CHRIST THEKING

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. -1 John 4:16a

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost July 17, 2022 10:30 am Morning Worship

Prelude

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. — from Isaiah 40

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 Preparation

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

Call to Worship God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together.

Call to Worship

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found;

Congregation: Call upon him while he is near;

Leader: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Congregation: Let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,

All: And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. — *Isaiah 55:6*, 7

Invocation



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.

Call to Confession

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.

Declaration of Absolution

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.

Call to Confession

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. -1 *John 1:8-9*

Prayer of Confession

All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen. – from the *Book of Common Worship*

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 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. To those who repent and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, the absolution of sins is effected in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

Congregation: and our mouths will declare your praise.

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.



Baptism

Asa Lewis Jackson

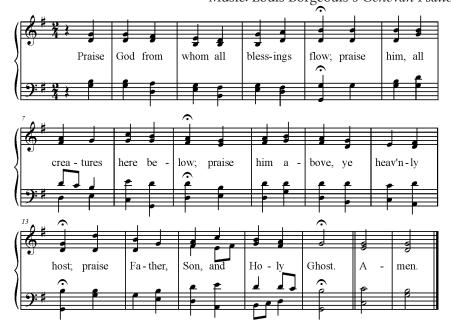
Offering

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.

Offering

Doxology

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



Life Together

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

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

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you!



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; those seated in the outer pews can then come forward, starting from the back rows; finally, those in the center pews can come forward, starting from 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.

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 2:1-13, *p995 in pew Bible*

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Strengthened by Grace

Rev. Travis Drake

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: What is the Lord's Supper?

Congregation: The Lord's Supper is a sacrament in which bread and wine are given and received as Christ directed to proclaim His death. Those who receive the Lord's Supper in the right way share in His body and blood with all His benefits, not physically but by faith, and become spiritually stronger and grow in grace.

Minister: What is the right way to receive the Lord's Supper?

Congregation: The right way to receive the Lord's Supper is to examine whether we discern the Lord's body, whether our faith feeds on Him, and whether we have repentance, love, and a new obedience - so that we may not come in the wrong way and eat and drink judgment on ourselves.

-Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 96 & 97

Words of Institution and 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving



Benediction

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

Please join us outside for refreshments immediately following the service, as weather permits.

WELCOME

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

SUNDAYS

Adult Education & Sunday School Classes

Adult Education and Children & Youth Sunday School classes are currently on hiatus for the summer but will resume in person this fall. More details will be provided later on in the summer.

FOR FAMILIES

Nursery

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

Children's Worship

- Children age 4 thru 2nd grade are dismissed from the service prior to the sermon to a class that teaches about worship suited to their age. Parents must escort kids to class in order to check them in.
- Pick up from Children's Worship comes after the sermon, during the song prior to the Lord's Supper. A parent can head to the back foyer outside of the social hall; pick up will take place at the door at the top of the stairwell. Please remember your security tag during pick up.
- Class capacity is 12 registered students, with a waitlist available. Parents may sign up children for class when registering for the service.
- Please contact Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org) with any questions or to cancel if registered and unable to make it.

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.
- During the sermon, kids may complete one of the worship activities available at ctkcambridge. org/worship-kids or in the church foyer along with 'Pew Pouches' containing writing and drawing supplies.

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)

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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.

CTK is a member of Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Scripture texts are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version™, ©2001 Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers, Wheaton, IL 60187, CCLI #912939.

LIFE TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Registration Reminder: We continue to ask that folks please register to attend on Sunday mornings. When registering for the service, you may also **register children for either nursery** (ages 6 months through 3 years) **or children's worship** (ages 4 through Grade 2). Space is limited, but wait lists are available.

This summer we will begin a **new pick up procedure for children's worship** in order for the children to be in the service for the Lord's Supper and Benediction. After the sermon, there will now be a song before we take the Lord's Supper; during the song one parent can head to the back foyer outside of the social hall on the bathroom side. Pick up will take place at the door at the top of the stairwell. Please remember your security tag during pick up. Drop off will remain at the Passing of the Peace.

Save the date! **During the service on Sunday, July 24th, Pastor Travis will formally be installed as senior pastor at CTK.** We'll have a guest preacher that day and several members of the presbytery will be present for this special occasion. There will also be a light lunch following the service. Please be sure to register for the service so we can order enough food.

Interested in investing in the future generation? The CTK youth ministry team is in need of volunteers for the next school year. Some of the ways to get involved include: mentoring, teaching sunday school, and planning/hosting/chaperoning events. Please contact dana@ctkcambridge.org if you are interested.

Starting Sunday, July 31st, the livestream link will be available by request only. If you need the link, please email laura@ctkcambridge.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Sun, Jul 24 10:30a :: **Senior Pastor Installation Service** ctkcambridge.org/registration

Wed, Jul 27 7:30p :: Women's Summer Book Club :: TBA 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 :: Summer RUF :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/college

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

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