PRO-LIFE IS NOT A RECENT CHRISTIAN CONVICTION

There has been a propaganda attempt to convince the Christian community that antiabortion is not the historic position of Christianity. That is not true, as history clearly documents. Abortion and infanticide were common in the Roman Empire, but somewhere around the close of the first century the Didache said that Christians "shall not murder a child by abortion nor commit infanticide." Clement of Alexander (AD 150-215) said it was a sin of women who "in order to hide their immorality, use abortive drugs which expel the matter completely dead, abort at the same time their human feelings." Tertullian (AD 160-240) testified "For us, we may not

destroy even the fetus in the womb." Ronald Sider comments, "Eight different authors in eleven different writings mention abortion. In every case, the writing unequivocally rejects abortion." In a book titled Abortion and the Early Church, Michael J. Gorman says, "All Christian writers opposed abortion." Some have suggested that part of the rationale for Constantine granting liberties to the church was that he simply saw the handwriting on the wall. Christians were threatening to outnumber the pagans because the latter killed so many of their children. (Information from article by Albert Mohler in the September edition of Tabletalk).

- Charles Fortner



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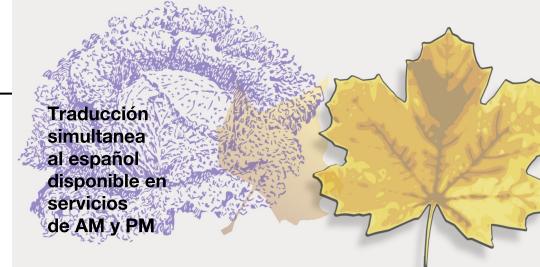
Service Times

- -Sunday School 9:30 am
- -Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- —Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- -Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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BEHOLD the Lamb of God



Morning Worship

Call to Worship **Opening Hymn** Scripture Reading **Pastoral Praver** Offertory

Nick Gaines #53 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah Matthew 24:32-51, page 830

What Wondrous Love is This

- 1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this. O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
- 2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!
- 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!

American Folk Hymn

Preparatory

Come Behold the Wondrous Mvsterv

- 1. Come, behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King. He, the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity. In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come. Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.
- 2. Come, behold the wondrous mystery: He the perfect Son of Man in His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin. See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man. Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.
- 3. Come, behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree. In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory. See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold; bringing many sons to glory; Grace unmeasured, Love untold.
- 4. Come, behold the wondrous mystery; slain by death, the God of life; But no grave could e'er restrain Him; praise the Lord; He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope. Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes! (repeat)

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Agnus Dei

1. Alleluia, alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia, alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia.

(Chorus) Holy, holy are You Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. You are holy, holy are you Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. Amen

2. Alleluia, alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia. (Chorus)

You are holy, holy are You Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. Amen

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship Pastor Charles Fortner **Opening Hymn**

#132 Wondrous King, All Glorious

Scripture Reading **Pastoral Praver** Offertory/Preparatory Mark 14:12-31, 50 page 850

Sermon Communion

#675 A Wonderful Savior Pastor Andy Dunkerton **Pastor Bob Prentice** #431 Just as I Am #189 Sweet the Moments Nearer. Still Nearer

- 1. Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart, draw me, my Savior so precious Thou art! Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast. Shelter me safe in that haven of rest; Shelter me safe in that haven of rest.
- 2. Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring, naught as an offering to Jesus, my King - Only my sinful, now contrite heart. Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart; Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart.
- 3. Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be Thine! Sin, with its follies, I gladly resign, All of its pleasures, pomp and its pride. Give me but Jesus, my Lord, crucified; Give me but Jesus, my Lord, crucified.
- 4. Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, till safe in glory my anchor is cast; Thro' endless ages ever to be Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee: Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee. Amen

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