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# *Ephesians*

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 25, 2024  
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Revelation 7

Leader: Salvation belongs to our God  
who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

People: **Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor and power  
and might be to our God forever and ever! 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!

And all ye men 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 OF ADORATION

All glory and honor be unto you, Lord God Almighty,  
for in your sovereign and gracious design  
you have not left us to ourselves  
but have adopted us as your own  
and called us to be a new people for your service  
that we, the church, for whom Christ died,  
might be a holy nation.

So work within us this day  
that we might genuinely declare in our words and deeds  
the praise of your glorious grace.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.

## ❖ HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

Sandra McCracken and James Montgomery

*Chorus:*

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son  
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun  
His reign on earth begun*

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free  
To take away transgression and rule in equity (*Ch*)

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong  
To help the poor and needy and bid the weak be strong

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light  
Whose souls condemned and dying were precious in his sight (*Ch*)

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers spring in his path to birth

The tide of time shall never his covenant remove  
His Name shall stand forever, that Name to us is Love (*Ch*)

# PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

## DRIVE OUT THE DARKNESS

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

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)

*Chorus:*  
*Come, O come be our light*  
*Drive out the darkness*  
*Come, Jesus come*

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 made us in your image  
with a mind to know you, a heart to love you,  
and a will to serve you.

But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant,  
our obedience incomplete.

In your tender love, forgive us our sins  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## ❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Isaiah 43:25

Leader: The Lord blots out all your transgressions and will not remember your sins.

**People: In Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

## GIVING IN ACTION

Cornerstone Family Ministries  
Amanda Etheredge

## THE OFFERING

### LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

Joe Deegan, *guitar & vocals*

Elisha Hoffman; arr. Anthony J. Showalter

### SCRIPTURE READING

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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE SERMON

“The Mystery Made Known”

# 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.*

## **JESUS CAST A LOOK ON ME**

Matthew Jones and John Berridge

Jesus cast a look on me  
Give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low  
Seeking only thee to know  
  
All that feeds my busy pride  
Cast it evermore aside  
Bid my will to thine submit  
Lay me humbly at thy Feet  
  
Make me like a little child  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled  
Seeing only in thy light  
Walking only in thy might  
  
Leaning on thy loving breast  
Where a weary soul can rest  
Feeling well the peace of God  
Flowing from thy precious blood  
  
In this posture let me live  
And hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die  
And hosannas ever cry!

## **RED SEA ROAD**

Ellie Holcomb, Christa Wells, and Nicole Witt

We've buried dreams  
Laid them deep into the earth behind us  
Said our goodbyes at the grave but everything reminds us  
God knows we ache when he asks us to go on  
How do we go on

Chorus:

We will sing to our souls, we won't bury our hope  
Where he leads us to go there's a red sea road  
When we can't see the way he will part the waves  
And we'll never walk alone down a red sea road

How can we trust when you say you will deliver us  
From all of this pain that threatens to take over us  
Well this desert's dry but the ocean may consume  
And we're scared to follow you (Ch)

Oh help us believe, you are faithful, you're faithful  
When our hearts are breaking, you are faithful, you're faithful  
Oh grant us eyes to see you are faithful, you're faithful  
Teach us to sing you are faithful, you're faithful, you're faithful (Ch)

No we'll never walk alone down a red sea road  
No we'll never walk alone down a red sea road

## ❖ BENEDICTION

Minister: May he who by his Incarnation  
gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

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>
Tim Brown	<i>piano</i>
Sam Cornelius	<i>guitar</i>
Joe Deegan	<i>guitar &amp; vocals</i>
Gill Dolan	<i>prayer</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>
Michelle Hays	<i>violin</i>
Clay Holland	<i>liturgy</i>
Katie Reyes	<i>vocals</i>
John Trapp	<i>sermon</i>
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>

### Audio/Visual Team

John Bard	<i>video director</i>
Amy Curry	<i>projections</i>
Zach Day	<i>audio</i>
Judy Jackson	<i>camera</i>
Spencer Jackson	<i>camera</i>
Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>
Alex Rollo	<i>camera</i>

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

## Adult Sunday Morning Classes

### The Book of Acts

All are welcome! No registration necessary. Classes meet on the 3rd floor. How did the "Good News of Jesus" spread from a small group to impact the entire world? Luke wrote The Book of Acts to track the movement and growth of the church after Jesus ascended into heaven. No matter the circumstances, the Lord continued to grow his church in those days, as he does now. Join us as we look at how we as a church are shaped by the work of God through the early church and the apostles.

## Upcoming Events

Today	3D Party	5:30 - 6:45 pm	Christ the King
8/26	Moonwalk Madness	9:30 - 11:30 am	The Great Hall
8/30 - 9/2	Church Camp		Camp Cho-Yeh
9/1	One Worship Service	10:30 am	
9/5	Young Adults Monthly Meal	7:00 pm	69 Legend Lane
9/8	Young Adults Sunday Brunch	10:00 - 10:30 am	Front Patio
9/8	Student Ministry Sunday Night Live	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Christ the King
9/10	Men's Breakfast	6:30 - 7:30 am	The Great Hall





## Bible Studies

Join us as we study the Gospel of Luke, a book that allows us to watch Jesus up close as he begins to reveal to his disciples, the crowds, and to us the astonishing upside-down kingdom of God. Sign up today at [christtheking.com](http://christtheking.com).



## One Worship Service

*September 1, 10:30 am*

On Sunday, September 1, we will have one worship service at 10:30 am. There will be no Sunday School for children, students or adults. We will have nursery care for children up to 4 years old.



## Made with Love Meals

With the start of a new school year, now is a wonderful time to stop by the freezer (near the doors to The Great Hall) to grab a free, frozen meal for anyone in your life who might need some encouragement. Teachers, school staff, a friend juggling new-school-year emotions and routines, these meals are for anyone!



## Calling All Artists!

We are working on our 2024 Advent Guide and corresponding Advent resources, and we would love to incorporate original art by our church members—both young and old. This year's theme is centered around Isaiah 9:6—Christ as Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. To find out more, please email [Catherine Duffin](mailto:Catherine.duffin@christtheking.com) at [Catherine.duffin@christtheking.com](mailto:Catherine.duffin@christtheking.com).



### **Young Adults Monthly Meal**

*September 5, 7:00 pm, 69 Legend Lane*

Join us for some great food and an opportunity to connect with other Young Adults. Invite your friends, everyone is welcome!



### **Men's Breakfast**

*September 10, 6:30 – 7:30 am, The Great Hall*

Join us for breakfast and to be challenged by an encouraging word from one of our pastors. Send a personal invite to a friend, a neighbor or a co-worker and we'll see you there!



### **Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing Therapy**

Our past experiences and negative beliefs about ourselves often stay with us and show up in our current circumstances. Maybe you've had a consistent feeling of "I'm never good enough" or "It's always my fault". And so, things like anxiety, perfectionism, and control dominate your life. EMDR helps you connect your past experiences with present negative reactions and gives you a template for future emotional and behavioral change. To learn more about our services, please visit our website at [thebarnabascenterhou.com](http://thebarnabascenterhou.com).



## Mission Partner Spotlight

### Cornerstone Family Ministries

Cornerstone Family Ministries has been serving the Spring Branch community for over 35 years. They provide a range of programs to support elementary, middle, and high school students. Starting with this new school year, Cornerstone will open a new After School Enrichment Program location at Christ the King! This expansion means that every day after school, students from Cedar Brook Elementary and Housman Elementary will be onsite at Christ the King and enjoy healthy snacks, outdoor activities, intentional connections with other students and volunteers, academic support, spiritual growth and loads of fun!

If you are interested in learning more about Cornerstone Family Ministries and how to get involved in the After School Program hosted at Christ the King, please contact Amanda Etheredge at [amanda@cfmhouston.org](mailto:amanda@cfmhouston.org).

## 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>	Executive Pastor of the Latino Ministry Initiative

## 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.

## Ministry Budget Update

2024 Ministry Budget Goal	\$	5,988,118
Budgeted giving through 08/18/2024	\$	3,800,152
Received as of 08/18/2024	\$	2,152,467
Variance	\$	(1,647,684)

### 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).

