# CHRIST THEKING

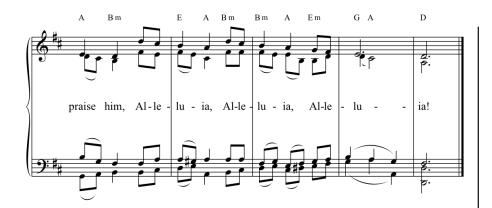
# Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost October 22, 2023 10:30 Am Morning Worship

Prelude	<b>Preparation</b> We focus our hearts and
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	minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.
Call to Worship Tim Dietz	<b>Call to Worship</b> God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together.
Leader: I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;	
Congregation: The horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. Pha- raoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea.	
Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation;	
Congregation: This is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.	
Leader: Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, ma- jestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?	
Congregation: You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.	
All: This is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. – <i>Exodus 15:1-2, 4, 11, 13</i>	
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.





#### **Confession of Faith**

Leader: What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

Congregation: Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new.

- Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 88

#### **Confession of Sin**

All: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted. The troubles of our hearts are enlarged; bring us out of our distresses. Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins. Amen. — *Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18* 

#### 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.

#### **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. 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,

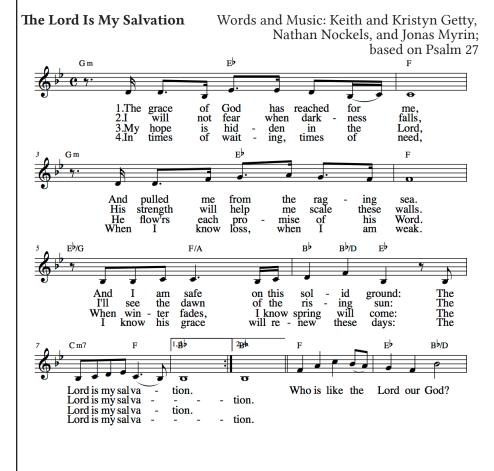
Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth.

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.







#### 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.

#### **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.

#### **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

Exodus 13:17-18, 21-22; 14, page 55 in pew Bible

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

#### Congregation: Thanks be to God.

#### 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

#### 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

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 in the social hall for refreshments immediately following the service.* 

# 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)

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:**

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

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. 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!).

It's time for some fall clean-up at the church! Join us from 12-2pm on Saturday Oct 28th (right before the Great Pumpkin Event) to help with lawn/garden care, painting, and other housekeeping. Please RSVP to deacons@ctkcambridge.org, and bring gardening/ work gloves if you have them. If yard work isn't your thing, consider helping with set-up for the Great Pumpkin Event instead!

New for Parents: We've launched a new page on the church website called "Kids' Sunday Summary." This dedicated space provides a brief overview of the lessons covered in Sunday classes with questions to continue the conversation at home. This tool is intended to strengthen the connection between the church and home, making it easier for parents to review and reinforce these important teachings with their children throughout the week. Check out the Kids' Sunday Summary link below.

# UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Sun, Oct 22, 12p :: Building Celebration! :: Social Hall

- Sat, Oct 28, 12p :: Fall Clean-Up :: Church Building deacons@ctkcambridge.org
- 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
- 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

KIDS' SUNDAY SUMMARY:





VISITOR CARD:





READER:







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

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