



MARK

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 16, 2026
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 40

Minister: A voice cries in the wilderness:

People: Prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Minister: Every valley shall be lifted up,

People: Every mountain and hill shall be made low;

Minister: The uneven ground shall become level and the rough places a plain.

People: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed.

Minister: Come, let us worship the LORD!

❖ 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 OF ADORATION

Our glorious God, we gather this morning to worship you, our God,
who brought us out of darkness and into the light of your Son.

Be pleased with our worship this morning, as we worship in Spirit
and in truth, knowing that we have been set free from sin through
your great love for us. Amen.

❖ 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.

❖ IN CHRIST ALONE

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
Till he returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

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

Almighty God, you who shaped out of nothing all that is, forgive us for returning empty-handed. You who called for the light, forgive our preference for the dark! You who sent John the Baptizer to be a voice crying, forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all!

In your mercy, forgive us our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

Minister: The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. To all who have received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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

People: **And also with you!**

THE OFFERING

Band Quintet

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

“Preparing for the King”

Rev. John Trapp

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.

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

Ada Habershon and Matt Merker

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus:

*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast*

Those he saves are his delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in his holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by him at such a cost
He will hold me fast *(Ch)*

For my life he bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with him to endless life
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last *(Ch 2x)*

REVELATION SONG

Jennie Lee Riddle

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat. *(2x)*

Chorus:

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my everything and I will adore you.*

Clothed in rainbows of living color,
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be
To you the only wise King. *(Ch)*

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of your name;
Jesus, your name is power, breath, and living water;
Such a marvelous mystery. *(Ch)*

❖ **BENEDICTION**

Minister: May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself;
 may the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his
 service; may the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our souls;
 and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the
 Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with
 us 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	
Sam Cornelius	<i>guitar & vocals</i>	John Bard	<i>video director</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>	Amy Curry	<i>projections</i>
Michelle Hays	<i>violin</i>	Judy Jackson	<i>camera</i>
Travis Henthorn	<i>drums</i>	Spencer Jackson	<i>camera</i>
Clay Holland	<i>liturgy</i>	Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>
Scott Mochon	<i>guitar</i>	Alex Rollo	<i>camera</i>
Katie Reyes	<i>vocals</i>		
John Trapp	<i>sermon</i>		
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>		
Jenny Yang	<i>piano</i>		
Andrés Zelaya	<i>liturgy</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.

Adult Sunday Morning Class

(Room A301, 3rd Floor)

Young Adult Sunday Morning Class

(The Redeemer Room, 3rd Floor)

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

(The Redeemer Room, 3rd Floor)

Upcoming Events

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
8/30	No Sunday School (children through adults)		
9/4	Building Toward the Promise Day of Prayer & Fasting		
9/8	Men's Breakfast	6:30 - 7:30 am	The Great Hall
9/10	Women's Fall Kickoff Bingo	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Christ the King
9/13	Kindergarten Family Lunch	11:45 am - 1:00 pm	The Playgrounds
9/13	Student Ministry Fall Kickoff & Parent Meeting	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Christ the King



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



Bible Studies

Daniel is filled with memorable stories, but we miss the point if we pay more attention to Daniel's story than to Daniel's God. This 10-week study reveals the sovereign Lord of history, whose everlasting kingdom is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Register at christtheking.com/bible-studies.



Member to Member Care Team

Our Member-to-Member Care Team is a simple, but meaningful way to love our church family. Whether it's through providing a meal or writing a note of encouragement, your kindness can remind someone that they are not alone. Sign up at christtheking.com/care.



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.



Young Adults at Space Cowboys

August 20, 7:00 pm, Constellation Field

Kick off the new ministry year with a night at the ballpark! Join the Young Adults for a Space Cowboys game. Invite your friends and be sure to sign up by August 18.



3D Kick-Off Party

August 23, 5:30 - 6:45 pm, Christ the King

All 3rd graders are invited to a fun evening of minute-to-win-it games, pizza, ice cream and tie-dye fun! Come spend time with old friends, meet new ones, and kick off the new school year!



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 lots of fun. Bring your friends and neighbors for an easy, joyful way to spend time together and introduce them to CTK!



Men's Breakfast

September 8, 6:30 - 7:30 am, Christ the King

Looking for a simple way to connect with other men at Christ the King? Join us for the Men's Breakfast—a time to share a meal, be encouraged by God's Word, and enjoy conversation and fellowship. Invite a friend, neighbor, or coworker and join us!



Women's Fall Kickoff

September 10, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Christ the King

Kick off the fall with Women's Ministry! Join us for a fun evening of Bingo, time with friends, and a chance to connect with other women as we begin a new ministry year together. Invite a friend or neighbor and come join us!



Student Ministry Kickoff

September 13, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Christ the King

Welcome back! Parents and students are invited to kick off the fall together! We will have dinner and worship, followed by a meeting for parents and games and fun for students. Join us as we start a new year of Student Ministry and look ahead to what's coming this fall.

Capital Campaign



You've probably been hearing a lot about our capital campaign—and for good reason! 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 Zelaya	Pastor of the Latino Initiative & Church Plant Resident

Ministry Budget Update

2026 Ministry Budget	\$	7,888,564
Budgeted through 8/09	\$	4,762,907
Received as of 8/09	\$	2,917,815
Variance	\$	(1,845,091)

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/giving.



A New Year Together

Christ the King is a church family learning together what it means to worship God, grow in his grace, and serve in his mission. Through worship, meaningful relationships, and opportunities to serve others, we help one another live out our faith in every part of life. As this new ministry year begins, it is a good time to consider how you might continue to grow as a disciple. We hope you will explore some of the opportunities below.



Worship

Gathered worship is the heart of our week and a priority of our life together, but worship continues each day as we spend time with God in his Word and prayer. Explore the resources on our website to help you in your daily worship.



Resources

Grow

Growing in faith is the lifelong work of God's grace, and it is not something we do alone. Through Sunday Morning Classes, Bible Studies, and Community Groups, we learn from Scripture, encourage one another, and grow in living out our faith each day. We also deepen relationships by gathering as a church family—through events at Christ the King as well as time shared within our church community. If you are not already connected, consider joining a group this year.



Bible Studies



Community Groups



Sunday Classes



Events

Serve

Serving is a natural response to God's grace and an important part of following Jesus. We serve through opportunities in our church, city, and world, but also by living out our faith in the workplace and practicing biblical hospitality in our homes and communities. Consider how God might use your time, abilities, and everyday relationships to serve others this year.



Serve the Church



Serve the City