



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 5, 2025  
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Alex Martinez (9:00)

Rev. Stacey Croft (10:30)

Minister: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done  
marvelous things!

**People: His right hand and his holy arm have worked  
salvation for him.**

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break  
forth into joyous song and sing praises!

## ❖ THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

TERRA BEATA, Maltbie D. Babcock, Edward Shippen Barnes, Joe Deegan, and Franklin Sheppard

This is my Father's world and to my listening ears  
All nature sings and round me rings  
The music of the spheres  
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas  
His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise  
The morning light, the lily white  
Declare their Maker's praise  
This is my Father's world, he shines in all that's fair  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass  
He speaks to me everywhere

*Chorus:*

*Oh this world belongs to him*

*From beginning to the end*

*All creation groans, Lord bring us home*

*Make us new again*

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong  
God is the Ruler yet  
This is my Father's world, the battle is not done  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heaven be one (*Ch 2x*)

*Make us new again, make us new again*

## ❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Our Father in heaven, we gather today to declare your praises, to  
proclaim the salvation that you have wrought. Work in our hearts  
today by the power of the Holy Spirit; may we worship you, love  
you, glorify you, and honor you. We pray this in Jesus' name, 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.

## ❖ ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Francis of Assisi

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All ye who are of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on him cast your care,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

### DRIVE OUT THE DARKNESS

Dan Marotta, Isaac Wardell, John Swinton, & Paul Zach

*Chorus:*

*Come, O come be our light*

*Drive out the darkness*

*Come, Jesus come*

Every year under the thorn  
Every wrong that we have known  
Every valley will be raised  
Ancient ruins will be remade (*Ch*)

Every weapon made for war  
Every gun and every sword  
Will be melted in the flame  
To be used for gardening (*Ch*)

In the emptiness of grief  
Through the night of suffering  
In the loss and in the tears  
God our comfort, O be near

*Chorus 2:*

*Come, O come*

*Be our light, drive out the darkness*

*Come, O come*

*Be our light, drive out the darkness*

*Come end all the violence*

*Come do not be silent*

*Come hold to your promise*

*Come break all injustice*

*Come, Jesus come*

### ✚ 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 neighbors 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. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



## ❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

Acts 4:12

**Minister:** In the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe.

**People:** **There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.**

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

**People:** **And also with you!**

## THE OFFERING

Tim Brown, *piano*; Emily Cagle, *vocals*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:38-39  
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**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**THE SERMON**    The Promise is For All Who Are Far Off    Rev. John Trapp  
*Building Toward the Promise*

# CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

## FIRST COMMUNION

*9:00 am*

*10:30 am*

Henry August Fangman

Cora Elizabeth Christy

Tucker Allen Hays

Knox Oliver Johnson

Sarah Jane Johnston

Ezra Don O'Shay

*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 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.*

## BUILDING TOWARD THE PROMISE

Joe Deegan, John Trapp

Oh, the promise throughout the ages

Wonder from the heavens above

Jesus builds his holy temple

Through his Spirit, sent in love

*Chorus:*

*Christ our King, the risen savior*

*Seated at the father's right hand*

*Build your church as you have promised*

*For your children from every land*

Christ, the temple of your body

Spirit-risen on that third day

Cornerstone by man rejected

Ours, the rock, that will not decay (*Ch*)

Hail the risen branch of Jesse

David's son yet David's Lord

Sends his spirit as he promised

Faithful always to his word (*Ch*)

Oh the promise throughout the ages

Sealed by blood, delivered by grace

For ourselves and for our children

For his people far away (*Ch*)

THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S

Joe Deegan

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof  
Come to his table of goodness and love  
The Lord, he has made by the work of his hands  
The riches of heaven for the pleasure of man

Chorus:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah

He made the forests, the mountains, the trees  
The rivers and canyons and valleys to sing  
The song of the Maker in all that we see  
Oh the earth is the Lord's and it always will be (Ch 2x)

The heavens declare the glory of One  
Who is Lord over all, who has bid us to come  
And lay down our burdens again and again  
To rest from our labors and sabbath with him (Ch 2x)

Let every creature, let every tongue  
Sing praise to the Lord for the work he has done  
He has declared over all of the land  
Behold the dwelling of God is with man (Ch 2x)

❖ BENEDICTION

Minister: To the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God,  
be honor and glory forever and ever.

People: Praise be to our God and King.

Minister: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

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	piano	Paul Brennan	projections
Emily Cagle	vocals	Maria Cavanaugh	Spanish translation
Sam Cornelius	guitar	Zach Day	audio
Stacey Croft	liturgy	Quin Gomez-Wright	camera
Joe Deegan	guitar & vocals	Samuel Hunniford	camera
Conrad Guthrie	bass	Ryan Landis	video director
Michelle Hays	violin	Namath Naif	technical director
Travis Henthorn	drums	Joe Bill Whittenburg	camera
Alex Martinez	liturgy		
John Trapp	sermon		
Steven Wiggs	cello		
		CCLI# 1268735	

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

## Sunday Morning at Christ the King

**9:00 am**  
**Worship Service**

**Nursery Care**  
8 weeks - PreK

**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**  
8 weeks - 1 year

**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)

## Adult Sunday Morning Classes

*All are welcome! No registration necessary. Classes meet on the 3rd floor.*

### Joshua

Joshua is a powerful story of conquest and promise, as God leads Israel into the land he has prepared for them. Through its pages, we'll explore remarkable accounts of God's faithfulness and his mighty work on behalf of his people. We'll trace the redemptive thread from Joshua—whose name means “the Lord saves”—to Jesus, who fulfills that promise fully. Join us as we discover how “the Lord saves” throughout the story of redemption.

## Upcoming Events

Today	Membership Class	10:30 am - 12:30 pm	Room A300
Today	Congregational Meeting	11:50 am	The Sanctuary
10/7	Men's Breakfast	6:30 - 7:30 am	The Great Hall
10/12	Student Ministry Sunday Night Live	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Christ the King
10/16	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 am or 6:30 pm	The Kitchen
10/17	Silber Road Fall Festival	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Christ the King
10/19	Preparation for Baptism Class	10:30 am	Room A300
10/22	Young Adults Fireside Chat	7:00 - 9:00 pm	10163 Hanka
10/26	1st & 2nd Grade Family Lunch	11:45 am	The Great Hall



### Officer 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.



### Sign up for a Campaign Visit

The Building Toward the Promise campaign isn't just about buildings—it's about relationships. That's why we want to meet with every person in our church family for a one-on-one visit. These conversations will give you a chance to hear the vision, celebrate what God is doing, ask questions, and pray together.



### Men's Breakfast

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

Looking for a way to connect with other men at Christ the King? Start your morning with breakfast, powerful stories of how God is at work, and a room full of guys who want to grow in faith and friendship. The Men's Breakfast is a meaningful way to kick off your day. Bring a friend, neighbor, or coworker—and come join us!

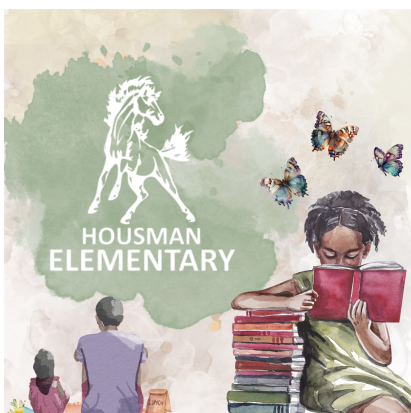


### Understanding Addiction Seminar

*November 9, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Room A300*

Join us to learn about the nature of chemical and behavioral addictions, their impact on individuals and families, and practical tools for walking alongside loved ones. The seminar will include resources for recovery, discussion, and an anonymous Q&A. To sign up go to [barnabascenterhou.com](http://barnabascenterhou.com).





### **Housman Reading Buddies and Mentoring Program**

*Monday - Friday (1x/week)*

*8:45 - 9:45 am, 6705 Housman*

Housman Elementary needs volunteers to read with 2nd graders and mentor K-5 students. Just one hour a week can boost confidence, build literacy, and spark a love for learning. Both women and men are welcome—we especially need male role models. Sign up and make a lasting impact at [christtheking.com/serve-the-city](http://christtheking.com/serve-the-city).



### **Silber Road Fall Festival**

*October 17, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Christ the King*

We're partnering with Cornerstone Family Ministries to host a festive evening for Cornerstone students and their families—and we need your help to make it happen! Christ the King individuals and families are invited to join in by serving, setting up, and helping create a welcoming atmosphere. Together, we'll share the joy of the season with fall-themed games, food, crafts, and plenty of fun. Sign up at [christtheking.com/serve-the-city](http://christtheking.com/serve-the-city).



### **Agape's 20th Birthday Bash**

*November 1*

Agape Development is celebrating 20 years of God's work in the OST/South Union neighborhood, and we have the opportunity to come alongside them to make this celebration a success! There are many ways to serve—both leading up to the event and on the day itself—and we'd love for our church family to be part of it. Join us in supporting this ministry and helping create a joyful day of celebration! Sign up at [christtheking.com/serve-the-city](http://christtheking.com/serve-the-city).

## 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

2025 Ministry Budget	\$	6,488,151
Budgeted through 09/28	\$	4,774,300
Received as of 09/28	\$	4,212,435
Variance	\$	(561,865)

### 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).





# THE PRESCHOOL AT CHRIST THE KING

WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US. 1 JOHN 4:19



The Preschool at Christ the King is a ministry of the church that comes alongside families to educate children in a Christian environment and point them to a life of glorifying God.

We believe that all children are a gift from God, created in the image of God for his glory and that the years of early childhood provide a unique opportunity to encourage, inspire and establish strong educational practices and lay the foundation for a life of faith in Christ according to Biblical principles.

Offering classes for 2-year-olds through PreK-4, parents are invited to come and tour with their child and experience first-hand the wonders of The Preschool!

Tours are available beginning in October for the following school year and can be requested on our website.

Teachers: Cully Bakht, Elisabeth Bickham, Danna Burkett, Catherine Cagle, Ruth Cagle, Meredith Crow, Carol DeShong, Emily Dunlap, Ashley Foran, Michelle Hays, Lorie Herod, Tricia Hurley, Deborah McInness, Margaret Murphy, Susan Neuhaus, Sara Oliver, Jennifer Shepherd, Lizzie Smith, Diane Taaffe, Cheryl Tucker, Colleen Walker, Laura Wallace.



For more information and to contact us, please visit our website.

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