



Ephesians

walk in love, as Christ loved us
Ephesians 5:2

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 9

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

People: **We will be glad and exult in you;
we will sing praise to your name, O Most High!**

❖ COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

MADRID, Traditional Spanish melody, Christian H. Bateman

Come Christians join to sing alleluia, amen
Loud praise to Christ our King, alleluia, amen
Let all with heart and voice before his throne rejoice
Praise is his gracious choice, alleluia, amen

Come lift your hearts on high, alleluia, amen
Let praises fill the sky, alleluia, amen
He is our Guide and Friend, to us he'll condescend
His love shall never end, alleluia, amen

Praise yet our Christ again, alleluia, amen
Life shall not end the strain, alleluia, amen
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore
Singing forevermore alleluia, amen

Alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and was buried;
he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.

From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

❖ ONLY A HOLY GOD

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Dustin Smith, and Michael Farren

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else can make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a holy God

Chorus:

*Come and behold him, the one and the only
Cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God
Come and worship the holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a holy God (*Ch 2x*)

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer his only Son
Who else invites me to call him Father
Only a holy God, only my holy God (*Ch 2x*)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

9:00 am

Marie Cecilia Gaines

Covenant child of Greg and Barry

Lydia Doris Van Buskirk

Covenant child of Palmer and Loribeth

Benjamin Charles Foran

Lilian Mae Foran

Covenant children of Robert and Ashley

Henry Franklin Ellis

Covenant child of Kevin and Annie

10:30 am

Sara Isabel Cavanaugh

Covenant child of John Paul and Maria

Luke Clayton Johnson

Covenant child of Clayton and Callie

William Lewis Winters IV

Covenant child of Will and Jenny

Mary Grace Howey

Covenant child of Chris and Gracey

Gentry Pierce Moore

Covenant child of Charlie and Haylee

✦ PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God,
I confess that I have sinned against you.

Some of my sin I know –
thoughts, words, and deeds I am ashamed of –
but some only you know.

In the name of Jesus Christ I ask your forgiveness.
Have mercy on me, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

Leader: Because of the love of God the Father, in Christ,
by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

THE OFFERING

THE SANDS OF TIME ARE SINKING

Samuel Rutherford, A.R. Cousin, Arr. Edward F. Rimbault

Joe Deegan, *guitar & vocals*

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23
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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

“A Strengthening Prayer”

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.

BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

Elizabeth C. Clephane and Christopher Miner

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand
The shadow of a mighty Rock
Within a weary land
A home within the wilderness
A rest upon the way
From the burning of the noontide heat
And the burden of the day

Upon the cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of one
Who suffered there for me
And from my stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of his face
Content to let the world go by
To know no gain nor loss
My sinful self my only shame
My glory all the cross

My sinful self my only shame
My glory all the cross

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

John Newton and Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with his blood (3x)
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation
Holds in view the conquerors crown
He who washed us with his blood (3x)
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder, grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with his blood (3x)
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
You have washed us with your blood (3x)
You are worthy, Lamb of God

❖ **BENEDICTION**

Ephesians 3:16-19

Minister: I pray that out of God’s glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

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

❖ **DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDDTH, 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

Joe Beam	<i>drums</i>
Tim Brown	<i>keyboard</i>
Sam Cornelius	<i>guitar</i>
Stacey Croft	<i>liturgy</i>
Joe Deegan	<i>guitar & vocals</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>
Michelle Hays	<i>violin</i>
Katie Reyes	<i>vocals</i>
John Trapp	<i>sermon</i>
Katie Whitehead	<i>prayer</i>
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>

Audio/Visual Team

Zach Day	<i>audio</i>
Quin Gomez-Wright	<i>camera</i>
Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>
Alex Rollo	<i>camera</i>
Arjan Voogt	<i>projections</i>
Natalie Voogt	<i>video director</i>
Clara Whiles	<i>camera</i>

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*Welcome! We are so glad you are with us today.
For a full list of upcoming events,
please visit christtheaking.com.*

Sunday Morning at Christ the King

9:00 am
Worship Service

Nursery Care
Infant - 4 years

Children's Worship
K-2nd grade
Children will be dismissed from
the worship service.

Adult Sunday Morning Class
(Room A300, 3rd Floor)

10:30 am
Worship Service

Nursery Care
Infant - 1 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

Today	Young Adults Sunday Brunch	10:00 - 10:30 am	Front Patio
Tonight	Student Ministry Sunday Night Live	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Christ the King
9/10	Men's Breakfast	6:30 - 7:30 am	The Great Hall
9/11	Baptism Meeting	5:00 - 6:00 pm	Room B200
9/15	Kindergarten Family Lunch	11:45 am	The Great Hall
9/18	Counseling Roundtable	11:15 - 12:00 pm	Room A301
9/18	Churchwide Prayer	12:00 - 12:30 pm	The Sanctuary
9/19	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 - 11:30 am OR 6:30 - 8:30 pm	The Kitchen
9/27 & 9/28	Membership Class	Fri: 6:00-8:30pm Sat: 9:30am-12:30pm	The Great Hall

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Weekly News Email





Student Ministry Sunday Night Live

Tonight, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Christ the King

Live from Houston, it's Sunday Night! All 6th - 12th graders are invited to join us for an evening of music, Biblical teaching, and fun! Dinner starts at 5:30.



Men's Breakfast

September 10, 6:30 - 7:30 am, The Great Hall

Join us for breakfast and to be challenged by an encouraging word from one of our pastors. Send a personal invite to a friend, a neighbor or a co-worker and we'll see you there!



Churchwide Prayer

September 18, 12:00 - 12:30 pm, The Sanctuary

Once a month our church gathers for thirty minutes of prayer led by our pastors. Together we spend time praying Scripture, sitting in moments of silent prayer, and praying for members of our church who have requested prayer. Everyone is invited to join us for this formative time of prayer.



Membership Class

September 27 & 28

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. This class does not obligate you to become a member, but it is required if you are pursuing membership at Christ the King. Register at christtheking.com/membership.



THE BARNABAS CENTER

The Barnabas Center exists to provide professional Christ-centered counseling to members of Christ the King and the Houston community in order to help people find healing, meaning, and hope for their lives.

Counseling Roundtables

The Barnabas Center will host three Counseling Roundtables to introduce and explore various counseling topics. We would love for everyone to join us in these discussions led by our professional counselors. RSVP by scanning the code to let us know you are coming and to register for childcare, or just drop in!



1. Anxiety, Worry, and Stress--What's the Difference?

Wednesday, September 18, 11:15 am - 12:00 pm, Room A301

Join us for a roundtable discussion exploring anxiety, worry, and stress, how they impact our lives, and how we can manage and overcome these emotional experiences. Brief teaching and discussion will be led by Leslie Peacock, LPC, Director of Counseling.

2. What is Trauma and How Do I Heal From It?

Wednesday, September 25, 11:15 am - 12:00 pm, Room A301

Join us for a roundtable discussion exploring trauma, what it is, how it impacts our lives, and how we can heal from our traumatic experiences. We will also discuss EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing), a therapeutic tool to heal our trauma. Brief teaching and discussion will be led by Leslie Peacock, LPC, Director of Counseling.

3. How Do I Develop Healthy Communication With My Partner?

Wednesday, October 2, 11:15 am - 12:00 pm, Room A301

Join us for a roundtable discussion exploring healthy communication patterns in marriage. We will discuss navigating conflict, solving problems, building understanding, and developing trust with our spouse. Brief teaching and discussion will be led by Leslie Peacock, LPC, Director of Counseling and Haley Webster, Graduate Student Counselor.

Counseling Seminar: Understanding ADHD

Sunday, October 6, 5:30-6:30pm, 3D Room

The Barnabas Center will host an informational seminar to help you learn more about ADHD, ADHD Assessments, and resources to promote healing and growth. Caroline McKee, MABC, LPC is trained in the Brown Executive Function/Attention Scales and will answer questions about receiving an assessment and how we can support our loved ones. Scan the code to RSVP.



Mission Partner Spotlight

Harbor Christian Academy

Harbor Christian Academy, located in the Denver Harbor area of Houston, provides a classical educational model to students from varied backgrounds to the glory of God. At Harbor Christian Academy, students are taught all subjects based on the principle that God is Creator of all that exists, and consequently, all knowledge is interrelated and points back to Him. Therefore, Christ is at the core of all learning. The school uses a partner funding model which helps families and students, regardless of financial means, achieve their educational goals. If you are interested in serving alongside our Mission Partner, please contact Kim Dolibois, Mission and Mercy Coordinator, at kim.dolibois@christtheking.com.

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	Pastor, Adult Ministry
Clay Holland	Pastor, Family Ministry
Alex Martinez	Pastor, Latino Ministry
John Trapp	Senior Pastor
Andrés Zelaya	Executive Pastor of the Latino Initiative

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.

Ministry Budget Update

2024 Ministry Budget Goal	\$	5,988,118
Budgeted giving through 09/01/2024	\$	4,030,464
Received as of 09/01/2024	\$	2,279,244
Variance	\$	(1,751,220)

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.

