CHRIST THEKING

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

Second Sunday After Epiphany January 15, 2023 10:30 Am Morning Worship

Prelude Preparation We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to When God accomplishes our glorification, we will be participants in that one stupendous act of enter into the life-giving union in which all things in heaven and earth will be reconciled to God through Christ, through presence of God. whom and for whom all things were created. And the most precious and cherished of all created realities, the bride of Christ – 'the fullness of him who fills all in all' – will come to enjoy the unbroken, unspoiled fullness of communion with her Bridegroom in the eternal bliss of the re-created cosmos. - Marcus Peter Johnson, One with Christ: An Evangelical Theology of Salvation 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 Bob Sawyer Call to Worship God calls his people to Leader: O God, you are our God, earnestly we seek you; assemble for worship; accordingly the church Congregation: Our souls thirst for you, our flesh faints for you, calls itself together. All: In a dry and weary land where there is no water. Leader: We have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and your glory. Congregation: Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you. Leader: We will bless you as long as we live, and in your name we will lift up our hands.

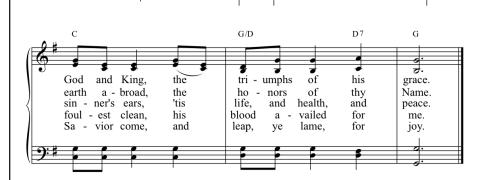
All: Our souls will be satisfied as with fat and rich food; and our mouths will praise you with joyful lips. -Psalm 63:1-5

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.

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing Words: Charles Wesley; Music: Carl Glaser G G 1.O for thou sand tongues to my а sing _ 2.My Mas and God, gra - cious ter my as 3.Je sus! Name that charms our fears, that the 4.He breaks of the pow'r reign - ing sin, he 5.Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your D G Re praise, the of great deem er's glo - ries my claim, spread through all the sist to me to pro bids our sor rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the the free; his blood can make the sets pris' ner loo - sened tongues ploy; blind, be - hold, your em ye



Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft; Before the Throne of God Above Music: Vikki Cook С F С 1.Be - fore the throne of God a - bove Ι have a 2.When Sa and tells me tan tempts me to des - pair 3.Be - hold him there, the ri-sen Lamb, my per - fect, Εm F G Am strong and per - fect plea, a Great High Priest whose name is guilt with - in, look of the up - ward Ι and see him the great, un - change - ab spot - less righ-teous - ness, le Ι F F/G С $\mathrm{A}\,\mathrm{m}$ who - ev - er My name Love, lives and pleads for me. is who made an end of there all mv sin. Be - cause the AM, the King of Glo - ry and of grace. One with him -С F G F G 10 on his hands; my name is writ - ten on his gra - ven sin - less Sa-vior died. sin - ful soul coun-ted my is self can-not die; my soul is pur - chased his Ι by F G 13 Am Am heart; I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can free, for God, the just. is sat - is - fied to look on blood; my life hid with Christ on with Christ my is high, F F F/G C G Am 16 bid me thence de part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part. him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me. Sa - vior and my God, with Christ my Sa-vior and my God.

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: Christian, what do you believe?

All: There is but one God only, the living and true God, who is a Spirit infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. – from Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 4-6

Confession of Sin

All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen. – from the *Book of Common Worship*

Assurance of Grace

Leader: God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins... For in Christ 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. — *Colossians 1:13, 19-20*

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,

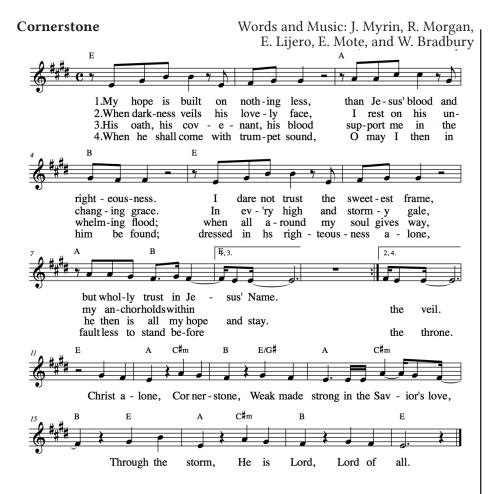
Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth.

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.

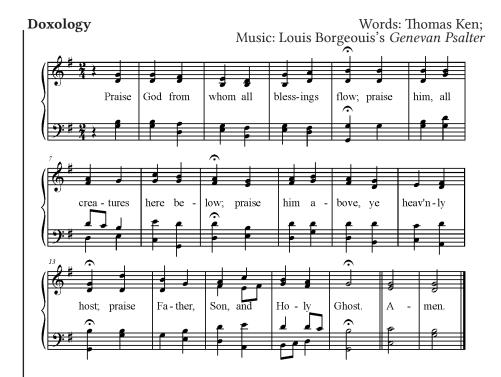
Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.



Offertory

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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.



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

Revelation 21:9-14, *p1041 in pew Bible*

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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

Words and Music: Jonny Robinson, **Christ Is Mine Forevermore** Rich Thompson С С Am G 1.Mine are days that God has num-bered; I was made walk with to 2.Mine are tears in times of sor - row, darkness not yet un - der -3.Mine are days here as a stran - ger, pil grim on a nar - row G С С F С Am Him. Yet, look for world ly trea-sure and for - sake the King of Ι val - ley I must trav - el where I stood. Through the see no earth-ly One with Christ I will en - coun-ter harm and way. ha tred for His C G kings. But mine is hope in my Re - deem er; though I fall, His love is But mine is peace that flows from heav-en, and the strength good. in times of name. But mine is ar - mor for this bat - tle, strong e - nough to last the С 12 F C For Christ has paid for ev-'ry fail ing; ed; Ι sure. am not be need. I know my pain will wast -Christ com -And He will de - liv war. has said He er safe - ly 162. 3. 15 G for - ev - er - more. 2.Mine are And mine are His pletes His work in me. 3.Mine are the gol - den_ τo shore. *19* G F C C keys to Zi on cit - y where be - side the King I walk. For there my 23 F G С C heart has found its trea - sure; Christ is mine for ev-er - more. C Come re - joice now, for His love O my soul, is my re -G С G C F Fear is gone, and hopeis Christ is mine ward. sure; for ev-er - more.

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.

Please join us in the social hall for refreshments immediately following the service. 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. A new Adult Education and High School Sunday school class will begin in the New Year.

Jesus knew how to pray. The disciples asked, "Lord teach us to pray." We say prayers. But, do we know how to pray? Come join the discussion in Adult Education on how we might pray better using selected topics from Paul Miller's *A Praying Life*.

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:

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Hear ye, hear ye! Registration is now open for the 2023 CTK Getaway, taking place January 27 thru January 29! Our speaker this year will be Rev. Glenn Hoburg, pastor at Grace Downtown in Washington, D.C. Visit ctkcambridge.org/getaway for more information and to register. Scholarships are available - we don't want cost to keep anyone from coming! Registration deadline is Sunday, January 15th!

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, February 11th in the church social hall. Registration is now open at ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk.

The Building Committee sent out a letter to the congregation earlier this month with updates about the renovation project. Most notably, work will begin shortly on reinforcing the trusses in the roof. Scaffolding will go up soon for that, and the work is projected to take about three months. For more information, and how this impacts the use of the building, you can find the letter at ctkcambridge.org/renovations.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CTK:

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

- Fri, Jan 27 Sun, Jan 29 :: CTK Getaway :: Brookwoods ctkcambridge.org/getaway
- Sat, Feb 11, 9:30a :: Discovering CTK :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk

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

LINKS



READER:

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