The Lord's Day, January 5, 2025
10:30 AM Morning Service

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

***Call to Worship: Psalm 86:8-13**

Minister: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

People: All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Minister: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

Unison: All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

***Hymn of Adoration: "Join All the Glorious Names" (No. 301)**

1 Join all the glorious names
of wisdom, love, and pow'r,
that ever mortals knew,
that angels ever bore:
all are too poor to speak his worth,
too poor to set my Savior forth.

2 Great Prophet of my God,
my tongue would bless thy name:
by thee the joyful news
of our salvation came,
the joyful news of sins forgiv'n,
of hell subdued, and peace with heav'n.

3 Jesus, my great High Priest,
offered his blood and died;
my guilty conscience seeks
no sacrifice beside:
his pow'rful blood did once atone
and now it pleads before the throne.

4 Thou art my Counselor,
my pattern, and my Guide,
and thou my Shepherd art;
O keep me near thy side;
nor let my feet e'er turn astray
to wander in the crooked way.

5 My Savior and my Lord,
my Conqu'ror and my King,
thy scepter and thy sword,
thy reigning grace, I sing:
thine is the pow'r; behold I sit
in willing bonds beneath thy feet.

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

Our Father, we praise you for your Son, who died to give us life. In him the enslaved find redemption, the guilty pardon, the unholy renovation. In him are everlasting strength for the weak, unsearchable riches for the needy, treasures of wisdom and knowledge for the ignorant, fullness for the empty. At your gracious call we hear, take, come, apply, receive his grace. We glory not only in the cross, but in him crucified and slain. We rejoice not only in our forgiveness, but in the one through whom our atonement comes. It is in his mighty name we come to you. Amen.

Adapted from "The Name of Jesus" in *The Valley of Vision*

***Affirmation of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism 31**

Minister: What is effectual calling?

People: Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

***Gloria Patri (Tune: "Gloria Patri, Greatorex")**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

The Revelation of God's Will: Ex. 20:1-17; Mt. 22:37-40

Unison: "And God spoke all these words saying: 'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Minister: You shall have no other gods before me.

People: You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Minister: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

People: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Minister: Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

People: You shall not murder.

Minister: You shall not commit adultery.

People: You shall not steal.

Minister: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

People: You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.'"

Unison: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul, mind and strength…and your neighbor as yourself."

Hymn of Confession: "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended" (No. 248, verses 1-2)

1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

2 Who was the guilty who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.

Corporate Confession and Silent Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You: our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. But, O Lord, have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all that has displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit, enable us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:1, 3, 4

***Hymn of Thanksgiving: "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended" (No. 248, verses 3-5)**

3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered:
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered:
for man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.

4 For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation:
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology (Tune: "Old Hundredth")**

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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures: Ephesians 2:11-22**

Minister: This is the Word of God.

Unison: Thanks be to God for his Word!

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon: "A New People" (Rev. Kevin Gardner)

***Hymn of Response: "We Are God's People" (No. 355)**

1 We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

2 We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return
The gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

3 We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family,
Diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall his work on earth be done.

4 We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own
Each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light, and to inspire.

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***Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taking Down the Greens
Following the service today, we will be putting away the Christmas decorations. If you are able, please stay and help. Many hands make light work; we've done this the past few years and everything was put away in record time!

Care Net
January is Sanctity of Life month. To show our support of Care Net, we will be collecting baby clothes (especially boys size 18 months-3T), diapers (size 4, 5, & 6), and wipes. There is a pack-n-play in the narthex for your donations. These donations are a true blessing to the clients.

Bible Reading Plan
In 2025, we will begin a new Bible reading plan that will span two years and include both an OT and NT reading each day. This will allow us to slow down and meditate more on the text, and it may also help more people participate as the daily reading volume will be less. The plan is based on Robert Murray McCheyne's Bible reading plan. Copies of the plan are available in the narthex. Or you may access it at ctkvb.org/bible-reading-plan.

Women's Bible Study Resumes
All women of the church are invited to come to Bible Study beginning January 16, at 10:00 AM at the church. Led by Audrey, Bev and Carolyn, we will be studying Nancy Guthrie's second book in the series "Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament." This ten-week study will take a close look at the four books of the Pentateuch—Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy—as we discover many ways in which Moses spoke about and foretold the birth of Christ.

Study books may be found on the book table for $15 each. You may deposit cash or check in the book box and sign your name to the signup sheet, also found on the book table. Thanks! Bring a friend!

Men's Fellowship Time
Men's Fellowship Time will resume on Wednesday, January 8, **at 7:00 AM** at Nettie's Roadside Restaurant, (2555 27th Ave Suite G-6 in Vero Beach).

Persecuted Church Prayer Hour
You are invited to CTK at 10 am this Friday, January 10th to pray for believers around the world who are enduring bitter persecution because of their love and service to Christ.