Christ the King

Sunday, October 30, 2016 10:00 am Morning Worship

Prelude

One's use of money and spirituality are inseparably bound together. The sooner we realize this and do something about it, the better for our souls. - Kent Hughes

Where is my mind? - Pixies

What comes into our minds when we think about God, is the most important thing about us.
- A.W. Tozer

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

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

Call to Worship

Rev. Jeremy Mullen

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

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

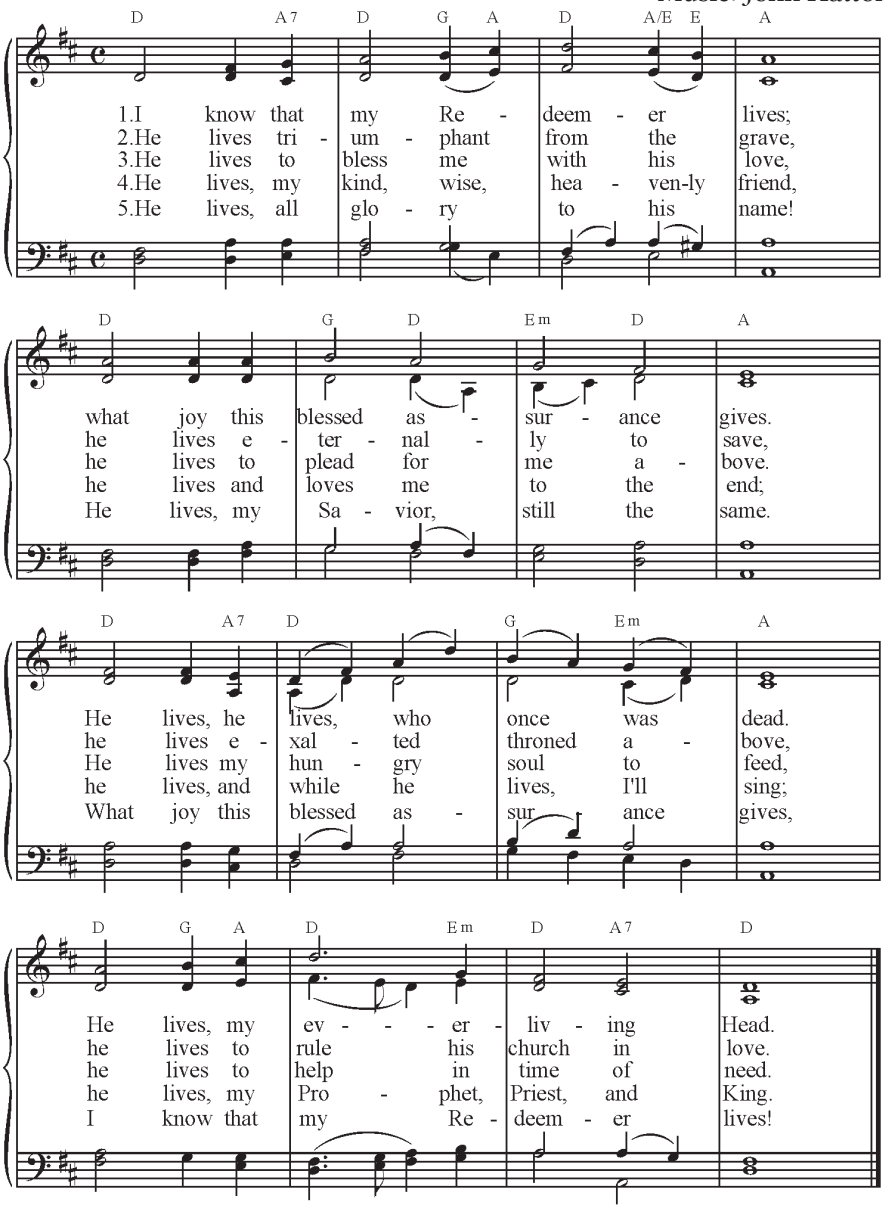
Invocation

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.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Words: Isaac Watts;
Music: John Hatton



God, Be Merciful to Me

Words: Richard Redhead, based on Psalm 51;
Music: Christopher Miner

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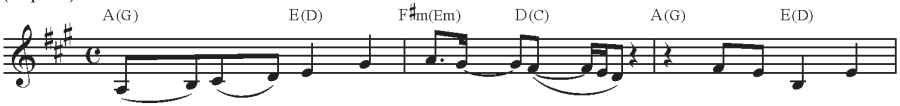

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3.I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est
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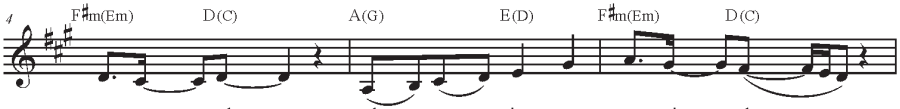

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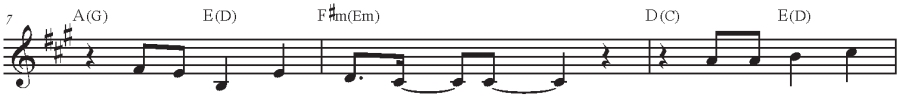

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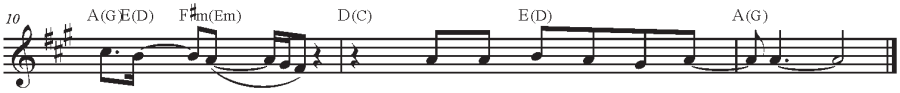


pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
judg - ment just, speech less, I thy mer - cy trust.
grace be - stow, wash me whi - ter than the snow.
hide thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.
joy im - part, stead - fast make my wil - ling heart.
lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise ac - cord.

Call to Confession
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.

Call to Confession

Leader: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
– *Hebrews 4:14-16*

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.
– From John Knox, *Liturgy of 1560*

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.

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: The Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Just as a father has pity on his children, so the Lord has pity on those who fear him. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. 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: 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,

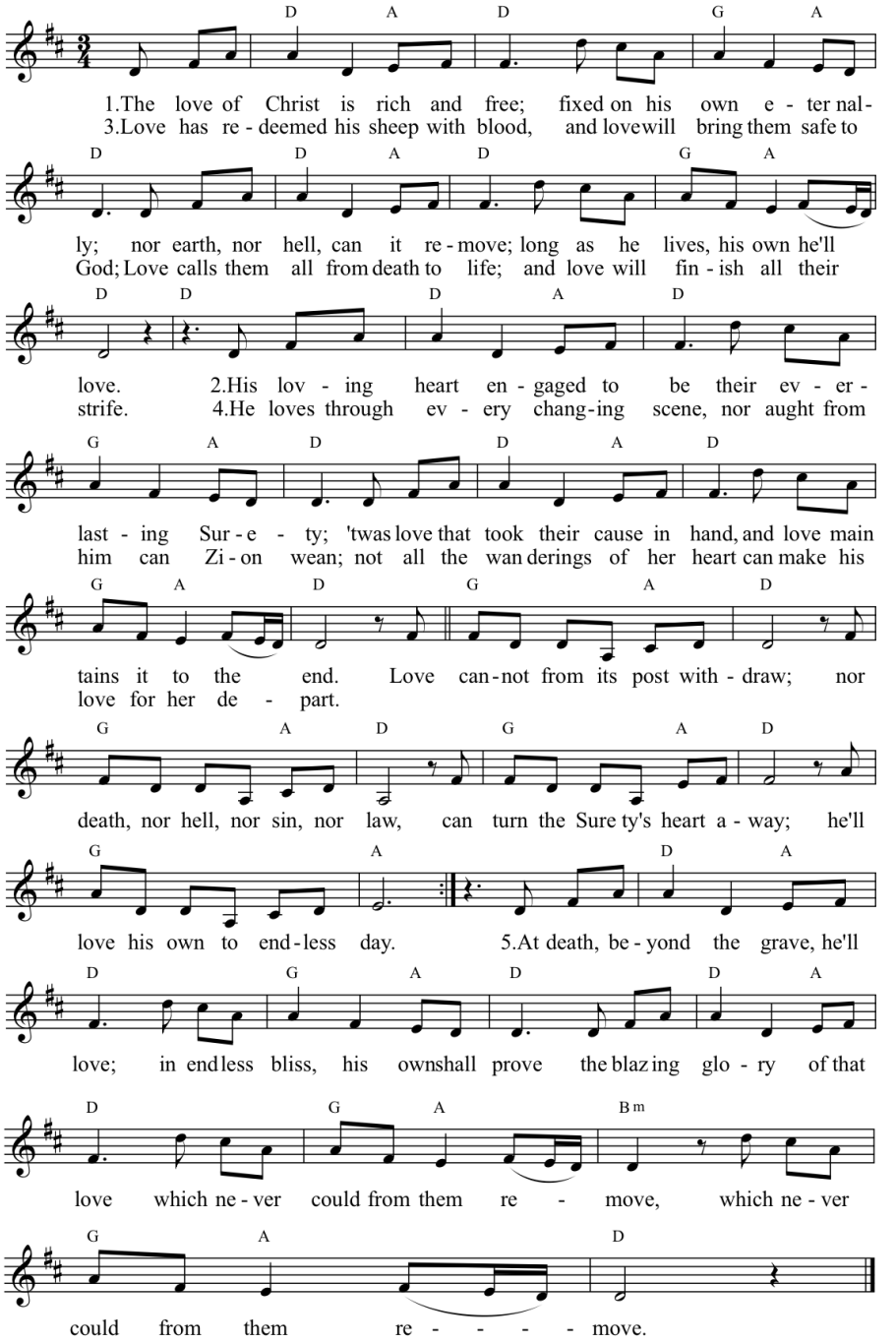
Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.

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.

The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free

Words: William Gadsby;
Music: Sandra McCracken

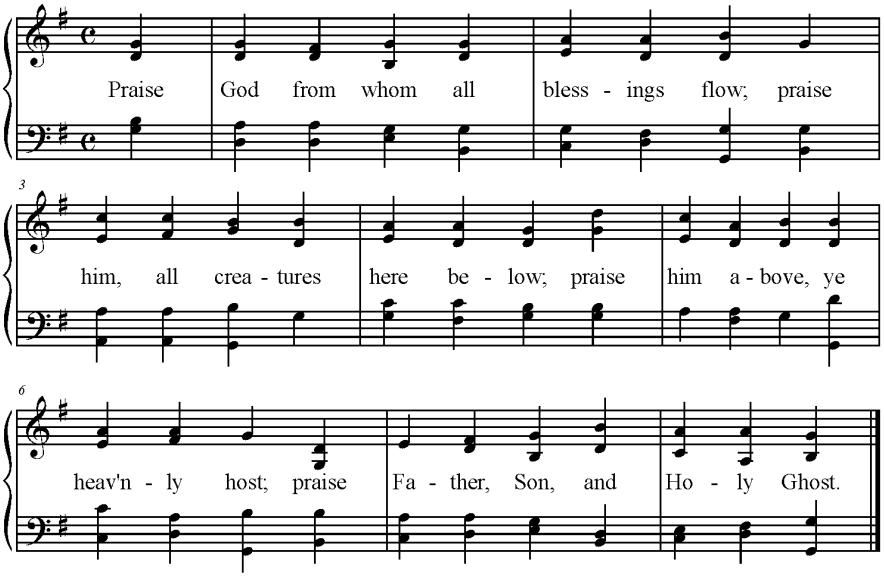


Offertory
We give back to God our wealth and talents in recognition that they all come from him.

Offertory

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: Thomas Tallis



Baptism

Brandon Barker Coleman

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

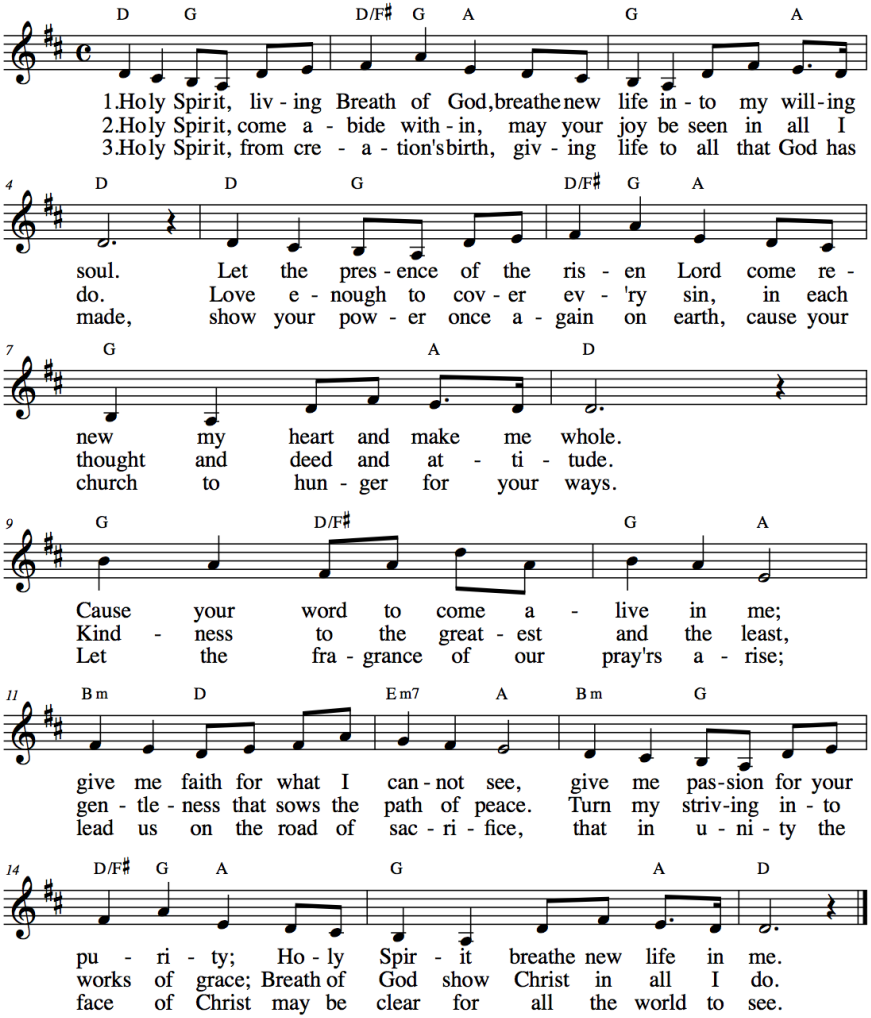
Pastoral Prayer

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

Holy Spirit Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



Scripture Reading Josh Parker

Job 19, page 429 in pew Bible

Reader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Rick Downs

Scripture Reading

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Romans 10.17

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.

We encourage kids remaining in the service to use the Sermon Worksheet available in the foyer.

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.

Lord's Supper

Invitation

All: I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; begotten of his Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into Heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; And he shall come again with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end; And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets; And I believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the resurrection of the Dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.

— The Nicene Creed

Words of Institution

Minister: God meets us in the sacraments, holy acts in which his deeds elicit our response. In the supper our Lord offers the bread and the cup to believers to guarantee our share in his death and resurrection, and to unite us to him and to each other.

All: We take this food gladly, announcing as we eat that Jesus is our life and that he shall come again to call us to the Supper of the Lamb.

Servers come forward. Grape juice is available in the center of each wine tray and gluten-free bread on the right for those who desire such. Please hold the elements until all can partake together.

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.

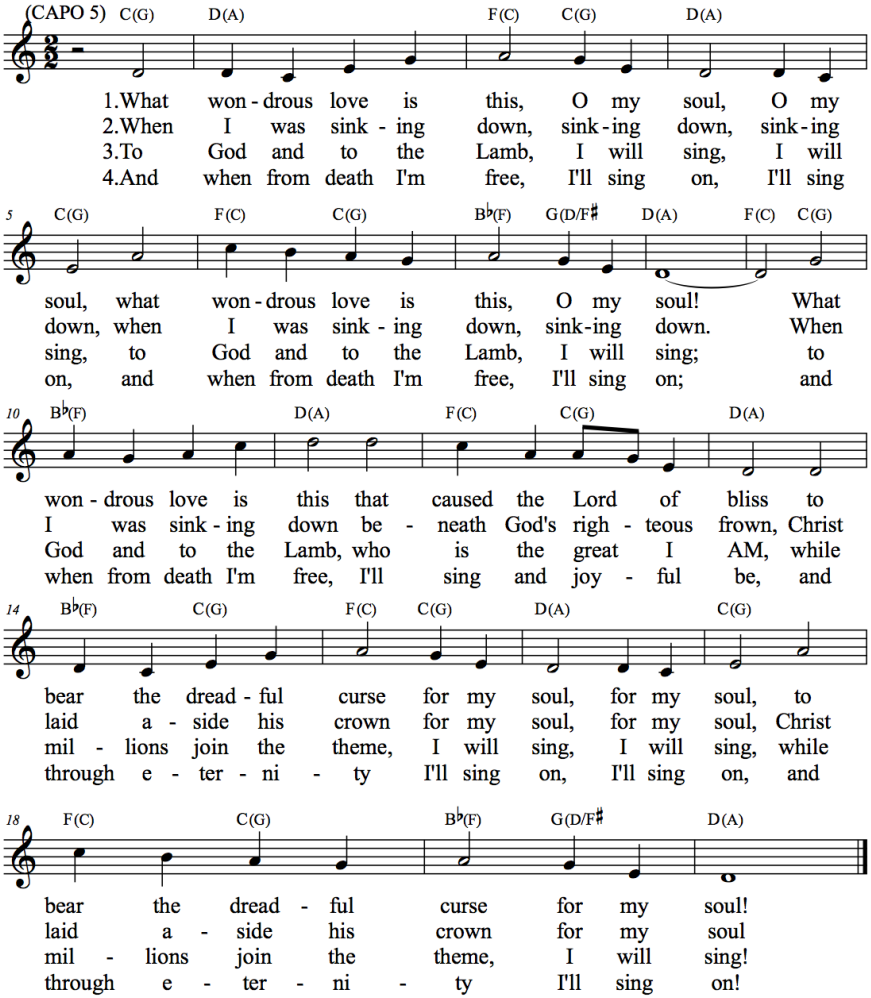
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anne Gildernew, Catherine Cook, Matthew Hunter, Natalie Hunter, Nora Watson, Sam Watson, Adrienne Mullen, Jeremy Mullen

Deacons' Fund Offering

What Wondrous Love Is This

Words and Music: American folk hymn



Benediction

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

Please join us in the social hall for refreshments immediately following the service.

Welcome

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church with an English-speaking congregation that meets in Cambridge on Sunday mornings (ctkcambridge.org) and a mostly Brazilian congregation meeting in Portuguese in Cambridge on Sunday afternoons, as well as congregations that meet in Dorchester, Newton, Pembroke, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain and Somerville (ctkboston.org).

Welcome visitors! Please visit the welcome table in the foyer and fill out a visitor card so we can get to know you better. Also, find out more about us by talking with one of the pastors or our lead greeter, who will be standing in the back of the sanctuary. For more information about Christ the King, contact office@ctkcambridge.org.

Sunday Mornings

Adult Education & Sunday School Classes

Every Sunday morning at 8:45am, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth and children. The topics of these classes reflect the desire of the church to equip its members with a better understanding of God's Word. Adult Education classes are taught in the social hall, classes for children toddler-5th grade are held downstairs, and Middle/High School meets in the office in the balcony.

The Temple and the Presence of God: Meeting October 30-November 20. Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Israel's worship, and the physical location where God made his presence known to his people. Does the Temple still hold relevance for the Church? This class will explore the significance of the Temple for the people of God, through both the Old and New Testaments, with the aim of deepening our understanding and enjoyment of God's presence with us today.

Children During the Service

Children are always welcome in our service. Parents may opt to bring children to the programs below or to the social hall as needed where audio of the service plays and an area is partitioned for nursing mothers.

Nursery (0–3 years): Our nursery rooms provide safe care and are open throughout the service. Infants and non-walkers are upstairs and our 1's, 2's and 3's rooms are in the basement (exit through the right-side door for all rooms). Please sign your child in on the clipboard outside the room and take a visual pager number card.

Children's Worship (4 years–2nd Grade): Children are dismissed before the sermon to classes designed to engage God in a manner more suitable to young hearts and minds. All kids begin together in room 3/4 but may be picked up from adjoining rooms.

Children/Youth (3rd Grade & up): Our older children attend the entire service, and a worksheet is provided to aid in the instruction during the sermon.

For more information about children's ministry, please see the ministry leaflet in the church foyer or email dana@ctkcambridge.org.

Bulletins

Bulletins are available on the church website (http://www.ctkcambridge.org/sermons/) each Wednesday before the service, allowing for download for use during the service on a smartphone or tablet.

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.

Ways To Get Involved

Ctk Reader
Visit ctkcambridge.org/ctk-reader/ to sign up for our weekly CTK Reader (electronic newsletter) with notes from our pastors, church announcements and community classifieds.

Community Groups
Community groups are central to our life together at CTK, as we seek to live as followers of Jesus in relationship to one another. We encourage people to join a group near where they live, to gather over a meal and study, pray, and serve one another and our neighborhoods together. All are invited to join a group. To find a group near you, visit www.ctkcambridge.org or email office@ctkcambridge.org.

Men's and Women's Fellowship Groups
Men's and women's fellowship groups meet throughout the city to provide opportunities for fellowship, discipling, and growing in faith. For a listing of groups, visit www.ctkcambridge.org. If you would like a group started near you, email nathan@ctkcambridge.org (men) or Emily DeBaun Stuntz at emilydebaun@gmail.com (women).

Women's Bible Study
Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am in the church social hall. Childcare provided. Contact Becky Williams (john.n.becky@gmail.com).

Vocational Groups
Vocational groups offer times of fellowship and discussion for those in the CTK congregations throughout the city who work in similar fields. Contact nathan@ctkcambridge.org.

Prayer Meetings
Morning Prayer: Tuesdays, 6:30am-8:30am for prayer at the church building in the social hall. Coffee and snacks are provided. Please contact office@ctkcambridge.org with questions.

Missions & Church Planting Prayer: Periodically there is a time of prayer for the missionaries CTK Cambridge supports and for church planting in Boston. Contact laura.a.martin87@gmail.com.

Second Saturdays
A monthly gathering to connect with friends or make new ones. Events take place the second Saturday of each month at Meadhall (4 Cambridge Center, Cambridge) from 5:30-7:30pm.
The next event is November 12.

College Students
CTK supports Reformed University Fellowship on nearby campuses. Contact our campus ministers at BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, Harvard: jeremy.mullen@ruf.org, and MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

International Ministry
CTK's international ministry offers English classes on Monday evenings during the school year and a post-worship time of fellowship and discovery on Sunday afternoons. To connect with the church as an international member of the community or to volunteer, contact hannah@ctkcambridge.org.

Announcements

The Members of Christ the King Presbyterian Church/ Grace Presbyterian Church are called to a **Congregational Meeting to elect church officers** on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at CTK Cambridge, 99 Prospect Street, Cambridge. The congregational meeting will be part of our all-church gathering starting at 10am and will be followed by lunch. More information and a list of candidates can be found at http://www.ctkboston.org/news-events/.

Nominations for CTK Officers are now being received. If you are a member of CTK and want to nominate someone for elder, deacon, or deacon assistant, please follow these steps:
1. Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9 for biblical qualifications.
2. Approach your nominee and ask that you pray together for wisdom.
3. With the approval of the nominee, please submit the nomination via office@ctkcambridge.org.

Mark your calendars and prepare your closets! The **Annual CTK Clothing Swap** will take place on Sunday, November 13 at ***4pm (note the later time)***. Bring any clothes, shoes, and accessories, or don't bring anything at all, but everyone is welcome to shop at this free event. Please contact Cat (bostonsherrill@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering. For additional information check out our event page on Facebook.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back! Sunday, November 6th marks the end of **Daylight Savings.**

Calling All Singers! We are putting together an a cappella choir to sing several Advent selections during the service on Sunday, December 4. The first rehearsal will take place on Saturday, November 12, at 11:15am in the sanctuary. If you are interested in lending your voice, please email amanda@ctkcambridge.org.

Making Room at Thanksgiving: In an effort to ensure that no one at CTK-Cambridge is without a place to go this Thanksgiving, we are looking for people who have room at their tables. Also, if you are someone who is currently without a place to share the meal, we would be happy to connect you with someone who would love for you to join them. For more information please email office@ctkcambridge.org.

We use an **online giving platform** called Church Center Online. It's straightforward to use, is secure, and has more features in development which promise to make improve the online giving experience. Try Church Center Online by visiting https://ctkboston.churchcenteronline.com/giving. Questions? Email giving@ctkboston.org.

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