



PROVERBS

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

JULY 5, 2026
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 147

Minister: Praise the LORD! It is good to sing praises to our God.

People: The LORD builds up his people; he gathers the outcasts.

Minister: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

People: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; Praise the LORD!

❖ WORSHIP CHRIST, THE RISEN KING

HENRY T. SMART AND JACK W. HAYFORD

Rise, O church, and lift your voices,
Christ has conquered death and hell
Sing as all the earth rejoices;
Resurrection anthems swell
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the risen King

See the tomb where death had laid him,
Empty now, its mouth declares
“Death and I could not contain him,
For the throne of life he shares”
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the risen King

Hear the earth protest and tremble,
See the stone removed with pow’r
All hell’s minions may assemble,
But cannot withstand his hour
He has conquered, he has conquered,
Christ the Lord, the risen King

We acclaim your life, O Jesus,
Now we sing your victory
Sin or hell may seek to seize us,
But your conquest keeps us free
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph,
Worship Christ, the risen King

❖ 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

from the Westminster Confession

God—the great creator of all things—upholds, directs, disposes, and governs all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least.

He exercises this most wise and holy providence according to his infallible foreknowledge and the free and unchangeable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

❖ 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

ISAIAH 43 (I AM THE LORD)

Billy Sprague

When you pass through the waters I will be with you
And the waves, they will not overcome you
Do not fear for I have redeemed you
I have called you by name, you are mine

Chorus:

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God)

For I am the Lord your God

I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior (Repeat)

I am the Lord (Do not fear) (4x)

When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned
And the flames, they will not consume you
Do not fear for I have redeemed you
I have called you by name, you are mine

Chorus:

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God)

For I am the Lord your God

I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior (Repeat)

I am the Lord (Do not fear) (4x)

I am the Lord

✚ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

based on Psalm 130

Almighty God, out of the depths of our sin and our need we cry to you. Hear our voices! Listen to our prayers! If you held our sins against us, Lord, we would be forever condemned.

But, in Christ, you have forgiven our sins. You have called us to be your own. We wait for you. We trust in you. We hope in your Word. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

from Psalm 147

Minister: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of his people. He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

People: **Great is our LORD, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.**

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

People: **And also with you!**

THE OFFERING

John Lewis, Jenny Yang

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 4:23-24; 10:18-21; 12:17-18;
15:1-2, 4; 16:23-24; 18:21; 25:11

- 23 Keep your heart with all vigilance,
for from it flow the springs of life.*
- 24 Put away from you crooked speech,
and put devious talk far from you.*
- 18 The one who conceals hatred has lying lips,
and whoever utters slander is a fool.*
- 19 When words are many, transgression is not lacking,
but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.*
- 20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver;
the heart of the wicked is of little worth.*
- 21 The lips of the righteous feed many,
but fools die for lack of sense.*
- 17 Whoever speaks the truth gives honest evidence,
but a false witness utters deceit.*
- 18 There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.*
- 1 A soft answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.*
- 2 The tongue of the wise commends knowledge,
but the mouths of fools pour out folly.*
- 4 A gentle tongue is a tree of life,
but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.*
- 23 The heart of the wise makes his speech judicious
and adds persuasiveness to his lips.*
- 24 Gracious words are like a honeycomb,
sweetness to the soul and health to the body.*
- 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruits.*
- 11 A word fitly spoken
is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

“Words and Wisdom”
Proverbs

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.

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.

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vicki Cook, Shane Barnard

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on his hands
My name is written on his heart
I know that while in heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me
To look on him and pardon me

Behold him there the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by his blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

INDESCRIBABLE

Laura Story & Jesse Reeves

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing your majesty
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Chorus:

*Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And you know them by name
You are amazing God*

*All powerful, untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God*

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom (Ch)

*You are amazing God
You are amazing God (Ch)*

*Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
And you love me the same
You are amazing God*

❖ **BENEDICTION**

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Minister: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

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

Sam Cornelius	<i>guitar & vocals</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>
Clay Holland	<i>sermon & liturgy</i>
Luke Hubley	<i>drums</i>
Natalie Mann	<i>violin</i>
Scott Mochon	<i>guitar</i>
Katie Reyes	<i>vocals</i>
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>
Jenny Yang	<i>piano</i>

Audio/Visual Team

John Bard	<i>video director</i>
María Cavanaugh	<i>Spanish translation</i>
Quin Gomez-Wright	<i>camera</i>
Samuel Hunniford	<i>camera</i>
Kyunghee Kim	<i>projections</i>
Addison Millis	<i>camera</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

10:30 am

Worship Service

Nursery Care
 8 weeks - PreK



Taco Time

*July 5 - August 9, 10:00 - 10:30 am,
 The Great Hall*

Summer at Christ the King means Taco Time! As we take a break from Sunday School, we invite you to gather in the Great Hall between services for tacos, conversation, and community. It's a chance to slow down and enjoy time with your church family during the summer months.

Upcoming Events

7/7-7/12	High School RYM		Florida
7/12	Churchwide Bingo Night	5:30 pm	The Great Hall
7/14	Women's Summer Salad Supper	7:00 pm	10926 Wickline
7/16	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 am or 6:30 pm	The Kitchen
7/16	Men's Summer Social	7:00 pm	The Burger Joint, Gessner
7/28	Women's Summer Salad Supper	7:00 pm	11515 Quail Hollow
8/1-8/5	Middle School RYM		Allaso Ranch
8/2	The Traveling Table	12:30 - 2:00 pm	1148 Silber



Last summer, our greater community experienced immense loss and devastation amid the Texas floods. As the anniversary of those floods approaches, we know grief and difficult memories may resurface—even for those who did not personally experience loss. The Barnabas Center, along with our staff and elders, is here to offer counseling, prayer, and support. We invite you to reach out to The Barnabas Center at barnabascenterhou.com or to a member of our care team, including Stacey Croft or Catherine Duffin.

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.

Capital Campaign Budget	\$	50,000,000
Pledged as of 6/25	\$	40,391,726
Variance	\$	9,608,274



Bingo Night

July 12, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, The Great Hall

Join us for a fun summer evening with friends, family, food, and plenty of friendly competition. Whether you're hoping to win a prize or simply enjoy time with others, this is a great opportunity to connect with the Christ the King community. Let us know you're coming at christtheking.com/adults.



MADE WITH LOVE
A MEALS MINISTRY OF CHRIST THE KING PRESBYTERIAN

Made with Love Meal Prep

July 16, 9:30 am or 6:30 pm

Help us fill kitchens—and hearts—with encouragement. Every 3rd Thursday, we prepare meals for people who could use a reminder that they are deeply loved. Everyone is invited! Children can cook alongside an adult. Let us know you are coming at christtheking.com/serve-the-city.

Mission Partner Spotlight

From the very beginning of Christ the King in 1997, engaging our congregation in God's mission to redeem and renew all things for His glory has been a central part of how we mature disciples in their faith. Jesus, early in his ministry, taught his disciples (and us) that when we step into the lives of others, whether we feel equipped or not, we discover that God is not only working through us, but he is working in us. He deepens our dependence on him, shapes our character, and strengthens our faith.

Serving in God's mission it is more than just sharing the Gospel with our words; it is a way of life that reflects the heart of Christ. As we love and serve those God has placed in our spheres of influence (family, neighborhood, church, work, school, city), we become people of grace who point others to Jesus. Whether delivering a meal to a neighbor from our Made with Love freezer, mentoring a student at Housman Elementary School, volunteering with one of our incredible local Mission Partners, hosting RUF students for a gathering in your home, or participating on a short-term mission trip, every act of service in Christ's name brings hope, healing, and reflects God's redeeming love, all for the His glory.



Harbor Christian Academy exists to transform students from varied backgrounds across Houston through a classical and Christian education to the glory of God.

www.harborchristianacademy.org

Ways to get involved:

- Become a partner by sponsoring a student
- Get a tour of the school

Contact Information:

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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 6/28	\$	3,869,862
Received as of 6/28	\$	2,410,117
Variance	\$	(1,459,745)

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.

