



ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 17, 2025
THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Clay Holland

Minister: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Through him we have obtained access by faith into the grace in which we stand and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.**

Minister: Let us worship our God together!

❖ CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

DIADEMATA, Matthew Bridges and George J. Elvey

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Our Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer, we gather this morning to worship you. We do not do so in an attempt to earn your favor or court your blessings, but, rather, we seek you because you first sought us. Accept our prayers this morning – in speech and in song – and receive the praises that we offer. 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.

❖ **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

❖ **IN CHRIST ALONE**

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
Till he returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

+ 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

Minister: For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:1-2
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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

“Elect Exiles”
1 Peter

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.

JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

Henry Lyte and Bill Moore

Jesus I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken
Thou from hence my all shalt be
Perish every fond ambition
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition
God and heaven are still my own

Go then earthly fame and treasure
Come disaster, scorn and pain
In thy service pain is pleasure
With thy favor loss is gain
I have called thee Abba Father
I have stayed my heart on thee
Storms may howl and clouds may gather
All must work for good to me

Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station
Something still to do or bear
Think what Spirit dwells within me
Think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee
Child of heaven canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory
Armed by faith and winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal days before thee
God's own hand shall guide us there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition
Faith to sight and prayer to praise

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

John Newton and Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with his blood (3x)
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation
Holds in view the conquerors crown
He who washed us with his blood (3x)
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder, grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with his blood (3x)
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
You have washed us with your blood (3x)
You are worthy, Lamb of God

❖ **BENEDICTION**

Minister: May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us, and upon our work and worship; his light to guide us, his presence to strengthen us, his love to unite us; now and always.

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

Tim Brown	<i>piano</i>
Sam Cornelius	<i>guitar</i>
Joe Deegan	<i>guitar & vocals</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>
Michelle Hays	<i>violin</i>
Travis Henthorn	<i>drums</i>
Clay Holland	<i>liturgy</i>
Katie Reyes	<i>vocals</i>
John Trapp	<i>sermon</i>
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>

Audio/Visual Team

Phil Betti	<i>video director</i>
Zach Day	<i>audio</i>
Ozzie Fong	<i>camera</i>
Kyunghee Kim	<i>projections</i>
Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>
Alex Rollo	<i>camera</i>
TBD	<i>Spanish translation</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 - 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 redemption.

Upcoming Events

Tonight	Young Adults Summer Hang Out - Space Cowboys	6:30 pm	Constellation Field
8/21	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 am or 6:30 pm	The Kitchen
8/24	Kindergarten Family Lunch	11:45 am - 1:00 pm	The Great Hall
8/29-8/31	Church Camp		Camp Cho-Yeh
8/31	One Worship Service	10:30 am	The Sanctuary
9/3	Women's Fall Kick-Off	6:30 pm	Pickleball Social
9/7	The Traveling Table	12:00 - 2:00 pm	1148 Silber Road
9/7	Young Adult Sunday Morning Coffee	10:00 - 10:30 am	Main Street
9/7	3D Back to School Party	5:30 - 6:45 pm	3D Room
9/7	Student Ministry Sunday Night Live	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Redeemer Room
9/9	Men's Breakfast	6:30 - 7:30 am	The Great Hall
9/14	Something Big to Celebrate!	9:00 am	Christ the King



One Worship Service

August 31, 10:30 am

With many of our church family away at Church Camp, we'll gather together for one combined worship service on Sunday, August 31. Mark your calendar and help us spread the word!



Bible Studies

Starting in September

Come join us as we study the book of James and learn what it means to walk in the wisdom of the Lord. Written by Jesus' brother, this powerful letter offers honest instruction, encouragement in adversity, and a call to trust God through life's challenges. Sign up at christtheking.com.



Community Groups

Community Groups are back—and there's a place for you! These groups meet in homes all over the city and are one of the best ways to build meaningful relationships at Christ the King. Each group has its own personality, but they all share the same purpose: to love one another like Christ loves the church and to pursue a deeper understanding of God together through sermon discussions, books, and devotionals.



Something Big to Celebrate!

September 14, 9:00 am, Christ the King

We have something BIG to celebrate—and you're invited! Join us for a special morning of connection, gratitude, and vision for the future of Christ the King. Come at 9:00 am to enjoy breakfast tacos and coffee. At 9:45 am, we'll gather for one special worship service where we'll share exciting plans for what's ahead. This will be a milestone moment in the life of our church family—you won't want to miss it!

Please note: we will have only ONE worship service this morning—so don't miss it! Let's celebrate where God has brought us and look ahead together to what he will do next!

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.

We'd Love to See You in the Directory!

The Church Center App



With our church continuing to grow, staying connected matters—and sometimes that starts with something as simple as recognizing one another. If you haven't already, we'd love for you to upload a photo to the church directory. It's a small step that makes a big difference—especially for new people learning names and faces. Scan the QR code to get started.

1. Once you are logged in, tap on "Hello, (Your Name)"
2. Select the "Contact and Profile Information" section
3. Tap "Update Photo" under your initials
4. Select whether to take your photo and upload it, or select a picture from the saved photos on your phone
5. Make sure you select "Update" to save your changes

Ministry Budget Update

2025 Ministry Budget	\$	6,488,151
Budgeted through 08/10	\$	3,917,374
Received as of 08/10	\$	3,315,927
Variance	\$	(601,447)

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.





SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Agape Development

Assist with childcare during their Women's Weekly Ministry Gathering (2x/month, Mondays, 6:30-8:30pm) or help with their 20th Anniversary Birthday Bash (November 1, 11:00am-4:00pm) Contact: Amanda Garner, volunteer@agapedevelopment.org.

Cornerstone After School Ministry at Christ the King

Weekly after school volunteer (one day a week, 3:00-5:00pm) or Early Dismissal Field Trip Chaperone (days and times vary). Contact: Amanda Etheredge, amanda@cfmhouston.org.

Housman HUG Reading Buddies and Mentor Program

Housman Elementary School located just a couple blocks north of CTK serves students and families in K-5th grade. We have partnered with "Loving Houston" to help share the gospel with the students, staff, and families through word and deed. Volunteer readers (men and women) sit and read with selected 2nd grade students to help encourage and build their knowledge and love of reading. (1x/week-mornings) or mentor a K-5th grade student during their lunch period. (1x/week, days and times vary). Contact: mission@christtheking.com.

Houston Welcome Refugees

Create a "Kid's Kit" with back-to-school supplies for refugee families. Contact: Allison Gomez, allison@houstonwelcomesrefugees.com

LifeHouse

Sort and organize donations in their mini food pantry and clothing room. (days and times vary). Looking to donate some gently used maternity or baby items, please consider LifeHouse. Contact: Rebekah Brazelton, Rebekah.brazelton@lifehouse.org.

Made with Love

Consider who in your community you can bless with a meal this back-to-school season. The freezer is stocked and ready for you to grab a meal and share God's love. Join us August 21 and September 18 for our meal preparation days at either 9:30 am or 6:30 pm. No cooking experience necessary!

Memorial Assistance Ministry

Serve as a Resale Shop volunteer. (4 hrs/week, days and times vary) Contact: Kathie Hartzog, khartzog@mamhouston.org.

Prestige Learning Institute

Prestige Learning Institute exists to glorify God by educating, equipping, & ministering to immigrant and refugee families, empowering them to thrive in the U.S. Women and Men ESL teachers or assistants needed for the Fall/Spring semester (times and days vary). Semester Kick Off and Training on Saturday, August 16, 9-4pm. Contact: Mina Mumbower, mina@prestigeinstitute.org.

The Traveling Table

The Traveling Table is a ministry started by Christ the King that seeks to love our neighbors and show Christ's hospitality by meeting them where they are. Teams meet on the first Sunday of the month after church to share a meal with our neighbors. If you are interested in joining The Traveling Table team email mission@christtheking.com.