CHRIST THEKING

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

Christ the King Sunday November 20, 2022 10:30 am Morning Worship

Prelude

Sunday is the key that explains to the world and to the church why we are the church... Sabbath is a weekly reminder that we are created for no better purpose than to praise God and enjoy God forever. In simply withdrawing from what the world considers its 'important business,' in taking time to do nothing but worship in a world at war, in celebrating an 'order of worship' in a world of chaos, Christians are making a most 'political' statement. It takes courage to take time to worship God in a world where we are constantly told that it is up to us to do right, or right won't be done. Sunday is that holy time when Christians perform one of our most radical, countercultural, peculiarly defining acts — we simply refuse to show up for work. Sabbath is how we put the world in its place. This is how we take over the world's time and help to make it God's time. It's how we get over our amnesia and recover our memory of how we got here, and who we are, and in whose service we are called. — Will Willimon, Calling and Character

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

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

Congregation: And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Leonard Layne

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

Congregation: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

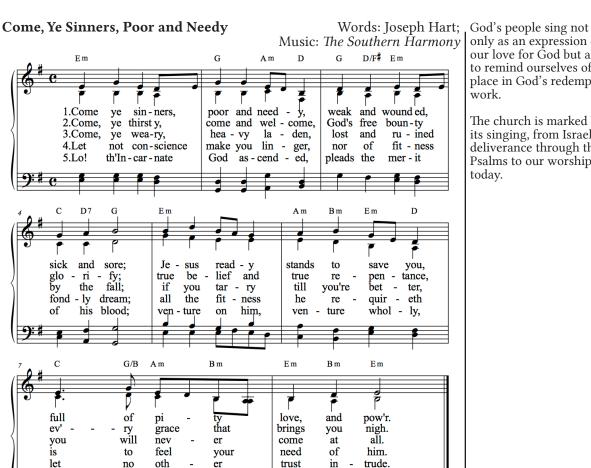
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Congregation: And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

All: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory! — Psalm 24:1-10

Invocation



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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 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: Father in heaven, sin is our main problem, our enemy, born in our birth, alive in our lives, strong in our character, following us as a shadow, intermingling with our every thought, dominating our senses, even a chain that holds us captive. Lord, forgive us and help us, because sin so easily entangles us and too often we willfully wrap ourselves up in it.

By your grace, set us free from sin. Let us walk in humility and be quick to repent. Give us joy in walking in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In his name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. – *Hebrews 12:1-2*

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,

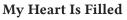
Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth.

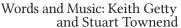
Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

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

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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.

Doxology Words: Thomas Ken: Music: Thomas Tallis Praise from whom a11 bless - ings flow; praise all crea - tures here be - low; praise a - bove, ye him. Son, Но heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther. and 1v Ghost.

Receiving of New Members

Erin Compaan, Jeremy Huang, Esther Drake, Kyrillos Farag, D.J. Heaney, Brandon Huffman, Chelsey Huffman, Anna Read-Cressman, Jonathon Read-Cressman

Baptism D.J. Heaney

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 Nehemiah 13, p408 in pew Bible

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Christ Sermon Rev. Travis Drake

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.

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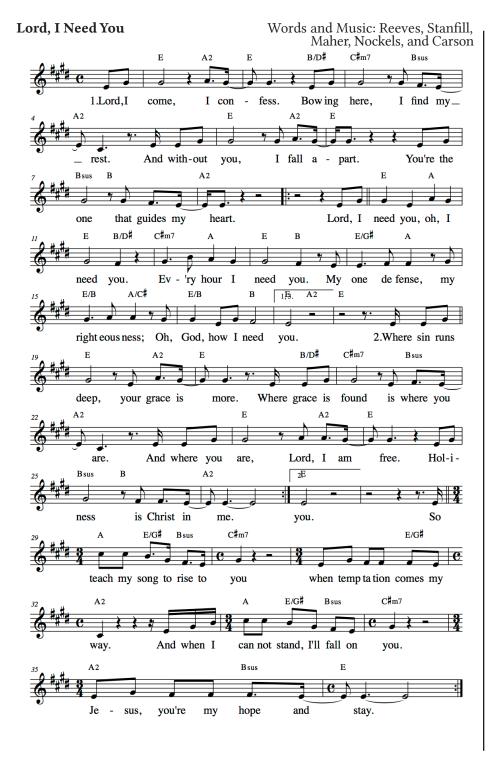
We share important announcements and prayer requests for our church community.

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.

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

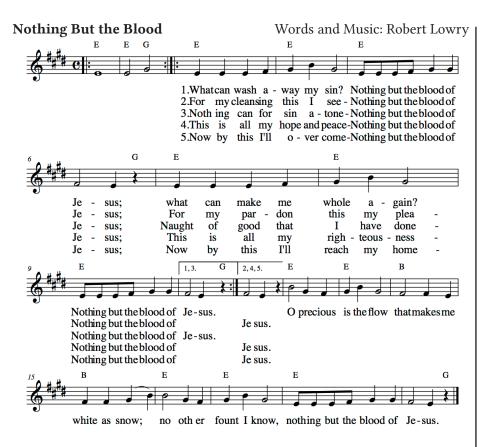
Distributing of Elements

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

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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

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) 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 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.

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:

Making Room at Thanksgiving: If you are currently without a place to share the Thanksgiving meal this year, please email laura@ctkcambridge.org. We would be happy to connect you with someone who would love for you to join them.

As we're rebuilding our community groups, we're getting a sense of who is in need of a group and who might be willing to host or lead. If you're interested in joining, hosting, or leading a new community group, please fill out the form at ctkcambridge.org/ cg-sign-up so we can gauge interest in various neighborhoods.

This week and next week the Children's Ministry continues to display **Advent Devotional resources** for families to browse. Some are available to take or borrow and others you will need to order on your own. If you would like a devotional and need help with the cost, please let Dana or Lara know and we are glad to help! Additionally, there are Advent gifts available for all families by the tables as well, so please stop by to pick yours up for this season!

Parents and teachers, please note there will be **NO children's Sunday School and Children's Worship classes on Sunday, November 27** (Thanksgiving weekend). Classes will resume December 4.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

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

Sat, Dec 3, 8:30a :: **Men's Breakfast** :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/men

Sat, Dec 10, 6:30p :: Christmas Concert :: Sanctuary 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

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

LINKS

GIVING:



READER:



VISITOR CARD:



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