

A Word About Participating in the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is a special covenant meal that Christ gave to His Bride, the Church. **Baptized followers of Jesus** come to this Table to meet with their Lord and Savior by faith, to be renewed and strengthened by Him in their callings and mission as they eat the bread and drink the wine.

If you are not yet a Christian, or if for whatever reason you are not prepared to share in this meal, feel free to simply observe. Consider spending this time in prayer, perhaps using one of the prayers listed below. Reflect on the invitation of Jesus, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst...for my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:35, 40).

Please note, MHC serves wine in the Lord's Supper. We offer wine since it is often a symbol of joy and celebration in Scripture. **Juice is also provided** if you you would prefer that option.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

A Prayer Searching for the Truth: Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life, and that no one comes to the Father except by You. If what you claim is true, please guide me and teach me. Amen.

A Prayer of Trust in the Lord Jesus: Jesus, I confess that I am more broken, flawed, and sinful than I had ever before dared to admit. Yet You tell me that I am more loved than I ever dared to hope, and that You accept all who turn to You in simple faith. I trust You for the forgiveness for my sins, and I receive from You now the eternal life that You promise to all who come to You. Amen.

A Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin: Jesus, You know the battle that rages within my heart. Grant that in my battles with sin, I may see in You the fulfillment of all my needs. Give me strength to turn from every false satisfaction to find my ultimate joy in You. Amen.

A Prayer for Children (who have yet to profess faith): Jesus, the Bible tells me that You blessed kids like me. Help me to know who You are and to understand what You have done for me. Amen.

Announcements

Today's Commission of Elder Todd Kent

Today with great joy we are commissioning Todd Kent to serve on our Council of Elders. We have joining us today two members of our Task Force commissioned by our church planting network with helping to oversee the launch of MHC. Kyle Newcomer and serves as one of the pastors of Christ our Savior Baptist Church in Spring Texas. Charlton Wimberly works as an attorney in Houston, and has served as an elder at a church in the Woodlands. Both of these men have served on the Task Force since it was established in 2017. Their counsel, support, and advice has been invaluable. So with great thanks for their service, the Task Force will have completed its commission today, and MHC will by God's grace become its own self-governing church, led by and served by its own Council of Elders. Praise be to Christ!

Upcoming Sermon Series: "Love, Sexuality, & the Body."

Beginning Sunday, September 5th, we will begin a new series examining key texts in the Scriptures that inform us about God's design for our embodied existence. We live in a time of much confusion and heated debate about what it means to be human and whether our bodies have any meaning or purpose. People from all kinds of backgrounds including Christians have various thoughts, real questions, and even mixed feelings about love, sexuality, and the body.

In this series, we'll address some tough questions our culture is putting forward as we seek to understand how the Gospel of Jesus transforms our lives and relationships. In fact, we'll see how our embodied existence was designed to teach us about God and point us to where all of history is headed. Each Sunday we'll set aside a brief time after the service for Q&A as well.



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Welcome!

**We're really glad you're
here with us today.**

**Whether you are a Christian seeking to grow in
your relationship with Jesus Christ, or a
skeptical looking for answers, or someone who
is struggling to make sense of life and simply
looking for a caring community, you are
warmly welcome here. We are delighted you
came this morning!**

God Invites Us Into His Presence To Worship Together

“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!”
~ Psalm 150:6 ~

The Invitation

From Psalm 16

Song of Praise & Worship

“All Creatures of Our God & King”

God Graciously Renews Us In Christ Jesus

“Have mercy on me, O God....”
~ Psalm 51:1 ~

The Invitation

Psalm 119:132-133

A Moment for Silent
Confession & Reflection

The Words of the Gospel

Romans 5:6-8, 11

Song of Response

“Cling to Christ”

The Commissioning of Elder Todd Kent

God Gives Us His Words Of Eternal Life

*“Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life!”*
~ The Gospel of John 6:68 ~

“Teaching One Another” Colossians 3:15-16

Today's Speaker: Pastor Kyle Newcomer
Christ Our Savior Baptist Church, Spring, Texas

God Receives Our Offerings

*“I appeal to you..., by the mercies of God, to present
your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable
to God, which is your spiritual worship.”*
~ Romans 12:1 ~

The Giving of our Offerings

A Moment of Reflection as We Prepare
to Join Together at the Lord's Table

God Invites Us To Gather Together At The Lord's Table

*“People will come from the east and west and
north and south, and will take their places
at the feast in the Kingdom of God.”*
~ The Gospel of Luke 13:29 ~

The Words of Institution

For more on Communion,
please see the back panel.

Song of Response & Celebration

“Behold the Lamb”

“This I Believe (The Creed)”

God Sends Us Out Into The World With His Blessing

“The Lord bless you and keep you....”
~ Numbers 6:24-26 ~

The Blessing

2 Corinthians 13:14

Notes: