

CHRIST THE KING

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 10, 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

Matt Sherrill

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Congregation: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Congregation: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Leader: He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

All: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. — *Psalm 107:1-9*

Invocation

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.

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.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Words: Joachim Neander;
Music: from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a -

a - - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - - tion! All ye who hear,
 gent - ly sus - tain - - - eth! Hast thou not seen
 dai - ly at - tend thee. Pon - der a - new men
 prais - es be - fore him. Let the A -

now to his tem - ple draw near;
 how thy de - sires e'er have been
 what the Al - might - y will do,
 sound from his peo - ple a - gain;

join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 gran - ted in what he or - dain -
 if with his love he be - friend -
 glad - ly for aye we a - dore thee.

26 2, 4B B^b/D A^b/C E^b/B^b E^b

eth? Hal le - lu - - - jah, Hal le - lu - - - jah!

him.

35 B^b/D A^b/C E^b/B^b E^b

Hal le - lu - - - jah, Hal le - lu - - - jah!

Abide With Me

Words: Henry Lyte, Justin Smith; Music: J. Smith

1. A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven
 2. Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst
 3. I need thy pre - sence eve - ry pass - ing
 4. I fear no foe with thee at hand to
 5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing

tide; The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with
 smile; And though re - bel - lious and per -
 hour; What but thy grace can foil the
 bless; Ills have no weight, tears lose their
 eyes; shine through the gloom, and point me

me a - - - bide. When oth - er
 verse mean - - while, Thou hast not
 tempt - er's power? Who, like thy -
 bit - ter - - - ness. Where is thy
 to the skies. Heav'n's morn - ing

help - ers fail and com - forts
 left me, oft as I left
 self, my guide and stay can
 sting, death? Where, grave, thy vic - to -
 breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows

flee. Help of the help - less, a - bide with me.
 thee, On to the close, Lord, a - bide with me.
 be? Through cloud and sun - shine, a - bide with me.
 ry? I tri - umph still, a - bide with me.
 flee; In life, in death, Lord, a - bide with me.

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: For what do we pray in the fifth request (of the Lord's Prayer)?

Congregation: In the fifth request (Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors), encouraged by God's grace, which makes it possible for us sincerely to forgive others, we pray that for Christ's sake God would freely pardon all our sins.

– *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Question 105

Confession of Sin

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen. – from *the Book of Common Prayer*

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Now hear this promise of grace and forgiveness from the word of God, from John 3:17-18 and 2 Corinthians 5:21:

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Whoever believes in him is not condemned. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of 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: 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.

Be Still, My Soul

Words: Katherine von Schlegel;
Music: Jean Sibelius

(Capo III) F(D) C(A) F(D) C7(A7) C(A) B \flat (G) C(A) F(D) F(D) C(A) F(D)

1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; bear pa-tient -
 2. Be still, my soul; your God will un-der-take to guide me
 3. Be still, my soul; the hour is has-t'ning on when we shall

6 C7(A7) C(A) B \flat (G) F(D) F(D) Dm(Bm)

ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to
 fu-ture as he has the past. Your hope, your con-fi-
 be for-ev-er with the Lord, when dis-ap-point-ment,

11 F(D) C(A) Gm(Em) F(D)Gm(Em) F(D) B \flat (G)

or-der and pro-vide; in ev-'ry change he faith-ful will re-
 dence let noth-ing shake; all now mys-te-rious shall be bright at
 grief, and fear are gone, sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-

16 A(F#) F(D) C(A) Dm(Bm) F(D) C(A) Gm(Em)

main. Be still, my soul; your best your heav'n-ly Friend
 last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,

21 F(D) Gm(Em) F(D) B \flat (G) C7(A7) F(D)

through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be-low.
 all safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

Offertory

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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.

Elizabeth Cantrell, James Goodman, Sarah Goodman, Gi Yoon-Huang

Doxology

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly
host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

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.

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

Acknowledgement of Children's Worship Graduates

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

Exodus 1-2, *p45 in pew Bible*

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Travis Drake

Almighty God

Words and Music: S. McCracken, L. Jordan, D. Leonard

1. Al might - y God, to you all hearts are o - pen.
Search and know our thoughts and an - xious fears.
Wash us in the foun - tain of your mer - cy.
Come with your light; we can - not hide from you.

2. Al might - y God, to you all hearts are
y God, to you all hearts are
y God, to you all hearts are
o - - - pen. With grat -
o - - - pen. We long
o - - - pen. You take

- i - tude we raise our song to you. No shal -
for more than what this world pro - vides. Oh, Lamb
a - way our sick - ness and our sin.

Come and fill the prais - es of your peo - ple. But
- - low spring will ev - er sat - is - fy us.
of God, we gath - er at your ta - ble.

In grace and truth you make us new a - gain.
your riv - er deep floods o - ver ev - 'ry - thing.
In bread and wine you have sup - plied our needs.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -

- - - jah.

3. Al might
4. Al might

Chords: A, A/D, E, D, Dm, D dim7, B m7, A/C#

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

Praise the Savior, Now and Ever

Words: V. Fortunatus,
trans. by A. Nelson;

Music: W. Moore, arr. by Benedict/Bradham

The musical score is written for piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. Chord symbols are placed above the notes in the treble staff.

1. Praise the Sav - ior now and ev - er; praise him, all be -
2. Man's work fail - eth, Christ's a - vail - eth; he is all our
3. Sin's bond sev - ered, we're de - liv - ered; Christ has bruised the
4. For his fa - vor, praise for - ev - er un - to God the

4
neath the skies; pros - trate ly - ing suf - fring, dy - ing
righ - teous - ness; he, our Sav - ior, has for - ev - er
ser - pent's head; death no lon - ger is the strong - er
Fa - ther sing; praise the Sav - ior, praise him ev - er,

7
on the cross, a sac - ri - fice. Vic - t'ry gain - ing
set us free from dire dis - tress. Through his mer - it
hell it - self is cap - tive led. Christ has ris - en
Son of God, our Lord and King. Praise the Spir - it;

10
life ob - tain - ing now in glo - ry he doth rise.
we in - her - it light and peace and hap - pi - ness.
from death's pris - on; o'er the tomb he light has shed.
through Christ's mer - it he doth us sal - va - tion bring.

Benediction

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

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

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.

FOR FAMILIES

Nursery

- Open during the service for children 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 NIV 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)

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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:

For any verbal announcements you may have missed, please visit ctkcambridge.org/this-week.

CTK is looking to hire a Children's Ministry Coordinator! This is a part-time position (7-10 hours/week), working with the Director to plan and oversee programs and operations for the Children's Ministry at CTK (which cares for and supports families with children up thru Grade 5). For more information, please visit ctkcambridge.org/childrens-ministry-operations-coordinator.

New Men's and Women's Bible Studies are starting this week -- check out Weekly Events at CTK in the next column!

We are preparing to kick off Sunday School for the new school year! Classes for Grades K-5 will begin on Sunday, September 24. Classes meet at 9:15a in the church basement. Please register your children by September 17 to indicate your family's intent to attend for the 2023-24 school year.

CTK, get out your ladles, break out your pots, both Insta and Crock. On Saturday, September 23rd we'll be hosting the First Ever* (that I can think of) CTK Chili Cook-Off. Known as America's Most Contentious Stew, chili comes in many forms. Do you think chili should have meat? Or just beans? Should it be red? Green? White? Come and prove that your kind of chili is best! More details to come soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Sun, Sep 10, 12:30p :: High School After-Church Hangout
ctkcambridge.org/youth

Fri, Sep 22, 7p :: Middle School Game Night :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/youth

Sat, Sep 23, 4:30p :: CTK Chili Cook-Off :: 99 Prospect
ctkcambridge.org/chili-cookoff

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

Tue, 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:



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VISITOR CARD:



Please contact the following staff members by calling our office at (617) 864-5464 or by email:

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