# CHRIST THEKING

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

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** October 23, 2022 10:30 AM Morning Worship

#### Prelude

Prelude	<b>Preparation</b> We focus our hearts and
You know not what friendship, what communion, what love and joy there is at God's table. Taste and see that the Lord is gracious: put off your filthy garments accept of the white raiment Christ offers you; go to Christ and enter with him into his chambers; sit down with him in his feasting and banqueting house. — Jonathan Edwards	minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.
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 Catherine Perkins	Call to Worship
Leader: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!	God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together.
Congregation: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.	cuis iisen togeniei.
Leader: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.	
Congregation: This is what God says: "Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.	
Leader: "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the moun- tains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.	
All: "Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for	

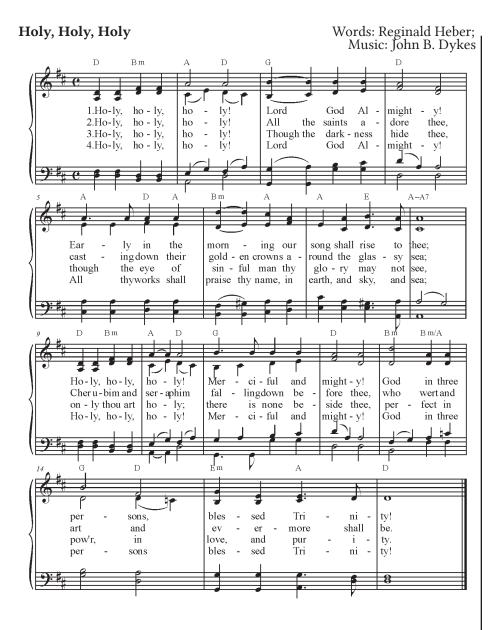
the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." - Isaiah 55:1-3, 12-13

#### 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**

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: What is creation?

Congregation: Creation is God's making everything out of nothing by His powerful word in six days – and all very good.

Leader: How did God create man?

Congregation: God created man, male and female, in His own image and in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, to rule over the other creatures. — Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 9 & 10

#### **Confession of Sin**

O God, Creator of all things, you made us in your image, to reflect the glory of who you are to one another and to the whole universe through the gifts of knowledge, righteousness and holiness. Yet, rather than seek to reflect your image, we try to remake our neighbors, our world — and even You — in our image.

In doing so, we have lost what you meant to share with us, robbing ourselves and others of something greater only to settle for something less. We are truly broken and need your kind repair, that we might shine with the glory of your image again, through the redemption of Jesus Christ our Lord. In his name we pray. Amen.

#### Assurance of Grace

Leader: For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him. – *Colossians 1:19-22* 

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.



#### Offering

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.

#### Offering

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#### 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.

#### 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

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## **Scripture Reading**

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

#### Sermon

(Capo II)

#### God, Be Merciful to Me

F#m(Em) A(G) E(D) D(C) A(G) E(D) 1.God, be mer - ci ful to me. 2.My trans gres - sions I con fess, 3.I e - vil, born in sin; am 4.Bro ken. hum - bled to the dust 5.Gra cious God. my heart re new, make my spir - it 6.Sin ners then shall learn from me, F#m(Em) F#m(Em) D(C) A(G) E(D) plen - teous my plea; in com - pas - sion thou, rest press: grace have sinned a - gainst thy soul op Thou Sa - vior truth with in. а lone my art, heart re judg - ment just, let my con - trite joice right and true. Cast me not a way from thee. God to thee. Sa vior. all my guilt re move, A(G)E(D)D(C)E(D) gres - sions now: blot out my trans wash me, make me thy and provoked thee thy face: I con-fess to teach thy wis - dom to my heart; Make me pure, thy and in glad - ness hear thy voice; from my sins Ó let thy Spir - it dwell in me; thy sal - va - tion's and mytongue shall sing thy love. Touchmy si - lent F#m(Em) D(C) A(G'E(D))E(D) A(G)pure with cleanse. O cleanse me from in. mv sin. judg-ment just, speech less, Ι thy mer - cv trust. grace be \_ stow. wash me whi - ter than the snow. hide thy face, blot them out bound - less in grace. joy im stead - fast make my wil - ling heart. part, lips, O and my mouth shall praise ac Lord, cord.

#### Words: Richard Redhead: Music: Christopher Miner

Rev. Travis Drake

Nehemiah 7:4-7a, 66, 70-73;

8:1-18, p402 in pew Bible

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

#### 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 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 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 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.

Our sermon series in Nehemiah has been calling us back to community. One way to answer that call could be in attending the **new Adult Education class, starting on October 16th** in the social hall at 9:15a. Leonard Layne will be teaching a 6-week class on *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, facilitating discussions on how God is at work and how we rebuild in our life together.

## 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) 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) 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 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:

Join us today for the **Congregational Meeting today at 3:30p**. Children of all ages are welcome in the sanctuary to take part in the **congregational meeting on Sunday, October 23**. As an alternative, we are providing childcare and supervision for littles and kids who prefer not to attend the meeting.

Join us for the **Second Annual CTK Great Pumpkin Event** — church-wide pumpkin carving and decorating party on Saturday, October 29 from 2-5:30pm at Dana Park in Cambridge. All are welcome for food, fun and prizes! Mini pumpkins for decorated 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.

This August, we sent three of our high school seniors off to college. **As a congregation, we'll be sending cards to them as an encouragement during their first midterms**. Ariana will be putting the cards and pens in the back of the service if anyone would like to sign them or leave a brief note letting them know we're thinking of and praying for them. They will be there the next couple Sundays and will be sent at the end of the month.

All **kids in 3rd-5th grade**, we will be having a ice cream party gathering on 10/30 right after church in the fellowship hall. Please join us for some lunch snacks, ice cream bar, and games from 12:30-2pm. We hope you can join us, please email lara@ctkcambridge.org to let us know if you are coming or if you have any questions.

# UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

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

- Sun, Oct 23, 3:30p :: **Congregational Meeting** :: Sanctuary ctkcambridge.org/calendar
- Sat, Oct 29, 2p :: **CTK Great Pumpkin Event** :: Dana Park ctkcambridge.org/pumpkin
- Sun, Oct 30, 12:30p :: **3rd-5th Grade Ice Cream Party** ctkcambridge.org/calendar

# 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, 6a :: **Men's Morning Bible Study** :: Online ctkcambridge.org/men

GIVING:



Links Reader:



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