



# PROVERBS

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

JULY 19, 2026  
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 12

**Minister:** Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

**People:** **Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth!**

## ❖ 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

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.

Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

## ❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Westminster Confession

God—the great creator of all things—upholds, directs, disposes, and governs all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least.

He exercises this most wise and holy providence according to his infallible foreknowledge and the free and unchangeable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

## ❖ PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

LOBE DEN HERREN, Stralsund Gesangbuch, Joachim Leander

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the king of creation  
O my soul praise him for he is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near  
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under his wings yea so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth

Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy work and defend thee  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do  
If with his love he befriend thee

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him  
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him  
Let the amen sound from his people again  
Gladly for e'er we adore him

## PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

### ABIDE WITH ME

Henry Lyte, Justin Smith

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide  
When fail my helpers and my comforts flee  
Help of the helpless abide with me

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile  
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile  
Thou hast not left me though I oft left thee  
On to the close Lord, abide with me

Be thou beside me every passing hour  
What but thy favor foils the tempter's power  
Who else but thou, Lord can my Captain be  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine in the twilight, point me to the skies  
Heaven's morning opens, earth's vain shadows flee  
In life, in death Lord, abide with me

## + 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

Acts 10:43

Minister: All who believe in Christ receive forgiveness of sins through his name.

**People: Thanks be to God for his forgiveness!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

## MISSION PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

### THE OFFERING

Joe Deegan

### SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 8:1-4; 10:4-5; 12:10-11;  
15:19; 22:29; 27:18

*8:1 Does not wisdom call?*

*Does not understanding raise her voice?*

*8:2 On the heights beside the way,*

*at the crossroads she takes her stand;*

*8:3 beside the gates in front of the town,*

*at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:*

*8:4 "To you, O men, I call,*

*and my cry is to the children of man."*

*10:4 A slack hand causes poverty,*

*but the hand of the diligent makes rich.*

*10:5 He who gathers in summer is a prudent son,*

*but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who brings shame.*

*12:10 Whoever is righteous has regard for the life of his beast,*

*but the mercy of the wicked is cruel.*

*12:11 Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread,*

*but he who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense.*

*15:19 The way of a sluggard is like a hedge of thorns,*

*but the path of the upright is a level highway.*

*22:29 Do you see a man skillful in his work?*

*He will stand before kings;*

*he will not stand before obscure men.*

27:18 *Whoever tends a fig tree will eat its fruit,  
and he who guards his master will be honored.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

“Work and Wisdom”  
*Proverbs*

Rev. Stacey Croft

## 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.*

## **MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST, MY SAVIOR**

Kate Wilkinson and A. Cyril Barham-Gould

May the mind of Christ, my Savior  
Live in me from day to day  
By His love and power controlling  
All I do and say

May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through His power

May the peace of God, my Father  
Rule my life in everything  
That I may be calm to comfort  
Sick and sorrowing

May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea  
Him exalting, self abasing  
This is victory

May his beauty rest upon me  
as I seek the lost to win  
and may they forget the channel  
Seeing only Him

## **ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND**

Christopher Miner and Samuel Stennett

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie  
All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day  
Where God, the Son, forever reigns and scatters night away

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land  
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land

No chilling winds, nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more  
When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed  
Where shall I see my Father's face and in his bosom rest

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land  
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land (x3)

I am bound for the promised land  
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❖ **BENEDICTION**

**Minister:** May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us, and upon our work and worship; his light to guide us, his presence to strengthen us, his love to unite us; now and always.

**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    |                                         |
|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Paul Brennan    | <i>piano</i>               | Namath Naif          | <i>technical director</i>               |
| Sam Cornelius   | <i>guitar</i>              | Addison Millis       | <i>camera</i>                           |
| Stacey Croft    | <i>sermon</i>              | Amy Curry            | <i>projections</i>                      |
| Joe Deegan      | <i>guitar &amp; vocals</i> | Phil Betti           | <i>video director</i>                   |
| Conrad Guthrie  | <i>bass</i>                | Alex Rollo           | <i>camera &amp; Spanish translation</i> |
| Travis Henthorn | <i>drums</i>               | Joe Bill Whittenburg | <i>camera</i>                           |
| Clay Holland    | <i>liturgy</i>             |                      |                                         |
| Start Hutton    | <i>prayer</i>              |                      |                                         |
| Natalie Mann    | <i>violin</i>              |                      |                                         |
| Katie Reyes     | <i>vocals</i>              |                      |                                         |
| John Trapp      | <i>liturgy</i>             |                      |                                         |
| Steven Wiggs    | <i>cello</i>               |                      |                                         |
|                 |                            | CCLI# 1268735        |                                         |

*Welcome! We are so glad you are with us today.  
For a full list of upcoming events,  
please visit [christtheking.com/events](http://christtheking.com/events).*

## Sunday Morning at Christ the King

**9:00 am**

**Worship Service**

**Nursery Care**  
8 weeks - PreK

**10:30 am**

**Worship Service**

**Nursery Care**  
8 weeks - PreK



### **Taco Time**

*10:00 - 10:30 am, The Great Hall*

Summer at Christ the King means Taco Time! As we take a break from Sunday School, we invite you to gather in the Great Hall between services for tacos, conversation, and community. It's a chance to slow down and enjoy time with your church family during the summer months.

## Upcoming Events

|           |                                                       |                 |                    |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Tonight   | Middle School Splash                                  | 5:30 - 7:00 pm  | 13407 Myrtlea      |
| 7/22      | High School Dive                                      | 6:30 - 8:00 pm  | 13926 Woodthorpe   |
| 7/24      | Student Ministry Guys Pump Up                         | 8:00 - 9:15 am  | The Fields         |
| 7/24      | Student Ministry Girls Walk & Talk                    | 8:00 - 9:15 am  | 6237 Locke Lane    |
| 7/28      | Women's Summer Salad Supper                           | 7:00 - 9:00 pm  | 11515 Quail Hollow |
| 8/1-8/5   | Middle School RYM                                     |                 | Allaso Ranch       |
| 8/2       | The Traveling Table                                   | 12:30 - 2:00 pm | 1148 Silber        |
| 8/7       | Building Toward the Promise Day of Prayer and Fasting |                 |                    |
| 8/15      | Code 45 Crazy Olympics & Pool Party                   | 11:30 am        | 318 Shasta Drive   |
| 8/20      | Young Adults at the Space Cowboys                     | 7:00 pm         | 1 Stadium Drive    |
| 8/23      | 3D Back to School Party                               | 5:30 - 6:45 pm  | Christ the King    |
| 8/24      | Moonwalk Madness                                      | 9:30 - 11:30 am | Christ the King    |
| 8/28-8/30 | Church Camp                                           |                 | Camp Cho Yeh       |



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



### **Women's Summer Salad Supper**

*July 28, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, 11515 Quail Hollow*

Join us for the final Summer Salad Supper on July 28! Ashley Clark will share how the Lord has been at work in her life, and Michelle Bennett will welcome us into her home for the evening. Space is limited, and a waitlist will open automatically once the supper is full, so we encourage you to register soon.

## THE TRAVELING TABLE



### **The Traveling Table**

*August 2, 12:30 - 2:00 pm, 1148 Silber*

Join The Traveling Table as we build relationships with our neighbors at Bellrock at Memorial, just across the street from Christ the King. Come be part of this simple and meaningful way to love our neighbors by sharing a meal and enjoying the afternoon. All ages are welcome!



### **Code 45 Crazy Olympics & Pool Party**

*August 15, 11:30 - 2:00 pm, 318 Shasta*

All 4th and 5th graders are invited to our annual Crazy Olympics & Pool Party—a fun-filled afternoon with wild Olympic relays, pizza, ice cream sundaes, and brand-new Code 45 swag. It's the perfect chance to reconnect with friends, make new ones, and kick off the year with a splash!

## **We're Hiring!**



[CHRISTTHEKING.COM/EMPLOYMENT](http://CHRISTTHEKING.COM/EMPLOYMENT)

### **Join the CTK Staff Team**

Christ the King currently has several open staff positions, and we would love for our church family to help us spread the word. If you or someone you know may be interested in joining our staff team, please visit our website at [christtheking.com/employment](http://christtheking.com/employment) to see the current openings and learn more about each role.

## Mission Partner Spotlight

Since Christ the King was founded in 1997, engaging our congregation in God's mission to redeem and renew all things for his glory has been central to how we mature disciples in their faith. Jesus taught his disciples (and us) that when we step into the lives of others, we discover that God is not only working through us but also in us, deepening our faith, shaping our character, and strengthening our dependence on him. Serving in God's mission is more than sharing the Gospel with our words; it is a way of life that reflects the heart of Christ. Whether delivering a meal to a neighbor from our Made with Love freezer, mentoring a student, volunteering with one of our local Mission Partners, or joining a short-term mission trip, every act of service points people to Jesus, reflects God's redeeming love, and brings him glory.



### WORKFAITH

Workfaith's mission is to provide faith-based training and coaching for anyone who desires long-term employment.

[workfaith.org](http://workfaith.org)

#### Ways to get involved:

- Mock interviews with our clients occur three times a month on Thursdays, 12:30 - 2:00 pm. The mock interviews can be done in person or from a computer. Training and scripts are provided for the volunteers.

#### Contact Information:

- Bruce Coe [bcoe@workfaith.org](mailto:bcoe@workfaith.org)



Our home is Houston where we empower those facing homelessness to find healing, stability, and purpose through the hope and compassion of Christ. Mobilizing our city in service of those facing homelessness so that together, we lift-up our neighbors and create a sustainable future for all.

[sohmission.org](http://sohmission.org)

#### Ways to get involved:

- Due to the summer heat, we urgently need bottled water.
- We are gearing up for Back to School. Supplies can be donated directly or through our Amazon Wishlist.
- Serving a meal is our most popular opportunity for individuals and groups. We serve three meals a day, seven days a week.

#### Contact Information:

- Issac Portillo [iportillo@sohmission.org](mailto:iportillo@sohmission.org)

## Care at Christ the King

### Congregational Prayers

Can we pray for you? Let us know at [christtheking.com/care](http://christtheking.com/care) or contact [catherine.duffin@christtheking.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://christtheking.com/staff).

|                      |                                                         |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Stacey Croft</b>  | Pastor, Adult Ministry                                  |
| <b>Clay Holland</b>  | Pastor, Family Ministry                                 |
| <b>Alex Martinez</b> | Pastor, Latino Ministry                                 |
| <b>John Trapp</b>    | Senior Pastor                                           |
| <b>Andrés Zelaya</b> | Pastor of the Latino Initiative & Church Plant Resident |

## Ministry Budget Update

|                       |    |             |
|-----------------------|----|-------------|
| 2026 Ministry Budget  | \$ | 7,888,564   |
| Budgeted through 7/12 | \$ | 4,167,543   |
| Received as of 7/12   | \$ | 2,612,152   |
| Variance              | \$ | (1,555,391) |

### 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](http://christtheking.com/giving).

