosen by our King
See the wonders that He brings
Let His majesty shine
And be lifted on high

When You move, there's nothing left to do
but stand in awe and wonder
You're like no other

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His Glory and My Good

Verse 1

I have seen my Father's glory
revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him
the more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty
When I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward
for His glory and my good

Verse 2

There is hope in every trial
for I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him
and help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus
on the road not understood
For I know that He is working
for His glory and my good

Chorus 1

To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone, the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
for I know His glory is my good

Verse 3

See the open arms of Jesus
upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness
deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me
it was nailed into the wood
Yes, I know that He has saved me
for His glory and my good

Verse 4

Would I gladly be made nothing
that Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom
that far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father
where the faithful saints have stood
and with joy my heart shall praise Him
for His glory and my good

Chorus 2

To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone, the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
for I know His glory is my good
Yes, I know His glory is my good

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, And all will see how great
How great is our God

And age to age He stands, And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, And all will see how great
How great is our God

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing, How great is our God

How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, And all will see how great
How great is our God

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691 It Is Well with My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

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

Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.

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

My sin—oh, 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!

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

O Lord, haste the day
when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound,
and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so,” it is well with my soul.

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

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