



1 Peter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 12, 2025
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Andrés Zelaya (9:00)
Rev. Alex Martinez (10:30)

Minister: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**People: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through
the desert of this world.**

Minister: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of
mercy to flow in the wasteland.

**People: We are the people God has formed through Christ;
we worship him, and we rejoice!**

❖ COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

NETTLETON, Robert Robinson and John Wyeth

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I'm come
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above (2x)

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❖ 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 Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 86

Minister: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

People: **Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.**

❖ THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

Brian Moss and Samuel John Stone

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is his new creation by water and the Word
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride
With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God the three in one,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy, Lord give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly on high may dwell with thee

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Audrey Assad and Henry Hallum Tweeny

O Spirit of the living God
Thou Light and Fire divine
Descend upon thy Church once more
And make it truly thine
Fill it with love and joy and power
With righteousness and peace
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts
And sin and sorrow cease

Blow wind of God, with wisdom blow
Until our minds are free
From mists of error, clouds of doubt
Which blind our eyes to thee
Burn winged Fire, inspire our lips
With flaming love and zeal
To preach to all thy great good news
God's glorious commonweal

So shall we know the power of Christ
Who came this world to save
So shall we rise with him to life
Which soars beyond the grave
And earth shall win true holiness
Which makes thy children whole
Till perfected by thee we reach
Creation's glorious goal

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world – to reveal your love for us, and to redeem us as a people who walk in your light. But we have obscured the glory of your presence within us by sinning in thought, word, and deed. We have chosen often to walk in the darkness instead of your light.

In your mercy, fill us again with your Spirit, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth the same glory that shines fully in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

Acts 10:43

Minister: All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

People: **Thanks be to God for his forgiveness!**

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

People: **And also with you!**

THE OFFERING

Paul Brennan, *piano*

SCRIPTURE READING

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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

A Living Stone, A Holy People
1 Peter

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.

HOW SWEET AND AWESOME IS THE PLACE

ST. COLUMBA, Irish hymn, Isaac Watts

How sweet and awesome is the place
With Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue,
Lord, why was I a guest?

'Twas the same love that spread the feast
That sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste,
And perished in our sin.

We long to see your churches full,
That all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul,
Sing your redeeming grace.

HEAL US

William Cowper, Lucas Morton, and Kevin Twit

Chorus:

*Heal us, Emmanuel here we are
We long to feel thy touch
Deep wounded souls to thee we fly
O Savior hear our cry*

Our faith is feeble, we confess
We faintly trust thy Word
But will you pity us the less
Be that far from you Lord *(Ch)*

Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief
Lord I believe with tears he cried
O help my unbelief *(Ch)*

She, too who touched you in the press
And healing virtue stole
Was answered, Daughter go in peace
Thy faith has made thee whole *(Ch)*

Like her with hopes and fears we come
To touch you if we may
O send us not despairing home
Send none unhealed away *(Ch 2x)*

❖ **BENEDICTION**

Minister: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins
by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and
priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory
and power for ever and ever!

People: Glory be to you, Lord Jesus.

Minister: May the blessing of God – Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit – rest upon you.

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>piano</i>
Stacey Croft	<i>sermon</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>
Travis Henthorn	<i>drums</i>
Jonah Lou	<i>guitar & vocals</i>
Natalie Mann	<i>violin</i>
Alex Martinez	<i>liturgy</i>
Meg McClure	<i>vocals</i>
Scott Mochon	<i>guitar</i>
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>
Andrés Zelaya	<i>liturgy</i>

Audio/Visual Team

Zach Day	<i>audio</i>
Colby Hodges	<i>video director</i>
Samuel Hunniford	<i>camera</i>
Kyunghee Kim	<i>projections</i>
Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>
Alex Rollo	<i>camera</i>
Clara Whiles	<i>camera</i>
Joel Zaldivar	<i>Spanish translation</i>

*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 - 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

Upcoming Events

Tonight	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	Preparing for Baptism Class	10:30 am	Room A300
10/22	Young Adults Fireside Chat	7:00 - 9:00 pm	10163 Hanka
10/25	Men's Service Day	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	4901 Sherman
10/26	1st & 2nd Grade Family Lunch	11:45 am	The Great Hall
11/5	Fall Forum: Faith & Youth Sports	7:00 - 9:00 pm	The Great Hall
11/8	Women's Day of Service	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Various Locations

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.



Preparing for Baptism Class

October 19, 10:30 - 11:30 am, Room A300

We'd love to have you join us for our upcoming class. This is a great opportunity to learn about baptism at Christ the King, ask questions, and walk through the steps for having your child baptized. All parents are invited. This class is required before scheduling a baptism at Christ the King.



Fall Forum: Faith & Youth Sports

November 5, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, The Great Hall

Join us for an important conversation about how Christians can faithfully navigate the growing demands of youth sports. Stacey Croft will open the evening with a talk on the impact of youth sports on family rhythms, faith, and formation. A panel discussion will follow, offering space for honest questions and practical wisdom.



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.

The Latino Ministry

We are members of the Christ the King community committed to sharing the love of Christ with Latino individuals and families. Our vision is to grow into a Spanish-speaking congregation that worships God and grows in faith together through Bible studies, fellowship, and service.

Live Spanish Translation - Every Sunday during the 10:30 am service we have headsets available which provide live translation of our worship service. If you would like to receive a headset or would like to volunteer to translate, please find an usher to help you.

Spanish Language Bible Study - We are currently hosting a six-part Bible Study on God's grace. We are excited and encouraged to have so many coming to explore foundational truths of God's grace together. If you would like more information, please contact Alex Martinez at Alex.martinez@christtheking.com.

Serve



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! Join in by serving, setting up, and helping create a welcoming atmosphere. Sign up at christtheking.com/serve-the-city.



Men's Service Day
*October 25, 9:00 - 11:00 am,
4901 Sherman*

Come roll up your sleeves with the men of Christ the King! It's a great chance to love our city and build connections as we serve side by side.



Women's Day of Service
November 8, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Women of Christ the King, join us for a morning of serving together! We'll meet at the church and then go out into the city to serve our Mission Partners through hands-on projects and acts of care. It's a great chance to learn, serve, and connect with other women. Sign up at christtheking.com/women.

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

2025 Ministry Budget	\$	6,488,151
Budgeted through 10/05	\$	4,774,300
Received as of 10/05	\$	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.





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.

Preschool Director: Katie Whitehead

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 request a tour for the 2026-27 school year, please visit our website.