



CHRIST THE KING

H O U S T O N

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Holy, holy, holy is the LORD God of hosts!

People: Heaven and earth are full of his glory!

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

❖ HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

Sandra McCracken and James Montgomery

Chorus:

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son

Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun

His reign on earth begun

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free
To take away transgression and rule in equity (*Ch*)

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong
To help the poor and needy and bid the weak be strong

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light
Whose souls condemned and dying were precious in his sight (*Ch*)

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers spring in his path to birth

The tide of time shall never his covenant remove
His Name shall stand forever, that Name to us is Love (*Ch*)

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Our Father in heaven, we gather today to declare your praises, to proclaim the salvation that you have wrought. Work in our hearts today by the power of the Holy Spirit, may we worship you, love you, glorify you, and honor you. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. He is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible, one in substance and yet distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. By him we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed and to the manifestation of his own glory.

❖ **YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME**

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me (*Repeat*)

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

I SHALL NOT WANT

Bryan Brown and Audrey Assad

From the love of my own comfort
From the fear of having nothing
From a life of worldly passions
Deliver me O God

From the need to be understood
From a need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely
Deliver me O God, deliver me O God

Chorus:

*And I shall not want, no I shall not want
When I taste your goodness I shall not want
When I taste your goodness I shall not want*

From the fear of serving others
From the fear of death or trial
From the fear of humility
Deliver me O God, deliver me O God (*Ch*)

*No I shall not want, no I shall not want
When I taste your goodness I shall not want
When I taste your goodness I shall not want*

✝ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, forgive us for how casually we approach repentance. We sometimes assume that our sins are not significant, yet they are so significant that you sent Christ, our Savior, to die for them in our place.

Give us repentant hearts so that we might see our sin and, seeing our sin, open our eyes even more to the grace that you have lavished upon us. Let us rejoice in freedom and delight in you. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

1 Timothy 1:15

Minister: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
Let us rejoice that Jesus has come for us!

People: Thanks be to God!

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

THE OFFERING

Jenny Yang

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 6:1-15
pages 258-259

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

“How to Approach a Holy God”

Rev. Brooks Harwood

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. It is an occasion for baptized Christians to be strengthened by our Savior. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, are members in good standing of a church that embraces the gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to come forward to partake. If you are not a Christian, have not been admitted to the Lord's table, or choose not to partake you are welcome to come forward with your arms crossed in front of your body to receive a blessing.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come and feed on him in your hearts

by faith with thanksgiving.

During communion, wine and grape juice are served.

Grape juice, in a purple cup, is available upon request.

All communion bread is gluten-free.

Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward.

Prayer of Seeking 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 undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

Prayer of Humble Access

I do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but only in your righteousness credited to me. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose manner is always to show mercy. Grant me, therefore, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live in him and he in me. Amen.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

Brian Moss and Samuel John Stone

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is his new creation by water and the Word
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride
With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God the three in one,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy, Lord give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly on high may dwell with thee

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

Chorus:
We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up (Ch)

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength (Ch)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom (Ch)

❖ BENEDICTION from Romans 11

Minister: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever!

People: **Amen!**

Minister: May the blessing of our Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – rest upon you.

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

❖ DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter, Thomas Ken

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen

Worship Leaders		Audio/Visual Team	
Emily Cagle	<i>vocals</i>	Amy Curry	<i>projections</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>	Spencer Jackson	<i>camera</i>
Michelle Hays	<i>violin</i>	Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>
Travis Henthorn	<i>drums</i>	Alex Rollo	<i>camera</i>
Clay Holland	<i>liturgy</i>	Natalie Voogt	<i>video director</i>
Scott Mochon	<i>guitar</i>	Clara Whiles	<i>camera</i>
Katie Reyes	<i>guitar & vocals</i>		
John Trapp	<i>sermon</i>		
Leah Wright Green	<i>prayer</i>		
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>		
Jenny Yang	<i>piano</i>		
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*Welcome! We are so glad you are with us today.
For a full list of upcoming events, please visit
christtheking.com.*

Sunday Morning at Christ the King

9:00 am

Worship Service

Nursery Care

8 weeks - 4 years

Children's Worship

PreK-2nd grade

Children will be dismissed from
the worship service.

Adult Sunday Morning Class

(Room A301, 3rd Floor)

Young Adult Sunday Morning Class

(The Redeemer Room, 3rd Floor)

10:30 am

Worship Service

Live Spanish Translation Available

Nursery Care

8 weeks - 4 years

Sunday School

2 - 4 years old (1st floor)

K - 3rd grade (2nd floor)

Code 45 - 4th & 5th grade

(Through the Great Hall,
and up the stairs)

Student Ministry

Sunday Mornings

6th - 12th grade

(3rd floor)

Adult Sunday Morning Class

(The Redeemer Room, 3rd Floor)

Upcoming Events

9/8	Men's Breakfast	6:30 - 7:30 am	The Great Hall
9/10	Women's Fall Kickoff Bingo	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Christ the King
9/13	Kindergarten Family Lunch	11:45 am - 1:00 pm	The Playgrounds
9/13	Student Ministry Fall Kickoff & Parent Meeting	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Christ the King
9/17	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 am or 6:30 pm	The Kitchen
9/20	Membership Class	4:00 - 7:00 pm	Christ the King
9/24	Men's Ministry Pickleball	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Pickleball Social



See what's coming up at Christ the King! Visit christtheking.com/events or scan the QR code to explore upcoming events and register.



Bible Studies

Daniel is filled with memorable stories, but we miss the point if we pay more attention to Daniel's story than to Daniel's God. This 10-week study reveals the sovereign Lord of history, whose everlasting kingdom is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Register at christtheking.com/bible-studies.



Member to Member Care Team

Our Member-to-Member Care Team is a simple, but meaningful way to love our church family. Whether it's through providing a meal or writing a note of encouragement, your kindness can remind someone that they are not alone. Sign up at christtheking.com/care.



The Traveling Table

The Traveling Table is a way for our church family to share a meal and build relationships with our neighbors right across the street. We encourage volunteers to sign up to join the team and come each month so that familiar faces can become meaningful relationships over time.



Men's Breakfast

September 8, 6:30 - 7:30 am, Christ the King

Looking for a simple way to connect with other men at Christ the King? Join us for the Men's Breakfast—a time to share a meal, be encouraged by God's Word, and enjoy conversation and fellowship. Invite a friend, neighbor, or coworker and join us!



Women's Fall Kickoff

September 10, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Christ the King

Kick off the fall with Women's Ministry! Join us for a fun evening of Bingo, time with friends, and a chance to connect with other women as we begin a new ministry year together. Invite a friend or neighbor and come join us!



Kindergarten Family Lunch

September 13, 11:45 am, Christ the King

Join other kindergarteners and their families for pizza and playground fun after church! We'll have pizza, drinks, and a treat for everyone to enjoy. It's a great opportunity for kindergarten families to spend time together and get to know one another.



Student Ministry Kickoff

September 13, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Christ the King

Welcome back! Parents and students are invited to kick off the fall together! We will have dinner and worship, followed by a meeting for parents and games and fun for students. Join us as we start a new year of Student Ministry and look ahead to what's coming this fall.



Made with Love Meal Prep

September 17, 9:30 am or 6:30 pm

Huddle up in the kitchen for Made with Love meal preparation. Children are welcome to join the team when accompanied by an adult, and no cooking experience is necessary. Whether you're a kitchen rookie or a seasoned pro, there's a place for you on the team. Space is limited, so don't stay on the sidelines, sign up today!



Membership Class

September 20 & 27, 4:00 - 7:00 pm, Christ the King

Join us as we dive deeper into the mission, vision and values of Christ the King. You'll meet some of the pastors, elders, leaders, and staff members who are eager to walk alongside you on your spiritual journey.

Capital Campaign



You've probably been hearing a lot about our capital campaign—and for good reason! We're hoping to meet with every household in the church as we step together into what God has ahead for Christ the King. Meeting with us is simply an opportunity to learn more about the campaign, not a commitment to make a pledge. If you already know you'd like to participate, making your pledge now helps us plan wisely for the exciting future God is building here at CTK.

Care at Christ the King

Congregational Prayers

Can we pray for you? Let us know at christtheking.com/care or contact catherine.duffin@christtheking.com.

Deacons at Christ the King

The deacons come alongside our church body to assist with needs like encouragement and prayer, budgeting and financial coaching, and helping widows and elderly. If you have a need, or know of a need, please email them at deacons@christtheking.com.

The Barnabas Center

We are honored to help you find healing, understanding, and hope in your life and current circumstances through Christ-centered professional counseling. Please visit our website at barnabascenterhou.com for more information and to connect with a counselor.

Pastors at Christ the King

Our staff is excited to come alongside you as you grow in your worship of Christ and your love and care for one another. Please contact any of us with questions or needs.

You can find contact information for all of our staff and pastors at christtheking.com/staff.

Stacey Croft
Clay Holland
Alex Martinez
John Trapp
Andrés Zelaya

Pastor, Adult Ministry
Pastor, Family Ministry
Pastor, Latino Ministry
Senior Pastor
Pastor of the Latino Initiative & Church Plant Resident

Ministry Budget Update

2026 Ministry Budget	\$	7,888,564
Budgeted through 8/30	\$	5,209,429
Received as of 8/30	\$	3,338,136
Variance	\$	(1,871,293)

Giving to Christ the King

It is by your consistent generosity that we are able to support our Mission Partners in Houston and around the world and continue life changing ministry here at Christ the King. You can give today by placing checks or cash in the offering plate as it comes by. And you can always give at christtheking.com/giving.



PRAY. GO. SERVE.

Where is God inviting you to love our city this year?

AGAPE DEVELOPMENT

- Backyard Bible Club After School Assistant (K-5th grade)-Spend one afternoon a week helping with homework, at chapel, and with other activities.

CORNERSTONE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM @ CHRIST THE KING

- After School Enrichment Program (K-5th grade)-Volunteer one afternoon at Christ the King to help with homework, projects, and games.

HOUSMAN READING BUDDIES/MENTORING (SBISD)

- Read to a 2nd grade student once a week (Mondays or Tuesdays).
- Enjoy lunch with a K-5th grade student once a week.

HOUSTON WELCOMES REFUGEES

- Join a Welcome Team
- Deliver Emergency Groceries (time flexible)

MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES @ CHRIST THE KING

- ESL Instructor- 2 needed for Monday & Wednesday evenings and 3 needed for Tuesday & Thursday evenings at Christ the King (6:30-8:30pm, training & materials provided)

PRESTIGE LEARNING INSTITUTE

- Volunteer for Fall programming including ESL Instructor/Assistant, Men's & Women's Community Gatherings and the After-School Program

STAR OF HOPE

- Serve a meal at the Men's or the Women and Family Center (flexible)

WORK FAITH

- Help with mock interviews (can be done in person or from a computer. Training and scripts are provided.) (Thursdays, 12:30-2:00pm)

YELLOWSTONE SCHOOLS

- Lunch Buddy-Enjoy lunch with a student once a week
- Tutor-Support students with their school work once a week

There are many ways to love and serve our city this fall, with opportunities for every age. Together, we can live out our mission of **reaching Houston for Christ and renewing lives by grace** as we serve our neighbors and care for our city.

Visit our website to learn more about our Mission Partners.

