



Ephesians

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;
approach our God, who is full of mercy.

People: **We will praise God with all our heart
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

❖ GOD IS FOR US

Ferguson, Tealy, Reeves, Robinson, Farren, Thompson, and Tranter

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night
We will walk the valley with you by our side
You will go before us, you will lead the way
We have found a refuge only you can save

Chorus:

*Sing with joy now, our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now, no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us*

Even when I stumble, even when I fall
Even when I turn back still your love is sure
You will not abandon, you will not forsake
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace (*Ch*)

Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave his Son to free us
Holds me in his love (*Repeat*) (*Ch 2x*)

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Our Father, rich in mercy, splendid in grace,
wisdom and justice go before you;
peace and righteousness are at your right hand.

Lord of heaven above, you are God and you alone.
Give ear to our prayer in the name of Jesus,
for we would worship you in him.

He is our great high priest;
He is our intercessor and mediator.
Give ear to our prayer that we might serve you as a royal priesthood,
your own people, for you are our God and you alone.

To you be all honor, all praise and glory,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God for all eternity. 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.

❖ GOD'S HIGHWAY

Sandra McCracken and Thad Cockrell

My feet are strong, my eyes are clear
I cannot see the way from here
But on we go, he knows the way
And in his arms he keeps me safe

Chorus:

*Fear not, keep on, watch and pray
Walk in the light of God's highway*

The shadows flee, the valley is deep
But evil cannot conquer me
Your rod and staff, they protect me
You give me rest, you give me peace (Ch)

I see the shore from troubled seas
This tiny ship that carries me
It is not yet but it will be
So heaven come, it's you we need (Ch)

I'm holding onto you Lord
You're holding onto me (3x) (Ch 2x)

Walk in the light of God's highway

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

BE THOU MY VISION

Mary E. Byrne and Eleanor H. Hull

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only, first in my heart
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, our Savior and our King,
you did not disdain the company of sinners
but welcomed them with love.
Look upon us in mercy, we pray.

Our sins are more than we can bear;
our pasts enslave us;
our misdeeds are beyond correcting.

Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo;
free us from a past we cannot change;
heal what we can no longer fix.

Grace our lives with your love and turn the tears
of our past into the joys of new life with you. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

2 Corinthians 5:21

Leader: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

THE OFFERING

JESUS PAID IT ALL

John T. Grape, arr. Peter Hilliard

Jenny Yang, *piano*
Steven Wiggs, *cello*

SCRIPTURE READING

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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

“But God”

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.

ALL THINGS NEW AGAIN

Joe Deegan

For behold he will create
A new heavens and new earth
He will drive away our sorrow and our pain
This momentary grief, though heavy as it seems
Will be crushed by glory's great eternal weight

Chorus:

He will make all things new again

He will keep all his promises

He will love all who come to him

He will make all things new again

For behold the sun will rise
Over wastelands dead and dry
In its place shall spring a river full of life
Every wrong will be undone
Every thirsty soul shall come
And drink from living water without price (*Ch*)

For behold the holy mountain
Where wolf and lamb shall graze
Where we lay our heads and finally find our home
Where the songs we sang in shadows
Will be sung to God's own face
Where his smile will be the thing we treasure most
Oh his smile will be the thing we treasure most (*Ch*)

THERE IS ONE GOSPEL

Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson

There is one Gospel on which I stand
For all eternity
It is my story my Father's plan
The Son has rescued me
Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace
My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling
All else I count as loss
For there where justice and mercy meet
He saved me on the cross
No more I boast in what I can bring
No more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found
The empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Savior down
He lives and I am free
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes
My life is His and His hope is mine
For he has promised I too will rise
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one
We do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on
To lead us safely home

And when in glory still I will sing
Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Savior the King of life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ (2x)

Praise to my Savior the King of life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

❖ **BENEDICTION**

Minister: The grace of Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
the Holy Spirit keep you now and forevermore.

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

Joe Beam	<i>drums</i>
Emily Cagle	<i>vocals</i>
Stacey Croft	<i>sermon</i>
Joe Deegan	<i>guitar & vocals</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>
Michelle Hays	<i>violin</i>
Scott Mochon	<i>guitar</i>
Steve Moore	<i>prayer</i>
John Trapp	<i>liturgy</i>
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>
Jenny Yang	<i>keyboard</i>

Audio/Visual Team

John Bard	<i>camera</i>
Zach Day	<i>audio</i>
Ozzie Fong	<i>camera</i>
Colby Hodges	<i>video director</i>
Spencer Jackson	<i>camera</i>
Kate Johnston	<i>projections</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
Today	Kindergarten Family Lunch	11:45 am	The Great Hall
Tonight	Student Ministry Bible Studies	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Christ the King
9/18	Counseling Roundtable	11:15 - 12:00 pm	Room A301
9/18	Churchwide Prayer	12:00 - 12:30 pm	The Sanctuary
9/19	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 - 11:30 am OR 6:30 - 8:30 pm	The Kitchen
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



Churchwide Prayer

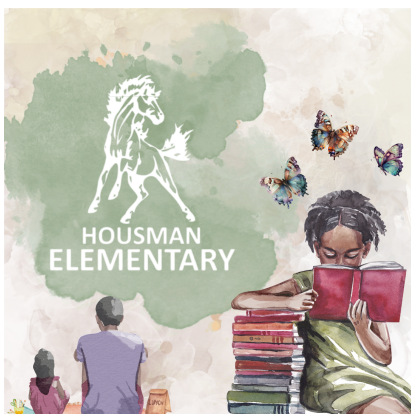
September 18, 12:00 - 12:30 pm, The Sanctuary

Once a month our church gathers for thirty minutes of prayer led by our pastors. Together we spend time praying Scripture, sitting in moments of silent prayer, and praying for members of our church who have requested prayer. Everyone is invited to join us for this formative time of prayer.



Elder Advisor & Deacon Assistant Recommendations

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.



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 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.



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 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 09/08/2024	\$	4,145,620
Received as of 09/08/2024	\$	2,432,620
Variance	\$	(1,713,001)

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.

