



MARK

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 4, 2026
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 60

Minister: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

People: And the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

Minister: See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

People: Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

❖ WORSHIP CHRIST, THE RISEN KING

HENRY T. SMART AND JACK W. HAYFORD

Rise, O church, and lift your voices,
Christ has conquered death and hell
Sing as all the earth rejoices;
Resurrection anthems swell
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the risen King

See the tomb where death had laid him,
Empty now, its mouth declares
“Death and I could not contain him,
For the throne of life he shares”
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the risen King

Hear the earth protest and tremble,
See the stone removed with pow’r
All hell’s minions may assemble,
But cannot withstand his hour
He has conquered, he has conquered,
Christ the Lord, the risen King

We acclaim your life, O Jesus,
Now we sing your victory
Sin or hell may seek to seize us,
But your conquest keeps us free
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph,
Worship Christ, the risen King

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

You, O Lord, are glorious beyond measure. You are holy and righteous. Were it not for your love, we would perish forever. We praise you, Father, that you have rescued us from the dominion of darkness and have brought us into the kingdom of the Son whom you love, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Thank you for opening for us a door into eternal fellowship with you through the mystery of Christ our Lord. Holy Spirit, we humbly ask you to make Jesus more real to us this day that we might love him more dearly and follow him more nearly throughout the week. Amen.

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 26

Minister: How does Christ execute the office of a King?

All: Christ executes the office of a King, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

❖ INDESCRIBABLE

Laura Story & Jesse Reeves

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing your majesty
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Chorus:

*Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And you know them by name
You are amazing God*

*All powerful, untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God*

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom (*Ch*)

*You are amazing God
You are amazing God (Ch)*

*Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
And you love me the same
You are amazing God*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

9:00 am

Scarlett Isabelle Nix

10:30 am

Daniel Glyn Bellow III

Covenant child of Rory and Beau Bellow

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

1 John 1:9

Minister: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

THE OFFERING

Paul Brennan, *piano*

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2:13-22
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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

"The King's Company"
Mark

Rev. Stacey Croft

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIRST COMMUNION

9:00 am

Andrew Taylor Gray
Avery Elizabeth Nix
Coleson Bryant Nix
Scarlett Isabelle Nix

10:30 am

Collins Julaine Bellow
Spencer Leigh Bellow
Henry Robert Brown
Zachary Naval Daver
Margaux Jane Hotze

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.

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 thou rebellious and perverse meanwhile
Thou hast not left me though I oft left thee
On to the close Lord, abide with me

I need thy presence every passing hour
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting, death, where grave thy victory
I triumph still, abide with me

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

❖ 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**

Minister: O God, give us power to do your work, to show your love, and to live holy and joyful lives. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory when we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Go in peace.

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>	Judy Jackson	<i>camera</i>
Sam Cornelius	<i>guitar</i>	Spencer Jackson	<i>camera</i>
Stacey Croft	<i>sermon</i>	Kyunghee Kim	<i>projections</i>
Joe Deegan	<i>guitar & vocals</i>	Madelyn Landis	<i>camera</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>	Ryan Landis	<i>video director</i>
Travis Henthorn	<i>drums</i>	Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>
Clay Holland	<i>liturgy</i>		
Natalie Mann	<i>violin</i>		
John Trapp	<i>liturgy</i>		
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>		
Jenny Yang	<i>piano</i>		
		CCLI# 1268735	

*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.

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

(Room A301, 3rd Floor)

Adult Sunday Morning Class

(The Redeemer Room, 3rd Floor)

Young Adult Sunday Morning Class

(The Redeemer Room, 3rd Floor)

Upcoming Events

Today	1st & 2nd Grade Family Lunch	11:45 am	The Playgrounds
Tonight	Middle School Sunday Nights	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Christ the King
10/6	Men's Breakfast	6:30 am	The Great Hall
10/7	High School D Groups	7:00 - 8:15 pm	Christ the King
10/8	Women's Ministry Secret Supper	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Various Locations
10/10	Bloom Counseling Workshop	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	The Barnabas Center
10/15	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 am or 6:30 pm	The Kitchen
10/17	Middle School Mystery Trip		
10/18	3 & 4 Year Olds Family Pizza Party	11:45 am	The Playgrounds
10/22	Young Adults Hangout	7:00 - 9:00 pm	PopStroke



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

Elder and Deacon Recommendations

Elders and Deacons are elected officers who lead and serve our church. Elders shepherd through prayer, teaching, discipleship, and governance. Deacons serve through mercy and care, offering financial help, support for widows and the elderly, and other practical needs. If you know men gifted to serve in these ways, please submit recommendations by October 31 at christtheking.com/care.

1st & 2nd Grade Family Lunch



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Today, 11:45 am, The Playgrounds

Come play, eat, and connect! 1st and 2nd graders and their families are invited to join us after church for pizza on the playground.



Men's Breakfast

October 6, 6:30 - 7:30 am, The Great Hall

Join us for breakfast and time in God's Word. Invite a friend, neighbor, or coworker and join us!



Women's Ministry Secret Supper

October 8, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Small groups of women will gather in homes around Houston for an evening of dinner and conversation. Your destination and dining companions will remain a secret until the day before. Come enjoy this fun opportunity to build relationships.



a monthly counseling workshop for girls ages 8-12

BARNABASCENTERHOU.COM

Bloom Counseling Workshop

October 10

Join us one Saturday each month for a fun and engaging workshop designed to help girls grow in emotional awareness, confidence, healthy friendships, resilience, and their identity in Christ.



Made with Love Meal Prep

October 15, 9:30 am or 6:30 pm, The Kitchen

Come soar into a fun time of cooking, community, and serving together! Whether you love to cook or are just along for the ride, you are welcome! Space is limited, so don't let this opportunity float away be sure to sign up today.



Middle School Mystery Trip

October 17

Get ready for an exciting adventure! We're taking our middle school students on an overnight Mystery Trip filled with fun surprises.



3 & 4 Year Olds Family Pizza Party

October 18, 11:45 am, The Playgrounds

Come play, eat, and connect! Three and four year olds and their families are invited to join us after church for pizza and playground fun.

Capital Campaign



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	Pastor, Adult Ministry
Clay Holland	Pastor, Family Ministry
Alex Martinez	Pastor, Latino Ministry
John Trapp	Senior Pastor
Andrés Yelaya	Pastor of the Latino Initiative & Church Plant Resident

Ministry Budget Update

2026 Ministry Budget	\$	7,888,564
Budgeted through 9/27	\$	5,804,792
Received as of 9/27	\$	3,763,701
Variance	\$	(2,041,091)

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/give.

