

Romans 8



ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 19, 2026
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 145

Minister: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

People: There is no end to his greatness.

Minister: One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

People: All your works praise you, Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.

❖ 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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Seal it for thy courts above

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Our Father in heaven, we gather today to declare your praises, to proclaim the salvation that you have wrought. Work in our hearts today by the power of the Holy Spirit, may we worship you, love you, glorify you, and honor you. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

Minister: Who is Jesus and why did he come?

All: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

❖ ONLY A HOLY GOD

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Dustin Smith, and Michael Farren

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else can make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a holy God

Chorus:

*Come and behold him, the one and the only
Cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God
Come and worship the holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a holy God (*Ch 2x*)

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer his only Son
Who else invites me to call him Father
Only a holy God, only my holy God (*Ch 2x*)

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

Elizabeth C. Clephane and Christopher Miner

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand
The shadow of a mighty Rock
Within a weary land
A home within the wilderness
A rest upon the way
From the burning of the noontide heat
And the burden of the day

Upon the cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of one
Who suffered there for me
And from my stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of his face
Content to let the world go by
To know no gain nor loss
My sinful self my only shame
My glory all the cross

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus to the world. Yet we acknowledge we are often more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.

Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles hindering us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

Acts 10:43

Minister: All who believe in Christ receive 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

Jenny Yang, Emily Cagle

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:9-11
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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

“The Spirit of Christ”
Romans 8

Rev. Clay Holland

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.

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

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*)

❖ BENEDICTION

Minister: May the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among 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

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|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Emily Cagle | <i>vocals</i> |
| Stacey Croft | <i>liturgy</i> |
| Conrad Guthrie | <i>bass</i> |
| Travis Henthorn | <i>drums</i> |
| Clay Holland | <i>sermon</i> |
| Jonah Lou | <i>guitar & vocals</i> |
| Natalie Mann | <i>violin</i> |
| Alex Martinez | <i>liturgy</i> |
| Scott Mochon | <i>guitar</i> |
| Steven Wiggs | <i>cello</i> |
| Jenny Yang | <i>piano</i> |

Audio/Visual Team

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| Amy Curry | <i>projections</i> |
| Quin Gomez-Wright | <i>camera</i> |
| Samuel Hunniford | <i>camera</i> |
| Spencer Jackson | <i>camera</i> |
| Namath Naif | <i>technical director</i> |
| Natalie Voogt | <i>video director</i> |
| Joel Zaldivar | <i>Spanish translation</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
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)

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

Theology 101

Our Sunday Morning Classes are exploring foundational theological and cultural questions for our church. You'll hear teaching from our pastors on a range of topics rooted in Scripture and relevant to everyday life. Join us as we grow together in understanding and faith.

Upcoming Events

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| Today | Student Ministry Parent Meeting | 12:00 - 1:30 pm | Redeemer Room |
| Tonight | Student Ministry Sunday Night Live | 5:30 - 7:00 pm | Redeemer Room |
| 4/24 | Crawfish Boil | 6:00 - 8:00 pm | The Fields |
| 5/2 | MAM Volunteer Opportunity | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm | Christ the King |
| 5/3 | 60+ Brunch | 12:00 - 2:00 pm | Room A300 |
| 5/3 | The Traveling Table | 12:30 - 2:00 pm | 1148 Silber |
| 5/6 | Women's Prayer Retreat | 9:30 - 11:00 am | The Great Hall |
| 5/17 | Preview Sunday for 3rd & 5th Grade | | |
| 5/17 | Student Ministry Family Trivia Night | 5:00 - 7:00 pm | The Great Hall |



The 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. If you're curious and want to learn more, visit christtheking.com/capital-campaign. We're excited about what's ahead, and we'd love for you to be part of it.

A graphic with a purple background and a red rounded rectangle in the center. The text "PARENT MEETING" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters inside the red rectangle.

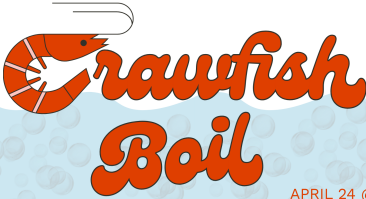
PARENT
MEETING

Student Ministry Parent Meeting

*April 19, 12:00 - 1:30 pm,
The Redeemer Room*

Parents of students, we'd love for you to join us for lunch and a conversation about the year ahead in Student Ministry. This gathering is a chance to hear our heart and vision, understand what your students will experience, and talk together about how we can partner in helping them grow in faith. We're grateful for the role you play and look forward to sharing what's ahead.

CTK ADULTS

A graphic for a crawfish boil. It features a stylized orange and red crawfish on the left. The words "Crawfish Boil" are written in a large, orange, cursive font. The background is light blue with white bubbles. The text "CTK ADULTS" is in the top left, and "APRIL 24 @ 6 PM" is in the bottom right.

Crawfish
Boil

APRIL 24 @ 6 PM

Crawfish Boil

April 24, 6:00 pm, The Fields at Christ the King

All adults are invited to a crawfish boil at Christ the King! Enjoy a live band, lawn games, and a great evening together as a crew prepares fresh crawfish, a fish fry, and all the fixings. This event is for adults only, so make it a night out—invite your friends and neighbors and come ready to eat, connect, and enjoy. RSVP at christtheking.com/adults.

A graphic for a 60+ brunch. It features the text "60+ BRUNCH" in a dark brown, serif font. The background is a light beige color with illustrations of white flowers and green leaves. The text "MAY 3 @ 12:00 PM" is in the bottom right.

60+
BRUNCH

MAY 3 @ 12:00 PM

60+ Brunch

May 3, 12:00 - 2:00 pm, Room A300

If you are 60 years or over, we're saving you a seat! Join us for brunch after church as we gather around the table for good food, great conversation, and deeper connection in our church family.

THE TRAVELING TABLE



The Traveling Table

May 3, 12:30 pm, 1148 Silber Road

Join The Traveling Table as we build relationships with our neighbors at Bellrock at Memorial, just across the street from Christ the King. On select Sunday afternoons, we gather to share a meal and spend time in conversation with residents. Come be part of this simple and meaningful way to love our neighbors. All ages are welcome! Let us know you're coming at christtheking.com/serve-the-city.

CTK WOMEN

Prayer Retreat

MAY 6 @ 9:30 AM

Women's Prayer Retreat

May 6, 9:30 - 11:00 am

Join us as we gather for a time of prayer. You'll receive a simple guide to lead you through Scripture, hymns, and personal reflection. Come and rest in the Lord as we spend this unhurried time together in prayer.

STUDENT MINISTRY

FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT

MAY 17 @ 5:00 PM

Family Trivia Night

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

Students, grab your families and join us for a 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.

CTK CHILDREN



JUNE 15-19

Vacation Bible School

June 15-19

Registration for Vacation Bible School is open! VBS is one of the most joyful weeks of the summer—a time filled with music, teaching, games, and meaningful connection as children grow in their understanding of God's love. We can't wait to welcome your children for a week that is both fun and deeply formative! Register today at christtheking.com/children.

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

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| 2026 Ministry Budget | \$ | 7,888,564 |
| Budgeted through 4/12 | \$ | 2,232,612 |
| Received as of 4/12 | \$ | 1,482,346 |
| Variance | \$ | (750,266) |

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.

