



PROVERBS

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 2, 2026
THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 96

Minister: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

People: The gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name!

People: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness, tremble before him, all the earth!

❖ GREAT ARE YOU LORD

David Leonard, Jason Ingram, and Leslie Jordan

You give life, you are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore
Every heart that is broken
And great are you Lord

Chorus:

It's your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise

We pour out our praise

It's your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise to you only

You give life, you are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore
Every heart that is broken
And great are you Lord (*Ch 2x*)

And all the earth will shout your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are you Lord (*3x*) (*Ch 2x*)

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. 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.

❖ 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

Holy and gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you. Some of our sin we know – thoughts, words, and deeds we are ashamed of – but some only you know.

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

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

Minister: The Lord blots out all your transgressions and will not remember your sins.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

MISSION PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

THE OFFERING

Paul Brennan

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 11:3, 14; 12:15; 15:22;
16:1-4, 9, 25, 33; 21:5; 27:1

*11:3 The integrity of the upright guides them,
but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.*

*11:14 Where there is no guidance, a people falls,
but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.*

*12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,
but a wise man listens to advice.*

*15:22 Without counsel plans fail,
but with many advisers they succeed.*

*16:1 The plans of the heart belong to man,
but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord.*

*16:2 All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes,
but the Lord weighs the spirit.*

*16:3 Commit your work to the Lord,
and your plans will be established.*

*16:4 The Lord has made everything for its purpose,
even the wicked for the day of trouble.*

*16:9 The heart of man plans his way,
but the Lord establishes his steps.*

*16:25 There is a way that seems right to a man,
but its end is the way to death.*

*16:33 The lot is cast into the lap,
but its every decision is from the Lord.*

*21:5 The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance,
but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.*

*27:1 Do not boast about tomorrow,
for you do not know what a day may bring.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

"Wisdom and Our Plans"
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.

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.

STEADFAST

Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, and Josh Silverberg

I will build my house whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move
I will set my hope in your love O Lord
And your faithfulness will prove

Chorus:

You are steadfast, steadfast

By the word you spoke all the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In your watchful care I will rest secure
As you lead us with your light (*Ch 2x*)

I will not trust in the strength of kings
On your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb (*Ch 2x*)

In the moment of emptiness all was fulfilled
In the hour of darkness your light was revealed
In the presence of death your life was affirmed
In the absence of holiness you are still God (*Ch 4x*)

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	
Tim Brown	<i>piano</i>	Phil Betti	<i>video director</i>
Emily Cagle	<i>vocals</i>	Amy Curry	<i>projections</i>
Stacey Croft	<i>sermon</i>	Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>
Paul Duffin	<i>guitar</i>	Alex Rollo	<i>camera & Spanish translation</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>	Clara Whiles	<i>camera</i>
Michelle Hays	<i>violin</i>	Joe Bill Whittenburg	<i>camera</i>
Travis Henthorn	<i>drums</i>		
Alex Martinez	<i>liturgy</i>		
Katie Reyes	<i>guitar & vocals</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.*

Sunday Morning at Christ the King

9:00 am

Worship Service

Nursery Care

8 weeks - 4 years

10:30 am

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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

8/1-8/5	Middle School RYM		Allaso Ranch
8/7	Building Toward the Promise Day of Prayer and Fasting		
8/8	MAM Registration - Volunteers Needed	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Christ the King
8/10	Back-to-School Bags Serving Event	9:30 - 11:00 am	Christ the King
8/15	Code 45 Crazy Olympics & Pool Party	11:30 am	318 Shasta Drive
8/20	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 am or 6:30 pm	The Kitchen
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 or scan the QR code to explore upcoming events and register.



Building Toward the Promise Day of Prayer and Fasting

August 7

We invite you to intentionally make space on August 7 to pray for wisdom, discernment, unity, and God's clear leading for this project. As you are able, consider fasting from a meal, social media, or another regular rhythm, and use that time to draw near to the Lord in prayer.



Volunteers Needed

August 8, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Christ the King

Help us welcome prospective students as Christ the King hosts MAM's Fall Class Registration. Volunteers will greet students, help them feel at ease, and guide them to classrooms for their assessments. Sign up for a shift and help us extend Christ's hospitality to our neighbors.



Made With Love Meal Prep

August 20, 9:30 am or 6:30 pm, The Kitchen

Come zest up the kitchen and be part of this joyful, hands-on serving opportunity for our neighbors who could use some encouragement and a tangible reminder of God's love. Children are welcome to cook alongside a parent.



Moonwalk Madness

August 24, 9:30 - 11:30 am, Christ the King

Celebrate the end of summer at Moonwalk Madness! Families with children ages 5 and under are invited for bouncy houses, crafts, snacks, and plenty of fun. Bring your friends and neighbors for an easy, joyful way to spend time together and introduce them to CTK!

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.



At Agape Development, we are transforming our neighborhood by preparing Christ-following, independent, community leaders.

<https://www.agapedevelopment.org/>

Ways to get involved:

- Backyard Bible Club - K-5th grade after-school program (August-May, 4:30-5:45 pm) - Spend one day a week with the K-5th graders to help with homework, chapel, and other activities.
- Fall Work Day - October 31 - Help with various projects on Agape Development's properties.
- Christmas Store - December 10 - The Christmas store provides an opportunity for neighbors to purchase gifts for their children at a reduced price.

Contact Information:

- Amanda Garner amandag@agapedevelopment.org



YELLOWSTONE SCHOOLS

Yellowstone Schools inspire, empower, and invest in students to achieve their highest potential and fulfill their intended purpose.

<https://yellowstoneschools.org/>

Ways to get involved:

- Character Parade Prep - October 28 | 9:00 - 11:00 am. Help prepare for our annual parade by assembling student costumes.
- Christmas Gift Wrapping - December 15 | 9:30 am - 12:30 pm - Help wrap Christmas gifts for our faculty and staff.

Contact Information:

- Maricela Ramos mramos@yellowstoneschools.org

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 Zelaya	Pastor of the Latino Initiative & Church Plant Resident

Ministry Budget Update

2026 Ministry Budget	\$	7,888,564
Budgeted through 7/26	\$	4,465,225
Received as of 7/26	\$	2,773,951
Variance	\$	(1,691,274)

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.

