

# CHRIST THE KING

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 10:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP

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## Prelude

*Christ's crucifixion was more than simply another instance of an innocent person's suffering. The suffering of the innocent as such has no redemptive value, either for the sufferers themselves or for anybody else; it is tragic, rather than redeeming, because it only swells the already overbrimming rivers of blood and tears running through human history. More than just the passive suffering of an innocent person, the passion of Christ is the agony of a tortured soul and wrecked body offered as a prayer for the forgiveness of the torturers.*

— Miroslav Volf, *Exclusion & Embrace*

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

Leonard Layne

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**Congregation: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

**All: I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.** — *Psalms 34:1-4*

## 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.

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Words and Music: Martin Luther

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

5  
 fail - ing; our help er he a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre -  
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri - umph  
 bid eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through him who with us

10  
 vail - - - - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 choos - - - - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 through us. The prince of dark - ness grim, we  
 sid - - - - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

14  
 seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great; and  
 Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill; God's

18  
 armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - - - qual.  
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - - - tle.  
 lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - - - er.

# My Soul Finds Rest In God Alone

Words and Music: Stuart Townend  
and Aaron Keyes, based on Psalm 62

C F/A C Am7 G

1. My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my sal - va - tion, a  
2. Find rest, my soul, in God a lone a - mid the world's temp - ta - tions. When  
3. I'll set my gaze on God a lone and trust in him complete - ly, with

C F/A C Am7 G C

for tress strong a - gainst my foes, and I will not be shak - en. Though  
e - vil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my sal - va - tion. Though  
ev - 'ry day pour out my soul, and he will prove his mer - cy. Though

F C F G

lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies, like ar - rows, pierce me, I'll  
rich - es come and rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them. The  
life is but a fleet - ing breath, a sigh too brief to meas - ure, my

C F/A C Am7 G

fix my heart on righ - teous - ness; I'll look to him who hears  
fields of hope in which I sow are har - vest - ed in heav -  
King has crushed the curse of death, and I am his for - ev -

C G C/E F C F

me. O praise him, hal le - lu - jah, my De - light and my Re - ward. Ever  
en.  
er.

G C/E F Dm G C

last - ing, nev - er - fail - ing; my Re - deem - er, my God.

## Confession of Faith

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

All: That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own,  
but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ;  
who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins,  
and delivered me from all the power of the devil;  
and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father,  
not a hair can fall from my head;  
yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation,  
and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life,  
and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him.

– Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

## 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 Sin

**All:** Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## 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:** 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.

## Our Great God

Words and Music: Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell

1. E - ter - nal God, un - chang - ing, mys - te - ri - ous and un -  
2. Lord, we are weak and frail, help - less in the  
3. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture in the sea and ev - 'ry fly - ing

5 known; your bound - less love, un - fail - - ing,  
storm. Sur - round us with your an - - - gels,  
bird, let ev - 'ry moun - tain, ev - 'ry field and

Chord markings: B<sup>b</sup>, F m, F m 7, B<sup>b</sup>, B<sup>b</sup>, F m

8 F m7 B♭ G m

grace and mer - cy shown. Bright ser - a - phim in  
 hold us in your arms. Our cold and ruth - less  
 val - ley of the earth let all the moons and

11 E♭ G m E♭

cease - less flight a - round your glo - ri - ous throne; they  
 en - e - my, his plea - sure is our harm. Rise  
 all the stars in all the u - ni - verse sing

14 B♭ F m F m7

raise their voic - es day andnight in praise to you a -  
 up, O Lord, and he will flee be - fore our sov - 'reign  
 prais - es to the liv - ing God who rules them by his

17 E♭ B♭ F m E♭

lone. Hal - le - lu - - - jah! Glo - ry be to our great  
 God.  
 Word.

21 B♭ B♭ F m E♭ B♭

God! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry be to our great God!

## Offertory

## Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;  
 Music: Thomas Tallis

Praise God from whom all bless - ings 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.

## 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.

## Deacons' Fund Offering

### Prayers of the People

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

### 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.

### 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.

### Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**Congregation:** And also with you!

### Life Together

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

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### Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 4, p400 in pew Bible

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

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

### 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

*Rebuilding Amidst Opposition*

Rev. Travis Drake

### 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

### Is He Worthy?

Words and Music: Ben Shive and Andrew Peterson

Chords: C, C2sus, C, C2sus, C, Am, A2sus, Am, Am, A2sus, Am, F, F2, F, F, F2, F, C, C2sus, C, Em

1. Do you feel the world is broken? We do. Do you  
 2. Is all cre-a-tion groan-ing? It is. Is a  
 3. Does the Fa-ther tru-ly love us? He does. Does the

3 feel the sha-dows deep-en? We do. But do you  
 new cre-a-tion com-ing? It is. Is the  
 Spir-it move a-mong us? He does. And does

5 know that all the dark won't stop the light from get-ting through? We  
 glo-ry of the Lord to be the light with-in our midst? It  
 Je-sus, our Mes-si-ah hold for-ev-er those he loves? He

7 do. Do you wish that you could see it all made  
 is. Is it good that we re-mind our-selves of  
 does. Does our God in-tend to dwell a-gain with

9 F F2 F C C C F Fmaj7  
 new? We do. Is an y one wor- thy? Is  
 this? It is.  
 us? He does.

13 G Am G F2 3 F C/F  
 anyone whole? Is anyone a - ble to break the seal and open the scroll? The

16 F Fmaj7 G  
 Li-on of Ju - dah who con quered the grave, He is

18 Am G F2 3 F C/F F  
 To Coda 2nd Time  
 Da vid's Root and the Lamb who died to ran som the slave. Is he

20 Am G Em F Am G 3 Em F  
 wor - thy, is he wor - thy of all bless ing and hon or and glo - ry? Is he

24 Am G F C C C2sus C  
 wor - thy of this? He is. 3. Does the

28 Coda  
 F2 3 F F2 F/A G/B  
 ransom the slave. From ev'ry people and tribe, ev'ry nation and tongue, he has

31 C Cmaj7/E F2 3 F F2  
 made us a king-dom and priests to God to reign with the Son. Is he

33 Am G Em F Am G 3  
 wor - thy, is he wor - thy of all bless ing and hon or and

36 Em F Am G Em F Am G  
 glo - ry? Is he wor - thy, is he wor - thy? Is he wor - thy of

40 F2 F F2 C Am F  
 this? He is. Is he wor - thy, is he

45 Gsus G C  
 wor - - - - thy? He is.

## 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*

Minister: What do you believe?

**All: In this supper God declares to us that our sins have been completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself finished on the cross once for all.**

Minister: He also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ, who with his very body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father, where he wants us to worship him. — from *Heidelberg Catechism, Q&As 75, 80*

### *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 in the Elements*



# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Words: William Williams;  
Music: John Hughes

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun tain, whence the heal - ing  
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

4  
bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

7  
hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en,  
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

10  
Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no  
strong De - liv - 'rer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

12  
more, feed me till I want no more.  
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

## Benediction

### Benediction

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.  
Please dispose of your communion cups as you exit the sanctuary. Thank you!*

# WELCOME

**Welcome visitors!** We're glad you could join us. Please fill out a digital visitor card at [ctkcambridge.org/visit](http://ctkcambridge.org/visit) so we can get to know you better. Find out more by contacting [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org).

## SUNDAYS

### ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sunday school classes for Kindergarten through Grade 8 are currently offered Sunday mornings from 9:15a-10:15a. High School Sunday school as well as Adult Education will begin later in the Fall.

## 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](mailto: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 classes that teach 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.
- Please contact Dana Russell ([dana@ctkcambridge.org](mailto: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](http://biblegateway.com).
- Discuss the parts of the service as a family using the worship guide ([ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids](http://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](http://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](http://ctkcambridge.org/community-groups) for a full listing with contact information.

## FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

**Men's Bible Study:** Andy Stuntz ([astuntz@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://ctkcambridge.org/songs).

For **online giving**, visit [ctkcambridge.org/giving](http://ctkcambridge.org/giving).

**Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes** can be found on the website at [ctkcambridge.org/sermons](http://ctkcambridge.org/sermons) and [ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation](http://ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation), respectively.

For recommended **daily Bible reading plans** selected by pastoral staff, visit [ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings](http://ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings).

To sign up for the **CTK Reader**, our weekly e-newsletter, visit [ctkcambridge.org/reader](http://ctkcambridge.org/reader).

# LIFE TOGETHER

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Policy changes:** starting in October, communion servers will be asked to continue to wear gloves, but wearing masks will be optional for them. Also, registration will no longer be required for Sunday mornings. Distanced seating will no longer be assigned. There will be two distanced pews on either side of the main floor for families with small children who need distanced seats, and the balcony is also reserved for distanced seating.

Attention parents and children's ministry volunteers: As of September 1, **updated COVID guidelines have gone into effect for all children's programs.** Most notably, masks will be optional for both children and volunteers/staff. All guidelines may be found at [ctkcambridge.org/policies-children](http://ctkcambridge.org/policies-children). Any questions can be directed to [dana@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:dana@ctkcambridge.org).

New to CTK? **Discovering CTK** is a newcomers class for those interested in learning more about our church and denomination (PCA) and what it means to become a member. The next class will on Saturday, October 15th from 9a to 3p in the church social hall. Registration is now open at [ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk](http://ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk).

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

*For more details, see [ctkcambridge.org/calendar](http://ctkcambridge.org/calendar), or email [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org)*

Sat, Oct 8, 8a :: **Men's Breakfast** :: Social Hall  
[ctkcambridge.org/men](http://ctkcambridge.org/men)

Sat, Oct 15, 9a :: **Discovering CTK** :: Social Hall  
[ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk](http://ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk)

Sun, Oct 23, 3:30p :: **Congregational Meeting** :: Sanctuary  
[ctkcambridge.org/calendar](http://ctkcambridge.org/calendar)

Sat, Oct 29, 2p :: **CTK Great Pumpkin Event** :: Dana Park  
[ctkcambridge.org/calendar](http://ctkcambridge.org/calendar)

## WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

*For more details, see [ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events](http://ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events), or email [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org)*

Tue, 7a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/prayer](http://ctkcambridge.org/prayer)

Thu, 9:30a :: **Women's AM Bible Study** :: Social Hall  
[ctkcambridge.org/women](http://ctkcambridge.org/women)

Fri, 6a :: **Men's Morning Bible Study** :: Online  
[ctkcambridge.org/men](http://ctkcambridge.org/men)

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