

Romans 8



ORDER OF WORSHIP

MAY 17, 2026
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 89:1-2

Minister: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever.

People: With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Minister: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever.

People: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens! Praise the Lord!

❖ O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

EBENEZER, Samuel Trevor Francis; arr. Brian Doerksen

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me!

Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread his praise from shore to shore!
How he loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore!

How he watches o'er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of ev'ry love the best!
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to thee!

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all.

We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 49

Minister: How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

All: First, he pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have one who is like us in heaven—a guarantee that Christ our head will take us, his members, to himself in heaven. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee. By the Spirit's power we make the goal of our lives not earthly things, but the things above where Christ is sitting at God's right hand.

❖ O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

George Matheson and Christopher Miner

O Love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in thee
I give thee back the life I owe
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be

O light that followest all my way
I yield my flickering torch to thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in thy sunshines blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be

O Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

PSALM 130 (FROM DEPTHS OF WOE)

Martin Luther and Christopher Miner

From the depths of woe I raise to thee
The voice of lamentation
Lord turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication
If thou iniquities dost mark
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark

O who shall stand before thee

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To wash away the crimson stain
Grace, grace alone availeth
Our works, alas are all in vain
In much the best life faileth
No man can glory in thy sight
All must alike confess thy might

And live alone by mercy

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Therefore my trust is in the Lord
And not in mine own merit
On him my soul shall rest
His word upholds my fainting spirit
His promised mercy is my fort
My comfort and my sweet support

I wait for it with patience

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Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth
His helping love no limit knows
Our upmost need it soundeth
Our Shepherd, good and true is he
Who will at last his Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow

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✚ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Lord, we confess to you that we have sinned. We have longed for the comforts of this world rather than for your enduring kingdom. We have sought momentary pleasure rather than eternal joy.

Forgive us. Cleanse us by the blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

❖ **WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD** Lamentations 3:22-23

Minister: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; They are new every morning; Great is his faithfulness! In Christ you are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

BUILDING TOWARD THE PROMISE Jeff and Melissa Kovacs

THE OFFERING Band Quintet

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:31-39
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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON “The Secure Child of God” Rev. John Trapp
Romans 8

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 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

Refrain:

*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 (*Ref*)

Hail the risen branch of Jesse
David's son yet David's Lord
Sends his spirit as he promised
Faithful always to his word (*Ref*)

Oh the promise throughout the ages
Sealed by blood, delivered by grace
For ourselves and for our children
For his people far away (*Ref*)

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: Now go forth, being led by God who parts the seas
and makes straight our path.

People: We go forth with Christ as our guide.

Minister: May the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and
Sustainer, go with 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		Audio/Visual Team	
Tim Brown	<i>piano</i>	Amy Curry	<i>projections</i>
Sam Cornelius	<i>guitar</i>	Madelyn Landis	<i>camera</i>
Stacey Croft	<i>liturgy</i>	Ryan Landis	<i>video director</i>
Joe Deegan	<i>guitar & vocals</i>	Addison Millis	<i>camera</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>	Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>
Michelle Hays	<i>violin</i>	Alex Rollo	<i>camera</i>
Travis Henthorn	<i>drums</i>	Joel Zaldivar	<i>Spanish translation</i>
Katie Reyes	<i>vocals</i>		
John Trapp	<i>sermon</i>		
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>		
Andrés Zelaya	<i>liturgy</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 A301, 3rd Floor)

Young Adult Sunday Morning Class

(The Redeemer Room, 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)

Sunday Morning Classes

From now through July 5, Sunday morning classes will feature a variety of "open topics," including teacher-selected subjects and discussions based on questions submitted by our congregation.

We currently offer three class options each Sunday morning—two at 9:00 am and one at 10:30 am. College students home for the summer are encouraged to join the Young Adults class at 9:00 am in the Redeemer Room.

Please note that there will be no classes on Memorial Day weekend (May 24), and all Sunday morning classes for children, students, and adults will pause for the summer beginning July 5.

Upcoming Events

Tonight	Student Ministry Family Trivia Night	5:00 - 7:00 pm	The Great Hall
5/21	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 am or 6:30 pm	The Kitchen
5/24	No Sunday School for children through adults		
6/3	Churchwide VBS Workday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Christ the King
6/5	Building Toward the Promise Day of Prayer & Fasting		
6/5 - 6/6	Membership Class		
6/7	Preparing for Baptism Class	10:30 am	Room A300
6/7	The Traveling Table	12:30 pm	1148 Silber
6/9	Women's Summer Salad Supper	7:00 - 9:00 pm	The Great Hall
8/28 - 8/30	Church Camp		Camp Cho-Yeh



Student Ministry Trivia Night

May 17, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, The Great Hall

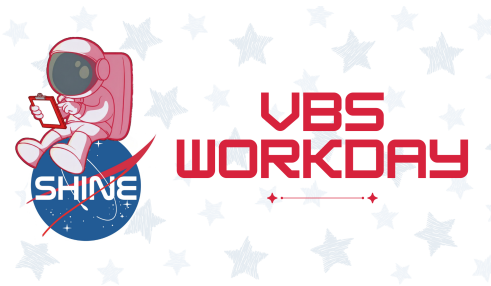
Student Ministry families, join us for a fun night of trivia, dinner, and fun! Parents, don't worry if you can't make it—send your students anyway, and we'll make sure they're part of a great team. Sign up today at christtheking.com/students.



Made with Love Meal Prep

May 21, 9:30 am or 6:30 pm, The Kitchen

Add a little sweetness to your week and join us at Made with Love—a time of cooking, community, and care for our neighbors. Whether you're a seasoned cook or just getting started, you're mint to be here—no experience required. Bring family or friends, save your spot, and come make something meaningful together!



VBS Churchwide Workday

June 3, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Christ the King

All hands on deck! Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and we'd love your help with all the preparations! Childcare will be provided (no registration necessary). Older children may work alongside a parent.



Day of Prayer & Fasting

June 5

As part of Building Toward the Promise, we are setting aside a Day of Prayer and Fasting as we finalize building plans and seek the Lord's direction together. We invite you to intentionally make space that day to pray for wisdom, discernment, unity, and God's clear leading for this project. As you are able, consider fasting from a meal, social media, or another regular rhythm, and use that time to draw near to the Lord in prayer.

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
Clay Holland
Alex Martinez
John Trapp
Andrés Zelaya

Pastor, Adult Ministry
Pastor, Family Ministry
Pastor, Latino Ministry
Senior Pastor
Pastor of the Latino Initiative & Church Plant Resident

Ministry Budget Update

2026 Ministry Budget	\$	7,888,564
Budgeted through 5/10	\$	2,827,976
Received as of 5/10	\$	1,785,678
Variance	\$	(1,042,298)

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.



SUMMER SERVING

Christ the King partners with local ministries and organizations who strengthen our community and share the gospel. For a list of all our Mission Partners and upcoming serving opportunities, scan the QR code to visit our website, christtheking.com/serve-the-city.



Agape Development - Help as a Camp Agape assistant, serve camp breakfast, lunches, and snacks, or lead a Camp Agape short course. (June 15 - July 16).

Freedom Church Alliance - Women are invited to volunteer for Digital Outreach on the first Wednesday of each month from 1:00-3:00 pm at Christ Presbyterian Church (8300 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77024). Email stacy@freedomchurchalliance.org.

Houston Welcomes Refugees - Prepare a refresh kit, be part of the welcome team, or help provide and deliver weekly groceries! (times vary based on your schedule)

Made with Love - Join us in the Christ the King Kitchen on the 3rd Thursday of the month (July 17 and August 15) for our meal preparation days either at 9:30 am or 6:30 pm. No cooking experience necessary!

Memorial Assistance Ministry - Help in the resale store and warehouse, teach ESL classes (at CTK), be a small business coach, or help with various administrative tasks! (days and times vary). Restock Workday: May 17 and August 23 from 1-4pm.

Prestige Learning Institute- Equip, educate and empower our refugee and immigrant clients as teachers and classroom helpers. May 21 -June 18, Tuesday-Thursday.

Choose 1 of 3 options: Women's classes: 9:30-11:30am, 12:30-2:30pm. Men's classes: 3-5pm.

Volunteer orientation: May 18, 6:30-8:30pm.

Questions and sign-up to volunteer@prestigeinstitute.org.

Star of Hope - Organize/pack backpacks, serve a meal, make sack lunches, hurricane kits, housewarming gift baskets, hope bags, notes of encouragement, and more! (days and times vary).