



Ephesians

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 89:1-2

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever.

**People: With my mouth I will proclaim
your faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever.

**People: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens!
Praise the Lord!**

❖ JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

Hyfrodol, J. Wilbur Chapman and Rowland Hugh Pritchard

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain:

*Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.*

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my victory wins. *(Refrain)*

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul. *(Refrain)*

Jesus! I do now receive him,
More than all in him I find,
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am his, and he is mine. *(Refrain)*

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

from Revelation 15

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.
Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.
Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come and worship before you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed. Amen.

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, #1

Leader: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

❖ HIS MERCY IS MORE

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, his mercy is more

Stronger than darkness, new every morn

Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more (*Ch*)

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more (*Ch*)

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more (*Ch 2x*)

Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more

Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

HAMBURG, Gregorian chant, Isaac Watts

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it, Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to his blood

See from his head, his hands, his feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Help us to find our joy in you. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Ephesians 2:8-9

Leader: By grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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

People: **And also with you!**

THE OFFERING

VOCALISE / O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

Paul Brennan, *piano*

Thomas J. Williams, Sergei Rachmaninoff; arr. Marilyn Ham

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

“Saved by Grace”

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.

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vicki Cook, Shane Barnard

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on his hands
My name is written on his heart
I know that while in heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me
To look on him and pardon me

Behold him there the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by his blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

AMAZING GRACE

AMAZING GRACE, Traditional American melody, John Newton

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

The Lord has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

And when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

*We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun*

❖ **BENEDICTION**

Minister: Go now into the world to love and serve our God.

People: We go in the name of Christ.

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God the Father,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

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

Tim Brown	<i>keyboard</i>
Stacey Croft	<i>liturgy</i>
Joe Deegan	<i>guitar & vocals</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>
Michelle Hays	<i>violin</i>
Travis Henthorn	<i>drums</i>
Clay Holland	<i>liturgy</i>
Scott Mochon	<i>guitar</i>
Katie Reyes	<i>vocals</i>
Carolyn Sparkes	<i>prayer</i>
John Trapp	<i>sermon</i>
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>

Audio/Visual Team

John Bard	<i>camera</i>
Zach Day	<i>audio</i>
Quin Gomez-Wright	<i>camera</i>
Colby Hodges	<i>video director</i>
Adam Holt	<i>projections</i>
Samuel Hunniford	<i>camera</i>
Namath Naif	<i>technical director</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
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

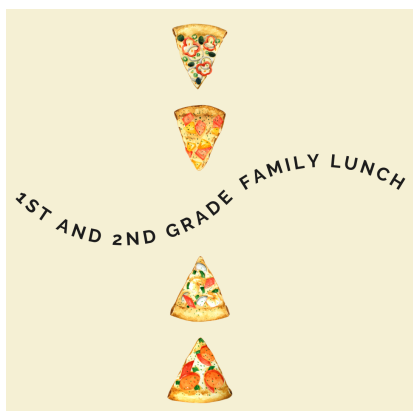
Today	Young Adults Sunday Brunch	10:00 - 10:30 am	Front Patio
Tonight	Student Ministry Bible Studies	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Christ the King
9/25	Counseling Roundtable	11:15 - 12:00 pm	Room A301
9/27 & 9/28	Membership Class	Fri: 6:00-8:30pm Sat: 9:30am-12:30pm	The Great Hall
9/29	1st & 2nd Grade Family Lunch	11:45 am	The Great Hall
10/01	Men's Breakfast	6:30 - 7:30 am	The Great Hall

Elder Advisor &
Deacon Assistant
Recommendations

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Elder Advisors and Deacon Assistants are lay members, primarily women, who support the work of the Session and Diaconate by entering into shepherding and care situations alongside Elders and Deacons, and by providing wisdom, insight, and perspective. If there are women in our church that you think are gifted to serve in either of these ways, please recommend them at christtheking.com/care by September 30.





1st & 2nd Grade Family Lunch

Sunday, September 29, 11:45 am, The Great Hall

All families with a 1st or 2nd grader are invited to lunch after church next Sunday. Pizza and cupcakes will be served, and the kids can play on the indoor and outdoor playgrounds. This is a fantastic opportunity to get to know other Christ the King families in the same stage of life.



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.

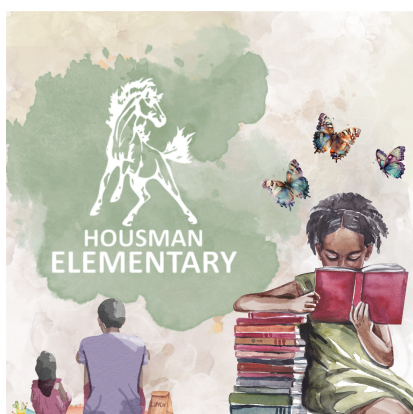
THE TRAVELING TABLE



The Traveling Table

Please join us on the first Sunday of each month to fellowship and share a meal with our neighbors at Providence at Memorial and La Veranda apartment complexes. Sign up at christtheking.com/serve-the-city.

The 1st lunch of this ministry year is coming up on Sunday, October 6.



Housman Reading Buddy Program

Do you have an hour once a week to help 2nd grade students at our Mission Partner, Housman Elementary School? They recently doubled their enrollment and would love volunteers to help support their struggling readers. Sign up at christtheking.com/serve-the-city.



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 09/15/2024	\$	4,260,776
Received as of 09/15/2024	\$	2,623,054
Variance	\$	(1,637,722)

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.

