



MARK

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 30, 2026
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

People: O LORD, my God, you are very great!

Minister: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

People: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Praise the LORD!

❖ 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)

Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

You, O Lord, are glorious beyond measure. You are holy and righteous. Were it not for your love, we would perish forever.

We praise you, Father, that you have rescued us from the dominion of darkness and have brought us into the kingdom of the Son whom you love, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Thank you for opening for us a door into eternal fellowship with you through the mystery of Christ our Lord.

Holy Spirit, we humbly ask you to make Jesus more real to us this day that we might love him more dearly and follow him more nearly throughout the week. 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.

❖ GREAT ARE YOU LORD

David Leonard, Jason Ingram, and Leslie Jordan

You give life, you are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore
Every heart that is broken
And great are you Lord

Chorus:

It's your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise

We pour out our praise

It's your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise to you only

You give life, you are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore
Every heart that is broken
And great are you Lord (Ch 2x)

And all the earth will shout your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are you Lord (3x) (Ch 2x)

PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us our sins. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

John 8:12

Minister: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” Jesus has called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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

People: **And also with you!**

THE OFFERING

Joe Deegan

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:14-20
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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

“The King’s Call”
Mark

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.

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.

STEADFAST

Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, and Josh Silverberg

I will build my house whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move
I will set my hope in your love O Lord
And your faithfulness will prove

Chorus:

You are steadfast, steadfast

By the word you spoke all the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In your watchful care I will rest secure
As you lead us with your light (*Ch 2x*)

I will not trust in the strength of kings
On your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb (*Ch 2x*)

In the moment of emptiness all was fulfilled
In the hour of darkness your light was revealed
In the presence of death your life was affirmed
In the absence of holiness you are still God (*Ch 4x*)

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND

Christopher Miner and Samuel Stennett

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie
All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day
Where God, the Son, forever reigns and scatters night away

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land

No chilling winds, nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more
When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed
Where shall I see my Father's face and in his bosom rest

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land (x3)

I am bound for the promised land
I am bound for the promised land

❖ **BENEDICTION**

Minister: And now, having feasted at God’s table of goodness and love, let us go forth to declare his glory to all the earth.

People: **Hallelujah! We go in the name of Christ!**

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

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

Paul Brennan	<i>piano</i>
Emily Cagle	<i>vocals</i>
Stacey Croft	<i>liturgy</i>
Joe Deegan	<i>guitar & vocals</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>
Travis Henthorn	<i>drums</i>
Scott Mochon	<i>guitar</i>
John Trapp	<i>sermon</i>
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>
Andrés Zelaya	<i>liturgy</i>

Audio/Visual Team

Andrew Gill	<i>camera</i>
Kyunghee Kim	<i>projections</i>
Madelyn Landis	<i>camera</i>
Ryan Landis	<i>video director</i>
Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>
Clara Whiles	<i>camera</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 - 4 years

10:30 am

Worship Service
Live Spanish Translation Available

Nursery Care
8 weeks - 4 years

NO SUNDAY
SCHOOL

No Sunday School
August 30

With many in our church family attending Church Camp, we will take a break from Sunday School classes for children, students, and adults and Children’s Worship will also not be offered. We look forward to resuming our regular Sunday morning schedule next week!

Upcoming Events

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
9/17	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 am or 6:30 pm	The Kitchen
9/20	Membership Class	4:00 - 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.



Community Groups

Community Groups meet in homes throughout Houston and are one of the primary ways people build relationships and care for one another at Christ the King. Each group has its own rhythm, but some share meals, discuss sermons, and pray together. Sign up today!



The Traveling Table

The Traveling Table is a way for our church family to share a meal and build relationships with our neighbors right across the street. We encourage volunteers to sign up to join the team and come each month so that familiar faces can become meaningful relationships over time.



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!



Kindergarten Family Lunch
September 13, 11:45 am, Christ the King

Join other kindergarteners and their families for pizza and playground fun after church! We'll have pizza, drinks, and a treat for everyone to enjoy. It's a great opportunity for kindergarten families to spend time together and get to know one another.



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.



Membership Class
September 20 & 27, 4:00 - 7:00 pm, Christ the King

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.

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 8/23	\$	5,060,588
Received as of 8/23	\$	3,285,079
Variance	\$	(1,775,509)

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.



PRAY. GO. SERVE.

Where is God inviting you to love our city this year?

AGAPE DEVELOPMENT

- Backyard Bible Club After School Assistant (K-5th grade)-Spend one afternoon a week helping with homework, at chapel, and with other activities.

CORNERSTONE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM @ CHRIST THE KING

- After School Enrichment Program (K-5th grade)-Volunteer one afternoon at Christ the King to help with homework, projects, and games.

HOUSMAN READING BUDDIES/MENTORING (SBISD)

- Read to a 2nd grade student once a week (Mondays or Tuesdays).
- Enjoy lunch with a K-5th grade student once a week.

HOUSTON WELCOMES REFUGEES

- Join a Welcome Team
- Deliver Emergency Groceries (time flexible)

MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES @ CHRIST THE KING

- ESL Instructor- 2 needed for Monday & Wednesday evenings and 3 needed for Tuesday & Thursday evenings at Christ the King (6:30-8:30pm, training & materials provided)

PRESTIGE LEARNING INSTITUTE

- Volunteer for Fall programming including ESL Instructor/Assistant, Men's & Women's Community Gatherings and the After-School Program

STAR OF HOPE

- Serve a meal at the Men's or the Women and Family Center (flexible)

WORK FAITH

- Help with mock interviews (can be done in person or from a computer. Training and scripts are provided.) (Thursdays, 12:30-2:00pm)

YELLOWSTONE SCHOOLS

- Lunch Buddy-Enjoy lunch with a student once a week
- Tutor-Support students with their school work once a week

There are many ways to love and serve our city this fall, with opportunities for every age. Together, we can live out our mission of **reaching Houston for Christ and renewing lives by grace** as we serve our neighbors and care for our city.

Visit our website to learn more about our Mission Partners.

