# CHRIST

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST October 1, 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

Invocation

Leader: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

Congregation: Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.

Leader: Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?

Congregation: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

Tim Dietz

- Revelation 15:3-4

#### Preparation

We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

#### Call to Worship

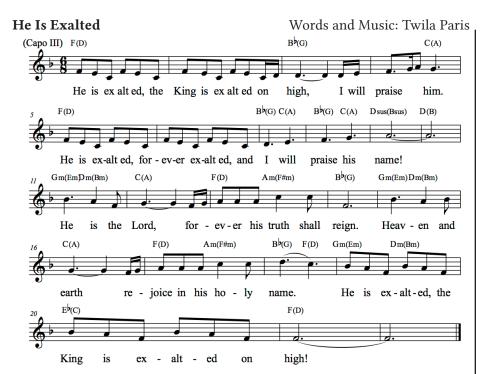
God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together.

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.



Words: Christian Bateman;



#### **Confession of Faith**

Leader: What does the conclusion of the Lord's prayer teach us (of the Lord's Prayer)?

Congregation: The conclusion of the Lord's prayer (for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever) teaches us to be encouraged only by God in our prayers and to praise Him by acknowledging that kingdom, power, and glory are His. To show that we want to be heard and have confidence that we are, we say "Amen".

- Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 107

# **Confession of Faith**We join the global and historic church in profess-

ing 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 Sin

All: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy 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 Galatians 2, verses 16 and 19:

We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified... For through the law we died to the law, so that we might live to 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: 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.



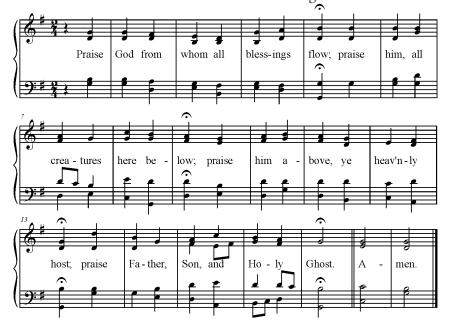
#### Offertory

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.

#### Offertory

Doxology

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



# Prayers of the People We cry out together for

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.

# Life Together

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

# Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you!

# Life Together

Andrea Bootsma, Morgan Crago, Joseph Melkonian, Anna Read-Cressman

# **Scripture Reading**

Exodus 7-10 (exerpts\*), p49 in pew Bible

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

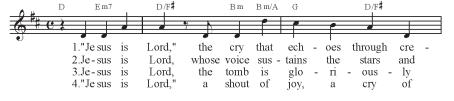
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

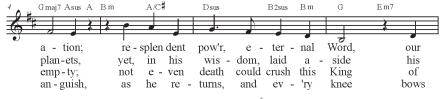
#### Sermon

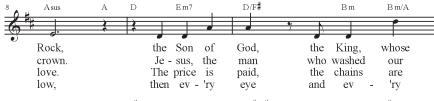
Rev. Travis Drake

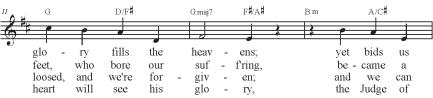
#### Jesus Is Lord

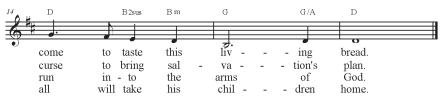
Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend











**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

<sup>\*</sup> Exodus 6:28-30; 7:1-5, 14-18, 20-23; 8:16-19; 9:13-18, 25-28, 33-34; 10:1-5, 13, 15, 20

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

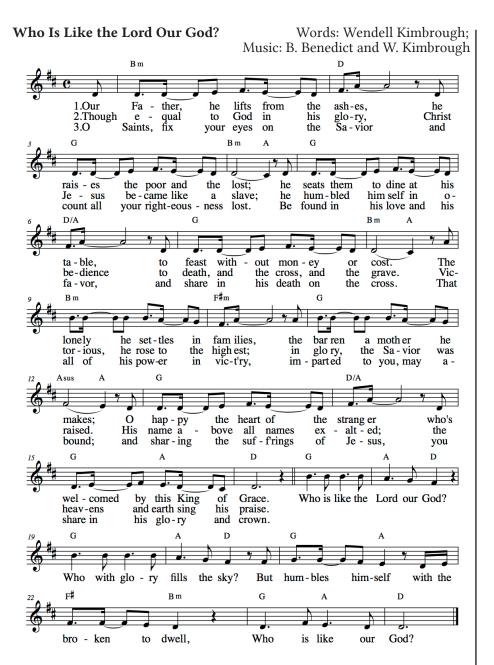
Distributing of Elements

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



#### **Benediction**

#### Benediction

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

# 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

Kindergarten through High School Sunday school classes and Adult Education are currently offered Sunday mornings from 9:15a-10:15a. The Adult Education class meets in the social hall.

# 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 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)

Women's Ministry: Martha Olson (women@ctkcambridge.org)

Youth Ministry: Ariana Smartt (ariana@ctkcambridge.org)

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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.

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.

# LIFE TOGETHER

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

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 take place on Saturday, October 7th at 11a in the church social hall. Lunch will be provided. Registration is now open at ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk. Please register by Wednesday, October 4 so we can order the right amount of food.

The next CTK men's breakfast is on Saturday, October 14th from 8:30-10am in the CTK Social Hall. Come enjoy some good food and good company. We'll be discussing God's providence in Proverbs 16 and what it means to "commit your work to the Lord". Email Andy at astuntz@gmail.com if you have questions or want to help cook / set up.

Join us for the Third Annual CTK Great Pumpkin Event — church-wide pumpkin carving and decorating party on Saturday, October 28 from 2-5:30pm at Sennott Park in Cambridge (new location from last year). All are welcome for food, fun and prizes! Mini pumpkins for decorating will be provided but bring your own pumpkin to carve. Visit ctkcambridge.org/pumpkin for more information about directions & parking, what to bring, and judging categories. Please RSVP (not required but appreciated!). You may also sign-up to volunteer at the event.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:**

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

Sun, Oct 1, 12:30p :: High School After-Church Hangout ctkcambridge.org/youth

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

Sat, Oct 14, 8:30a :: Men's Breakfast :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/men

Sun, Oct 15, 12p :: College Application Strategy Seminar For CTK High School Students, Basement Room 5

Sat, Oct 28, 2p :: Great Pumpkin Event :: Sennott Park ctkcambridge.org/pumpkin

# 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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