



ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Clay Holland

Minister: Let us worship God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ.

People: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Minister: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

❖ THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

Brian Moss and Samuel John Stone

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is his new creation by water and the Word
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride
With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God the three in one,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy, Lord give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly on high may dwell with thee

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God of all creation, you alone are God. And you alone can satisfy our longing for a support that earth cannot give and that heaven will not take away. Help us, in recognition of our common dependence on you, to acknowledge our need of one another. Let our unity in worship make us one in love and service. In the Name of Jesus we pray. 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.

❖ O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

Michael A. Perry

O God beyond all praising
We worship you today
And sing the love amazing
That songs cannot repay

*For we can only wonder
At ev'ry gift you send
At blessing without number
And mercies without end*

We lift our hearts before you
And wait upon your Word
We honor and adore you
Our great and mighty Lord

Then hear, O gracious Savior
Accept the love we bring
That we who know your favor
May serve you as our king

*And whether our tomorrows
Be filled with good or ill
We'll triumph through our sorrows
And rise to bless you still*

To marvel at your beauty
And glory in your ways
And make a joyful duty
Our sacrifice of praise

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

JESUS WITH THY CHURCH ABIDE

Christopher Miner and Thomas Pollack

Jesus with thy church abide
Be her Savior, Lord, and guide
While on earth her faith is tried

Chorus:

We beseech thee, hear us

We beseech thee, hear us

Keep her life and doctrine pure
Grant her patience to endure
Trusting in thy promise sure (*Ch*)

May she one in doctrine be
One in truth and charity
Winning all to faith in thee (*Ch*)

May she guide the poor and blind
Seek the lost until she find
And the brokenhearted bind (*Ch 3x*)

+ 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 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

Joe Deegan

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:38-39
page 910

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

The Promise is For You
Building Toward the Promise

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.

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

Chorus:

*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 (*Ch*)

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

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

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

Chorus:

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up (*Ch*)

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength (*Ch*)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom (*Ch*)

❖ **BENEDICTION**

Minister: May the God of our salvation continue to restore us and heal us as we go forth to live and work in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Charles Bacarisse	<i>prayer</i>
Emily Cagle	<i>vocals</i>
Sam Cornelius	<i>guitar</i>
Joe Deegan	<i>piano & vocals</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>
Michelle Hays	<i>violin</i>
Travis Henthorn	<i>drums</i>
Clay Holland	<i>liturgy</i>
Scott Mochon	<i>guitar</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>
Samuel Hunniford	<i>camera</i>
Judy Jackson	<i>camera</i>
Spencer Jackson	<i>camera</i>
Kyunghee Kim	<i>projections</i>
Alex Martinez	<i>Spanish translation</i>
Namath Naif	<i>technical director</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

Today	Membership Class	10:30 - 11:30 am	Room A300
9/25	Men's Pickleball	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Pickleball Social
10/5	The Traveling Table	12:00 - 2:00 pm	Bellrock Memorial
10/7	Men's Breakfast	6:30 - 7:30 am	The Great Hall
10/12	Student Ministry Sunday Night Live	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Christ the King
10/16	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 am or 6:30 pm	The Kitchen
10/17	Silber Road Fall Festival	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Christ the King
10/19	Preparation for Baptism Class	10:30 am	Room A300
10/22	Young Adults Fireside Chats	7:00 - 9:00 pm	10163 Hanka
10/26	1st & 2nd Grade Family Lunch	11:45 am	The Great Hall



Elder Advisor & Deacon Assistant Recommendations

Elder Advisors and Deacon Assistants are lay members, primarily women, who come alongside our Elders and Deacons to provide support in shepherding and care. They also offer valuable wisdom, insight, and perspective to the work of the Session and Diaconate. If you know women in our church who are gifted for this kind of service, please recommend them using the QR code.



Sign up for a Campaign Visit

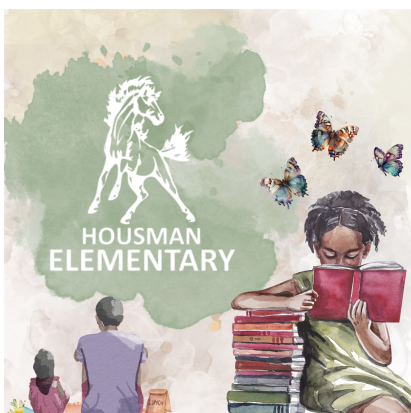
The Building Toward the Promise campaign isn't just about buildings—it's about relationships. That's why we want to meet with every person in our church family for a one-on-one visit. These conversations will give you a chance to hear the vision, celebrate what God is doing, ask questions, and pray together.



Men's Pickleball

*September 25, 7:00 - 9:00 pm,
Pickleball Social*

Pickleball, food trucks, and fun! Play, cheer, or just hang out—it's all happening on the indoor courts. Bring a friend and let's pickleball, y'all! Sign up at christtheking.com/men.



Housman Reading Buddies and Mentoring Program

Monday - Friday (1x/week)

8:45 - 9:45 am, 6705 Housman

Housman Elementary needs volunteers to read with 2nd graders and mentor K-5 students. Just one hour a week can boost confidence, build literacy, and spark a love for learning. Both women and men are welcome—we especially need male role models. Sign up and make a lasting impact at christtheking.com/serve-the-city.



Silber Road Fall Festival

October 17, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Christ the King

We're partnering with Cornerstone Family Ministries to host a festive evening for Cornerstone students and their families—and we need your help to make it happen! Christ the King individuals and families are invited to join in by serving, setting up, and helping create a welcoming atmosphere. Together, we'll share the joy of the season with fall-themed games, food, crafts, and plenty of fun. Sign up at christtheking.com/serve-the-city.



Agape's 20th Birthday Bash

November 1

Agape Development is celebrating 20 years of God's work in the OST/South Union neighborhood, and we have the opportunity to come alongside them to make this celebration a success! There are many ways to serve—both leading up to the event and on the day itself—and we'd love for our church family to be part of it. Join us in supporting this ministry and helping create a joyful day of celebration! Sign up at christtheking.com/serve-the-city.

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 Latino Initiative & Church Plant Resident

Ministry Budget Update

2025 Ministry Budget	\$	6,488,151
Budgeted through 09/14	\$	4,529,464
Received as of 09/14	\$	3,944,891
Variance	\$	(584,573)

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.

