

CHRIST THE KING

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 17, 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

Nathan Carter

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Congregation: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

Leader: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Congregation: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

— *Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12*

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.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Words: Charles Wesley;
Music: Kathryn Baldanza

1. Re - joyce, the Lord is King; Your Lord and King a -
 2. Je - sus the sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and
 4. Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall

dore! Re - joyce, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er -
 love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a -
 heav'n; the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus
 come, and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal

more. Lift up your heart, lift up your
 bove.
 giv'n.
 home.

voice! Re - joyce a - gain, I say, re - joyce!

Confession of Faith

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

Congregation: In the sixth request (And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one) we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin or support and deliver us when we are tempted. — *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Question 106

Confession of Sin

All: Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unflinching, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Now hear this promise of grace and forgiveness from the word of God, from Romans 8, verses 1 through 5:

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.

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.

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.

All I Have Is Christ

Words and Music: Jordan Kauflin

1. I once was lost in dark - est night yet thought I knew the
 ran my hell - bound race, in - diff - rent to the
 would be yours a - lone and live so all might

5 way; the sin that pro - mised joy and life had led me
 cost, you looked up - on my help - less state and led me
 see the strength to fol - low your com - mands could ne - ver

8 to the grave. I had no hope that you would
 to the cross; and I be - held God's love dis -
 come from me. O Fa - ther use my ran - somed

11 own played, a re - bel to your will, and if you
 life in a - ny way you choose, and let my

14 had not loved me first, I would re - fuse you still.
 wrath re - served for me, now all I know is
 song for - ev - er be my on - ly boast is

19 2. But as I grace! Hal le - lu - jah! All I
 you.

25 have is Christ! Halle - lu - jah! Jesus is my life! 3. Now Lord I

Chords: A, Bm, G, Em, D, D/F#, G, A, Bm, D, Fine, D.S. al Fine

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

Laura Bullock, Chris Martin, Greg Russell

Doxology

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

College Student Commissioning

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you!

Life Together

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

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-4:1-17, 27-31, *p46 in pew Bible*

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Travis Drake

Speak, O Lord

Words and Music: Keith Getty
and Stuart Townend



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re-ceive the food of your
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di-ence, ho-ly rev - er-ence, true hu-
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your



ho - ly word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti-tudes in the
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - di-ance of your pur-i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
e - cho down through e - ter-ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your



seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
prom - is-es; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all your
Words of pow'r that can nev - - - er fail; let their
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the



pur - - - pos - es, for your glo - - ry.
truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
earth is filled with your glo - - ry.

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

Lift High the Name of Jesus

Words and Music: Keith and Kristyn Getty,
Fionan de Barra, and Ed Cash



1.Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our King. Make
2.Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Lord. His
3.Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Light. No



known the pow - er of his grace, the beau - ty of his peace. Re -
pow'r in us is great - er than, is great - er than this world. To
oth - er name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He



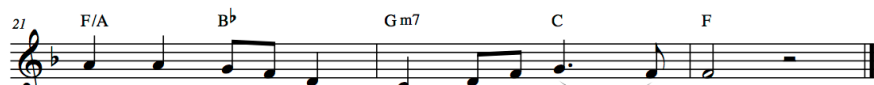
mem - ber how his mer - cy reached and we cried out to him. He
share the rea - son for our hope, to serve with love and grace, that
o - pens up our eyes to see the har - vest he has grown. We



lift - ed us to so - lid ground to free - dom from our
all who see him shine through us might bring the Fa - ther
la - bor in his fields of grace as he leads sin - ners



sin. Oh sing my soul and tell all he's done 'til the
praise.
home.



earth and heav ens are filled with his glo - - - ry.

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

Sunday school classes for Middle & High school started today, September 17th. Classes for K through Grade 5 will start next week. The next Adult Education class is listed below. All classes are on Sunday mornings for 9:15a-10:15a.

On **Sunday, September 24**, CTK-supported missionaries Collin & Zury J. will visit CTK to describe their ministry during the Adult Ed hour (9:15am-10:15am) in the Fellowship Hall, as well as make a brief announcement in the worship service and visit with us during the coffee hour afterward. Please come to hear from them, as you are able!

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 children@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 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

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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.

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.

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. You can find the link to register at ctkcambridge.org/kids.

CTK, get out your ladles, break out your pots, both Insta and Crock. On Saturday, September 23rd at 4:30p 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! If making chili isn't your thing, please consider signing up to bring a side. The church will provide shredded cheese, sour cream, and drinks. **Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 19th** at ctkcambridge.org/chili-cookoff.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

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

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

Sat, Oct 7, 11a :: **Discovering CTK** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk

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

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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