# CHRIST THEKING

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

## Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost August 21, 2022 10:30 Am Morning Worship

#### Prelude

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility... that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God... And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. — from Ephesians 2

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: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Congregation: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Congregation: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

All: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! - *Psalm 118:20-29* 

#### 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.

#### Invocation

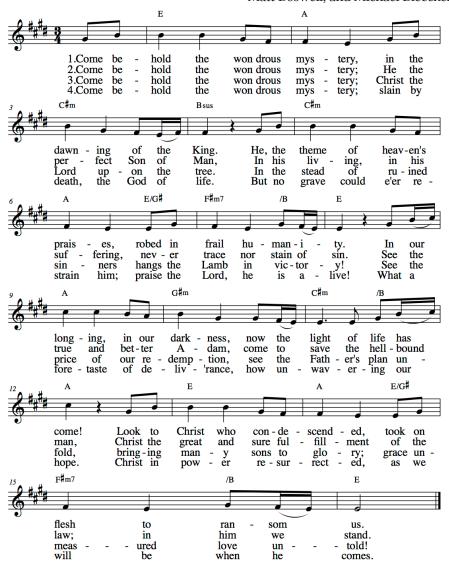
God's people sing not only as an expression of our love for God but also to remind ourselves of our place in God's redemptive work.

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



Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Words and Music: Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker



#### **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.

# 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.

#### **Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

All: There is but one God only, the living and true God, who is a Spirit infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. God, having out of his mere good pleasure from all eternity elected some to everlasting life, entered into a covenant of grace to deliver us out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring us into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ. – from *Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 4-6, 20, 21* 

#### **Confession of Sin**

All: Almighty God, who freely pardons all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. – from the *Book of Common Praver* 

#### **Declaration of Absolution**

Leader: Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, but as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. – Hebrews 9:24-26

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: 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.

#### Prayers of the People

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

#### 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.

#### Offertory



#### **Prayers of the People**

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.

#### 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**

Acts 6:1-7, *p914 in pew Bible* 

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

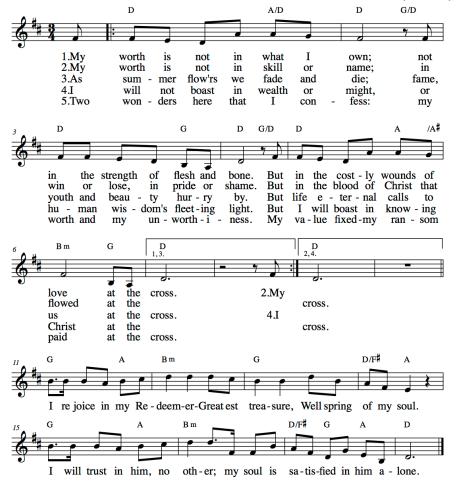
#### Congregation: Thanks be to God.

#### Sermon

Rev. Tim Chang

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Words and Music: Graham Kendrick and Keith and Kristyn Getty



**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

#### **Scripture Reading** The public reading of God's

Word is integral whenever God's people gather to wor-

ship. The first step to faith is listening to his Word.

#### 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.

#### 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

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

Words: Wendell Kimbrough; Who Is Like the Lord Our God? Music: B. Benedict and W. Kimbrough Bm D 1.Our Fa ther. he lifts from the ash-es. he 2.Though -God his Christ e qual to in glo-ry, 3.0 Saints, fix Sa - vior and your eyes the on G G Bm Α the lost; seats them to dine at his rais - es the poor and he be - came like him self in Je - sus а slave; he hum-bled 0found in his love and count all your right-eous - ness lost. Be his D/A G Bm Α out mon - ey The ta - ble, to feast with or cost. be-dience to death, and the cross, and the grave. Vicfa - vor. and share in his death on the cross. That F♯m Bm G fam ilies, the bar ren lonely he set-tles in a moth er he glo ry, tor - ious, he rose to the high est; in the Sa-vior was all of his pow-er in vic-t'ry, im - parted to you, may a -G D/A Asus Α 12 hap - py the heart of makes: 0 the strang er who's raised. His name a bove all names ex - alt - ed; the bound; and shar - ing the suf - f'rings of Je - sus, you G D G D A by this King wel - comed of Grace. Who is like the Lord our God? heav-ens and earth sing his praise. share in his glo-ry and crown. G G D Α Α Who with glo - ry fills the sky? But hum - bles him-self with the F Bm G A D dwell, is like bro - ken Who God? to our **Benediction** 

Please join us outside for refreshments immediately following the service, as weather permits. Please dispose of your communion cups as you exit the sanctuary. Thank you!

Benediction

world.

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

# 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

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.
- 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 preview 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)

College Students can join Reformed University Fellowships BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, serena.jones@ruf.org Harvard: michael.whitham@ruf.org, catherine.cook@ruf.org 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.

# 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 have begun 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.

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.

As of July 31st, the livestream link is available by request only. If you need the link, please email laura@ctkcambridge.org.

A group of women from CTK are planning to attend **Biblical Theology Workshop for Women with Nancy Guthrie on on Saturday, October 15th**. No matter how much you already know or don't know about the Bible, if you're a woman who wants to know your Bible better, this workshop is for you!You can sign up on this link: nancyguthrie.com/biblicaltheology-workshop for an early bird discount by September 12. Please let Martha Olson know by Sept 12 if you need financial assistance to purchase a ticket!

# UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Sun, Sep 11 3:30p :: Congregational Meeting :: Sanctuary

# 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

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

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