# CHRIST THEKING

# Sixth Sunday in Easter May 14, 2023 10:30 am Morning Worship

#### **Prelude**

Prayer (Collect) of Preparation:

Deliver us when we draw near to You, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind: Grant that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Amen

# Call to Worship

Leader: O Israel, trust in the Lord!

Congregation: He is our help and our shield.

Leader: O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord!

Congregation: He is our help and our shield.

Leader: You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!

Congregation: He is our help and our shield.

Leader: The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;

Congregation: he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

All: he will bless those who fear the Lord, both the small and the great.

— based on *Psalm 115:9-13* 

#### Invocation

## Preparation

We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

## Kris Sachsenmeier | Call to Worship

God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together. God's people sing not only as an expression of our love for God but also to remind ourselves of our place in God's redemptive work.

The church is marked by its singing, from Israel's deliverance through the Psalms to our worship today.





#### **Confession of Faith**

We join the global and historic church in professing what we believe as Christians, to remind ourselves of the hope we have and the life that hope invites us to live.

#### Confession of Sin

In God's presence, the evil that mars our lives – corporate and individual – comes to light. Through Jesus Christ, we are safe to be honest about ourselves because we fear no condemnation.

#### **Assurance of Grace**

God declares through his Church that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from all their sins and their guilty consciences cleansed.

#### **Confession of Faith**

Leader: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

Congregation: Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Leader: What is repentance unto life?

Congregation: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

- Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 86-86

#### Confession of Sin

All: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Grace**

Leader: Now hear this promise of grace and forgiveness from the word of God, from Galatians 2, verses 16 and 19:

We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified... For through the law we died to the law, so that we might live to God.

Leader: To those who repent of their sin and look to Jesus Christ for salvation, the forgiveness of sins is fully yours, by the grace of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Congregation: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.



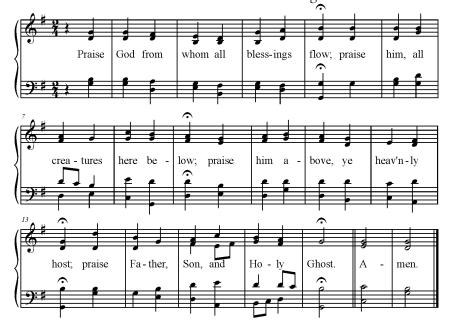
#### Offertory

We give back to God our wealth and talents in recognition that they all come from him. These gifts help support the mission and ministries of the church.

## Offertory

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Louis Borgeouis's *Genevan Psalter* 



# Prayers of the People

We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.

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All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

# **Passing of the Peace**

We remind each other of the peace given us in the gospel – peace first between us and God, leading to reconciled relationships with each other.

# Life Together

We share important announcements and prayer requests for our church community.

# Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you!

# Life Together

## **Scripture Reading**

Numbers 6:22-27, p114 in pew Bible

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

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Congregation: Thanks be to God.

#### Sermon

Rev. Travis Drake

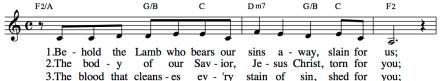
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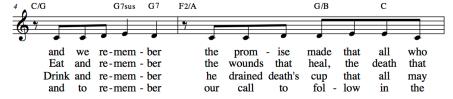
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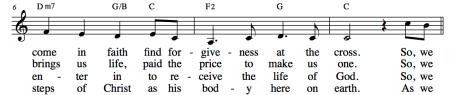
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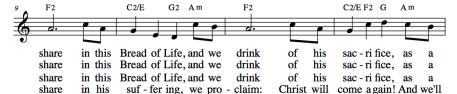


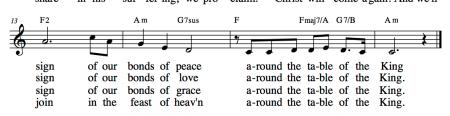
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Scripture Reading

The public reading of God's Word is integral whenever God's people gather to worship. The first step to faith is listening to his Word.

#### Sermon

God has ordained the preaching of his Word to illuminate and apply the good news of Jesus Christ to our hearts that would remain dull and hard apart from the operation of his Holy Spirit Lord's Supper

God meets us not only in hearing the Word, but also in visible, tangible form – uniting us with himself spiritually by faith in Christ.

Servers come forward as liturgy begins.

We ask that those in the balcony come forward first, followed by those on the main floor, starting in the back row.

Grape juice is available in the center of each wine tray and gluten-free wafers are in the center of each bread tray for those who desire such. Please hold the elements until all can partake together.

At the end of the service, please dispose of your cup as you exit the sanctuary.

## Lord's Supper

Invitation

Words of Institution

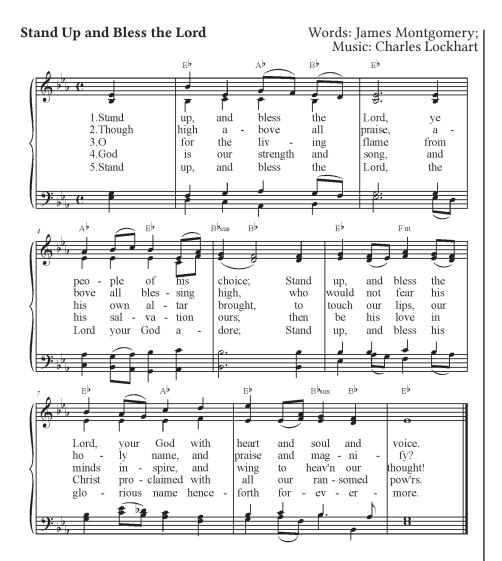
Distributing of Elements

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be unafraid of the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is clear, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer for Those Desiring to Trust in Jesus Christ for the First Time Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed. And I know that through you I am more loved & accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and providing forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord and desire to live a life of loving and serving you. Amen.

Partaking of the Elements



## Benediction

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We depart with this 'good word' of God's calling upon our lives in the world.

# WELCOME

**Welcome visitors!** We're glad you could join us. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctkcambridge. org/visit so we can get to know you better. Find out more by contacting office@ctkcambridge.org.

# **SUNDAYS**

# ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sunday school classes for Kindergarten through High School are currently offered Sunday mornings from 9:15a-10:15a. The current Adult Education class is described below:

The world needs Hope. The Church needs Hope. You need Hope. NT Wright's exciting book on the resurrection and future hope - Surprised by Hope - is being offered in a 6-week video series about the sure hope of the resurrection. Come and be encouraged. Why not bring a friend who needs hope? This will be the last class for the spring before summer break.

# FOR FAMILIES

## Nursery

- Open during the service for up to 8 registered participants ages 6 months (and sitting) to 3 years. The room is behind the sanctuary through the doors on the right.
  - Please contact Lara Kastelein (lara@ctkcambridge.org) with questions.

#### Children's Worship

- Children 4 years through Grade 2 are dismissed from the service prior to the sermon to classes with teaching suited to their age. Parents must escort kids to class in order to check them in.
- Parents may pick up children during the song after the sermon. Please head to the back foyer (4y-Grade K) and Social Hall (Grades 1 & 2) and be sure to have your security tag with you.
- Please contact Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org) with any questions.

# During the service

- Encourage children to participate in each part of the service. For non-readers, place your arms around your child and point to the words in the bulletin as they are read.
- There are 'Pew Pouches' containing writing and drawing supplies in the front foyer of the church, and sermon worksheets available for kids to pick up during the Passing of the Peace to the right of the stage.

# During the week

- Reread the Scripture passage. For younger children, read from a storybook Bible or more accessible translation like International Children's Bible (ICB) or NIrV available at biblegateway.com.
- Discuss the parts of the service as a family using the worship guide (ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids). Have everyone recall a part of the service that stood out to them.
- Listen to and discuss the songs from the service at ctkcambridge.org/songs. Visit this page to also pre view songs to prepare for the upcoming service (songs are updated mid-week).

# WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

Now as always, Community groups are central to our life together at CTK as a way to study and pray together and serve each other and our communities. Some groups are meeting in person and some are meeting virtually. Please visit ctkcambridge.org/community-groups for a full listing with contact information.

# FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Men's Bible Study: Andy Stuntz (astuntz@gmail.com)

Women's Ministry: Martha Olson (women@ctkcambridge.org)

Youth Ministry: Ariana Smartt (ariana@ctkcambridge.org)

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MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org

Meals Ministry: Erin Ward (meals@ctkcambridge.org)

Overseas Partner Liaison: Morgan Crago (missions@ctkcambridge.org)

# Online Resources

Samples of the songs for Sunday's worship service are posted on the website by the Wednesday before the service, along with the coming Sunday's bulletin and Scripture passage, at ctkcambridge.org/songs.

For **online giving**, visit ctkcambridge.org/giving.

**Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes** can be found on the website at ctkcambridge.org/sermons and ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation, respectively.

For recommended daily Bible reading plans selected by pastoral staff, visit ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings.

To sign up for the CTK Reader, our weekly e-newsletter, visit ctkcambridge.org/reader.

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# LIFE TOGETHER

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Volunteers Needed: Soccer Nights (soccernights.org) is a low-cost summer evening soccer clinic in Central Square that seeks to promote athletic skill, leadership development, and citywide unity in neighborhoods throughout Greater Boston. They are running a program mid-June for 5 evenings in the Cambridge area for grade-school-aged kids and they are looking for volunteers! Anyone can volunteer, even if you don't have prior soccer experience. Deadline for signing up is Sunday, May 21st, 11:59pm. They expect to have 150+ kids, with 50+ volunteers across various churches in the wider Boston area If you're interested in helping out, please contact soccernights1@gmail. com.

Save the Date! Saturday, June 3, 10:30 am-12:00 pm - All women and girls of CTK are cordially invited to gather for fellowship, including a brunch and flower arranging. Sign up using the Perfect Potluck link in the Reader. We'll meet inside the Social Hall. Please bring \$5 to help offset the cost of your flowers and vase. Can't wait to see you all!

# **UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:**

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/calendar, or email office@ctkcambridge.org

Sun, May 21, 12p :: Volunteer Appreciation Day :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/calendar

Sun, Jun 3, 10:30a :: Women's Brunch :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/women

# Weekly Events at CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events, or email office@ctkcambridge.org

Tue, 7a :: Morning Prayer :: Online ctkcambridge.org/prayer

Wed, 7p :: **Women's PM Bible Study** :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/women

Thu, 9:30a :: Women's AM Bible Study :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/women

Fri, 6:15a :: **Men's Morning Bible Study** :: Online ctkcambridge.org/men

# LINKS

GIVING:



READER:



VISITOR CARD:



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