CHRIST THEKING

For the kingdom of God is... righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. —Romans 14:17

Sunday, August 9, 2020 10:30 am Morning Worship

Prelude

Fruit is always the miraculous, the created; it is never the result of willing, but always a growth. The fruit of the Spirit is a gift of God, and only He can produce it. They who bear it know as little about it as the tree knows of its fruit. They know only the power of Him on whom their life depends. — Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship

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: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

Congregation: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

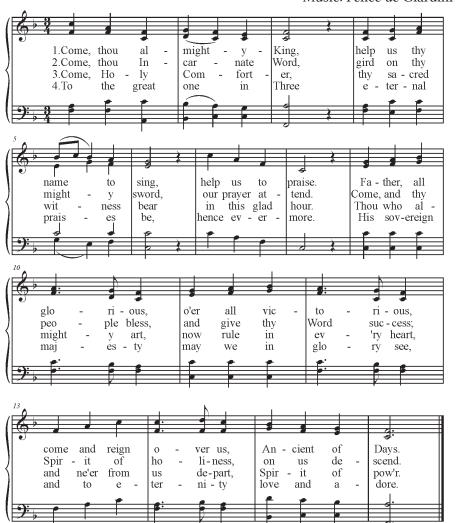
Congregation: And he is to be held in awe above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place. -1 Chronicles 16:23-27

Invocation





Call to Confession

Leader: But when he came to himself, he said... I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate. — Luke 15:17-24

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen. – from the *Book of Common Worship*

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. God does not despise a broken and a contrite heart. Jesus said: "Whoever comes to me I will never drive away." The Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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,

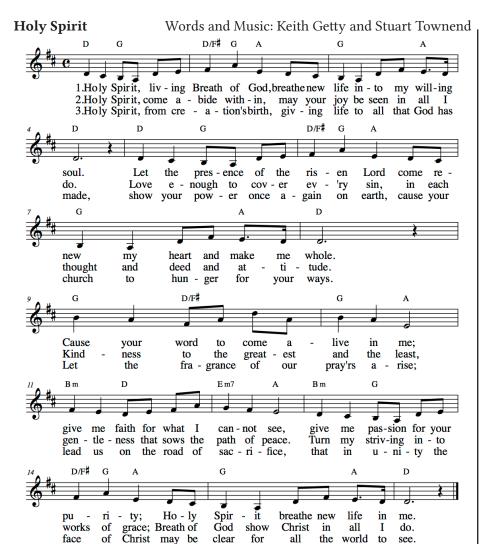
Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth.

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.



Offertory







Baptism

Colin Chama Ross

Pastoral Prayer

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.

A Word for the Kids



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Sermon

Galatians 5:22-26

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Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: Who is the Redeemer?

All: The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.
- New City Catechism Q&A 20

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving



Benediction

WELCOME

Welcome visitors! We're glad you could join us online. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctkcambridge.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

Typically, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children every Sunday morning. During this hiatus from public gathering, we will be offering Adult Education and Sunday school gatherings on Sunday mornings via Zoom:

Our Only Comfort: A Study of The Heidelberg Catechism. Since its publication in 1563, the Heidelberg Catechism has become one of the most widely circulated books in the world, and it's not hard to see why. Alongside its clear presentation of Christian doctrine, it's truly beloved for its pastoral spirit and its emphasis on the tremendous consolation and encouragement to be found in the gospel. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn and be refreshed - come join the discussion on Zoom! We recommend that you purchase Kevin DeYoung's excellent guide to the Catechism, *The Good News We Almost Forgot*.

FOR FAMILIES

Parents, you might try some of these ideas to help your child(ren) understand and better connect with our worship service.

During the service

- · Encourage children to participate in each part of the service. During the sermon, children might then complete one of the worship activities provided at ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids.
- · For non-readers, place your arms around your child and point to the words in the bulletin as they are read.

After the service / During the week

- \cdot 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.
- \cdot Discuss the service and sermon as a family using the worship guide (at ctkcambridge.org/ worship-kids) to help children understand each part. 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 preview songs to prepare for the upcoming service (songs are updated mid-week).

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.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church worshipping in Cambridge, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Wakefield and Quincy. We also have sister congregations worshipping in East Boston (in Portuguese), Newton, Hanover, West Roxbury and Somerville. See ctkboston.org to find out more.

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. Right now, groups are meeting virtually. Please visit ctkcambridge.org/community-groups for a full listing with contact information.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Currently there are no groups meeting in person, but some ministries and groups are still meeting virtually. Please reach out to the listed contact person to learn more.

Men's Fellowship Groups: Rev. Rick Downs (rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org)

Women's Ministry: Laura Martin (laura.a.martin87@gmail.com)

Youth Community Group: Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org)

Vocational Fellowship Groups: Rev. Nathan Barczi (nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

College Students can join Reformed University Fellowships

BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org,

Harvard: michael.whitham@ruf.org,

MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

Meals Ministry: Erin Ward (meals@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 ctk-cambridge.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.

For additional communication and socializing during this period of social distancing, **join us on our Slack space**: ctk-cambridge.slack.com. Email office@ctkcambridge.org to join.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For more information on CTK's response to the coronavirus — both what we are actively doing now and what we are preparing for in the future — visit ctkcambridge.org/coronavirus.

Time Change: the Adult Education class on the Heidelberg Catechism is now meeting at 9am on Sundays via Zoom.

If children would like to share their completed Sunday morning coloring page with the congregation, email us a photo or scanned copy and we'll include it in the announcements slideshow that airs just prior to the livestream service.

This summer, the women of the church are invited to a summer reading group. We will be reading Austin Channing Brown's book *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* (2018). In this memoir, Brown describes and reflects on her experiences as growing up as a Black Christian female in America. They will meet two more times on Zoom to discuss the book: August 11 and August 25 (both Tuesdays at 7:30pm). Please contact Rachel Thrasher (racheldenae@gmail.com)with any questions, and contact Morgan Crago (mcrago@bu.edu) if you would like a copy of the book. We hope to see you there!

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events

Sun, 9a :: Adult Education :: Online ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation (Nathan Barczi, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

Tue, 7a :: Morning Prayer :: Online ctkcambridge.org/prayer (Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Fri, 4:30p :: Theology Reading Group (Nathan Barczi, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

DAILY PRAYER ONLINE:

Visit ctkboston.org/prayer for more information

Mon, Wed, 6:30a :: Morning Prayer

Tue, Thu, 8a :: Morning Prayer