# CHRIST THEKING

For the kingdom of God is... righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. -Romans 14:17

## Sunday, February 2, 2020 10:00 Am Morning Worship

#### Prelude Leonard Layne Preparation We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to God is the voice beyond my own who calls me to a life beyond my own through a promise and a enter into the life-giving command beyond any knowledge or will of my own. presence of God. - Merold Westphal, Transcendence and Self-transcendance: On God and the Soul For too long, we have called unbelievers to 'invite Jesus into your life.' Jesus doesn't want to be in your life. Your life's a wreck. Jesus calls you into his life. - Russell D. Moore, 'A Purpose-Driven Cosmos' in Christianity Today Prayer (Collect) of Preparation: Deliver us when we draw near to You, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind: Grant that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Amen

God's people sing not only as an expression of our love for God but also to remind ourselves of our place in God's redemptive work.

The church is marked by its singing, from Israel's deliverance through the Psalms to our worship today.

#### Call to Worship

God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together.

#### Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy Words: Joseph Hart; Music: The Southern Harmony Fm B♭m D٥ E♭ A۶ Fm dy, weak and woun - ded, 1.Come, ye sin - ners, poor and nee 2.Come, ye thir - sty, come and wel come. God's free boun-tv 3.Come, ye wea - ry, 4.Lo! Th'in-car- nate hea - vy lad en, lost and ruin - ed God, ascend - ded; pleads the mer - it D۶ B♭m $C^7$ Fm A۶ B♭m Fm A۶ sick and sore; stands to full of pi -Je - sus rea - dy save you, ty, pen-tance, glo-ri - fy; true be- lief and true re ev' - ry grace that by the fall; if you tar - ry 'til you're bet - ter, you will ne - ver let no oth - er of His blood. Ven-ture on Him, ven-ture whol - ly, B♭m $C^7$ Fm A۶ Eb/Bb Pow'r. Love and He is ble, a -He is brings you nigh. With-out mon - ey, with-out all. Not the not the come at right - eous, in trude. None but none but trust Je - sus, Eo Ab/C Bbm/Db Fm 0 0 ble, He is wil - ling, doubt more. no a mon - ey, Je sus Christ and buy. come to Je call. right - eous, sin ners sus came to Je - sus. can do help - less sin ners good.

#### Call to Worship

Catherine Cook

Leader: O God, you are our God, earnestly we seek you;

Congregation: Our souls thirst for you, our flesh faints for you,

All: In a dry and weary land where there is no water.

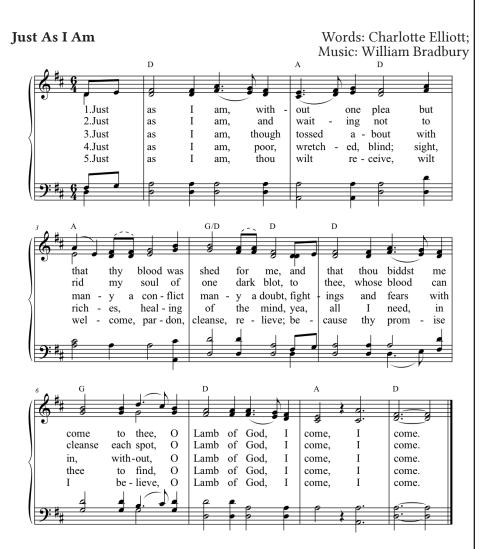
Leader: We have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and your glory.

Congregation: Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you.

Leader: We will bless you as long as we live, and in your name we will lift up our hands.

All: Our souls will be satisfied as with fat and rich food; and our mouths will praise you with joyful lips. -Psalm 63:1-5

#### Invocation



#### **Call to Confession**

Leader: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. — *Psalm 51:16,17* 

#### **Call to Confession**

In God's presence, the evil that mars our lives – corporate and individual – comes to light. Through Jesus Christ, we are safe to be honest about ourselves because we fear no condemnation.

#### Declaration of Absolution

God declares through his Church that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from all their sins and their guilty consciences cleansed.

#### Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, who freely pardons all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

- from the Book of Common Prayer

#### **Declaration of Absolution**

Leader: The Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Just as a father has pity on his children, so the Lord has pity on those who fear him. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who repent and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, the absolution of sins is effected in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Congregation: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

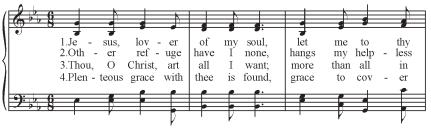
Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Words: Charles Wesley; Music: Simeon B. Marsh





#### Offertory

Nathan Glenister

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We give back to God our wealth and talents in recognition that they all come from him. These gifts help support the mission and ministries of the church. Some of us choose to put an offering in the plate, while others give online or by mail.



#### Pastoral Prayer

We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.

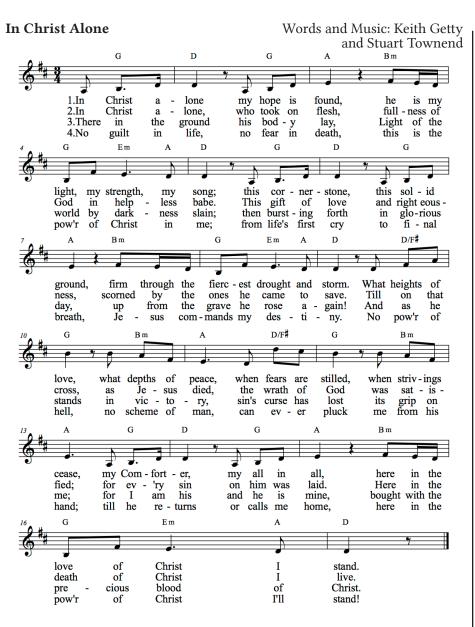
#### **Passing of the Peace** We remind each other of the peace given us in the gospel – peace first between us and God, leading to reconciled relation-

ships with each other. We encourage kids remaining in the service to use the Sermon Worksheet available at the front of the sanctuary.

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

#### Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace



#### **Scripture Reading**

Gi Yoon-Huang

Galatian 2:17-20. page 973 in pew Bible Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades, Congregation: but the word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon

Rev. Nathan Dicks

#### Scripture Reading

The public reading of God's Word is integral whenever God's people gather to worship. The first step to faith is listening to his Word.

#### Sermon

God has ordained the preaching of his Word to illuminate and apply the good news of Jesus Christ to our hearts that would remain dull and hard apart from the operation of his Holy Spirit

#### Lord's Supper

God meets us not only in hearing the Word, but also in visible, tangible form – uniting us with himself spiritually by faith in Christ.

Servers come forward. Grape juice is available in the center of each wine tray and a plate of glutenfree bread on either aisle for those who desire such. Please hold the elements until all can partake together.

Elders are available to pray with anyone who desires it at the front of the sanctuary near either of the hallway exits.

#### Lord's Supper

Invitation

All: There is but one God only, the living and true God, who is a Spirit infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. God, having out of his mere good pleasure from all eternity elected some to everlasting life, entered into a covenant of grace to deliver us out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring us into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ. – from *Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 4-6, 20, 21* 

Words of Institution

Minister: This banquet is a spiritual table at which Christ communicates himself to us with all his benefits.

All: By the use of this holy sacrament we are moved to a fervent love of God and our neighbors. — from *Belgic Confession, Art. 35* 

Distributing of Elements

#### Prayer for Those Searching for 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 unafraid of the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is clear, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

**Prayer for Those Desiring to Trust in Jesus Christ for the First Time** Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed. And I know that through you I am more loved & accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and providing forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord and desire to live a life of loving and serving you. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hannah Edsall, Ambrose Huang, Celena Huo, Gi Yoon-Huang Elders: Tim Carter and Matt Sherrill



#### Benediction

**Benediction** We depart with this 'good word' of God's calling upon our lives in the world.

Please join us in the social hall for refreshments immediately following the service.

## Welcome

**Welcome visitors**! We're glad you're here. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctkcambridge.org/visit so we can get to know you better. Also, find out more about us by talking with one of the pastors or our lead greeter, who at the Welcome Table in the back Social Hall, or by contacting office@ctkcambridge.org.

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

## Adult Education & Sunday School Classes

Every Sunday morning at 8:45am, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children. The topics of these classes reflect the desire of the church to equip its members with a better understanding of God's Word. Adult Education classes are taught in the social hall. Childcare and classes for children through Grade are held downstairs, and Middle/High School meets in the office in the balcony.

**Being Human**: Nathan Barczi is teaching a class developing a biblical and theological understanding of what it means to be human, with application to many of the ethical questions covered in our summer "hot topics" series. We will explore how complex issues of identity, desire, and vocation are drawn together and addressed in the Christian doctrines of the trinity, creation, incarnation, resurrection, the church, and the image of God. Come with your questions!

## Children During the Service

Children are always welcome in our service. Parents may opt to bring children to the programs below or to the social hall as needed where audio of the service plays and an area is partitioned for nursing mothers. For more information, please see ctkcambridge.org/kids or email dana@ctkcambridge.org.

Nursery (0–3 years): Our nursery rooms provide safe care and are open throughout the service. Infants and 1s are upstairs and 2s and 3s are in the basement (exit through the right-side door for all rooms). Please sign your child in at one of the check-in stations in the infant room or basement and be sure to bring your security tag with you when picking up your child.

**Children's Worship (4 years–Grade 2):** Children are dismissed before the sermon to classes designed to engage God in a manner more suitable to young hearts and minds. Please sign-in children then drop off in room 3 & 4; pick-up from adjoining rooms with your parent tag.

**Children/Youth (Grade 3 & up):** Our older children attend the entire service, and a worksheet is provided to aid in the instruction during the sermon.

### **ONLINE RESOURCES**

Samples of the songs for Sunday's worship service are posted on the website by the Wednesday before the service, along with the coming Sunday's bulletin and Scripture passage, at ctkcambridge.org/songs.

For **online giving**, visit bit.ly/CTKCambridgeOffering for general offerings and bit.ly/CTKCambridgeDeacons for Deacons' Fund giving. Questions? Email giving@ctkboston.org.

**Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes** can be found on the website at ctkcambridge.org/sermons and ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation, respectively.

For recommended **daily Bible reading plans** selected by pastoral staff, visit ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings.

To sign up for the CTK Reader, our weekly e-newsletter with notes from our pastors, church announcements, and community classifieds, visit ctkcambridge.org/reader.

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church worshipping in Cambridge, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Wakefield and Quincy. We also have sister congregations worshipping in East Boston (in Portuguese), Newton, Hanover, West Roxbury and Somerville. See ctkboston.org to find out more.

## Community Groups

Community groups are central to our life together at CTK, and we encourage people to join a group near where they live, to gather over a meal and study, pray, and serve one another and our neighborhoods.

#### MONDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: NORTH CAMBRIDGE :: 6P Rick & T Downs (cardadowns@gmail.com)

SOMERVILLE :: UNION SQ. :: 7P Tyler & Amanda Holley (tylerbholley@gmail.com)

#### TUESDAYS

ALLSTON :: BRIGHTON :: BROOKLINE :: 7:30P James & Sarah Goodman (ssgoodman617@gmail.com )

#### WEDNESDAYS

SOMERVILLE :: UNION/SPRING HILL :: 6P Nathan & Leann Barczi (nbarczi@gmail.com)

BOSTON :: NORTH END/BEACON HILL :: 7P Taylor & Audra Wallace (wallacetaylor89@gmail.com)

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL SQ./RIVERSIDE :: 7:30P Mike & Shannon Poor (pcpoor@hotmail.com)

#### THURSDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: MIT/KENDALL SQ. :: 6P Ben Hoover & Jenn Marlow(benhoover34@gmail.com)

#### THURSDAYS (cont'd)

WATERTOWN :: 6P Matt & Cat Sherrill (sherrillmatt@hotmail.com)

SOMERVILLE :: PORTER/DAVIS SQ. :: 6:30P Michael & Anna Whitham (michael.whitham@ruf.org)

SOMERVILLE :: DAVIS/POWDERHOUSE SQ. :: 7P Sam & Steffi Beswick (sam.beswick@auckland.ac.nz)

MALDEN :: 7P Andy & Emily Stuntz (astuntz@gmail.com)

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL/INMAN SQ. :: 7:30P Susanne van Veluw (susannevanveluw@gmail.com)

#### FRIDAYS

WATERTOWN :: 1st and 3rd Fridays :: 6:30P Sean & Nicole O'Hern (scohern@gmail.com)

#### SATURDAYS

LEXINGTON :: 5P Ricky & Lindsay Hardy (linsrbins@gmail.com) \*Meets every other Saturday

## Fellowship Groups and Ministries

Men's Fellowship Groups: Rev. Rick Downs (rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org)

Women's Ministry: Laura Martin (laura.a.martin87@gmail.com)

Youth Community Group: Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org)

Vocational Fellowship Groups: Rev. Nathan Barczi (nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

College Students can join Reformed University Fellowships on nearby campuses. BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, Harvard: michael.whitham@ruf.org, or MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

Meals Ministry: Erin Ward (meals@ctkcambridge.org)

Overseas Partner Liaison: Miriam Kreher (mkreher13@gmail.com)

Members and regular attenders have a variety of opportunities to **serve on Sunday mornings**. To learn more about ways to serve our congregation, please visit ctkcambridge.org/serve-church.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Hope Fellowship Church is organizing a conference with Sam Allberry on February 7-8 on Singleness in God's Family. Don't let the title of the conference mislead you, this is for all who are a part of the family of God. We hope that many who are single in Boston will find this conference helpful but also that many who are married will attend and that we will be able to live together more helpfully in the church. Learn more and register at tinyurl.com/bostonallberry.

Are you a man? Do you eat lunch? If you can answer "yes" to both of those questions, then you are eligible to join the **Harvard Square Men's Group** for their weekly lunch gatherings at Charlie's Kitchen at their **new time**: **Wednesdays at noon**. Come enjoy some good pub food and participate in conversation topics ranging from John Calvin to Tom Brady to constitutional democracy to why you really should root for the Chicago Cubs. Please contact Mike Poor (pcpoor@hotmail.com) to join.

**Discovering** CTK is a class for those interested in learning more about our church and denomination (PCA) and what it means to become a member. The next class will be offered on **Saturday**, **February 29**, from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Please email laura@ctkcambridge.org to with any questions or sign up at ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk.

We will be updating the CTK Cambridge **online password-protected directory** over the next few weeks. If you would like to send in a new or updated picture to be included, please send it to sarahgoodman@ctkboston.org. If you would like to access the directory, you can do so at ctkcambridge.org/directory.

We want to promote a **healthy church community this winter** and ask that you be sensitive of others when feeling unwell. Parents are asked to adhere to our sick policy (ctkcambridge.org/s/SickPolicy.pdf) when determining whether it is appropriate for a child to attend nursery or children's classes. Those serving and teaching are asked to follow these guidelines as well.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

2/7-2/8 :: Singleness Conference :: Tremont Temple tinyurl.com/bostonallberry (Curtis Cook, curtis@hopefellowship.org

Sun, 2/9, 12p :: Second Sunday Eat & Meet :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/eat-and-meet (Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Mon, 2/10, 6p :: **Women's Evening Bible Study** :: Caffè Nero ctkcambridge.org/women (Laura Martin, laura.a.martin87@gmail.com)

Sat, 2/22, 8a :: **Men's Breakfast** :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/mens-breakfast (Rick Downs, rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org)

Fri, 2/28, 5:30p :: Fourth Fridays :: Beat Brew Hall ctkcambridge.org/fourth-fridays (Susanne van Veluw, susannevanveluw@gmail.com)

Sat. 2/29, 9a :: Discovering CTK :: Church Office ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk (Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

## WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events

- Tue, 6:30a :: Morning Prayer :: Social Hall (Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)
- Wed, 12p :: **Men's Fellowship Group** :: Harvard Sq. (Mike Poor, pcpoor@hotmail.com)
- Thu, 9:30a :: **Women's Morning Bible Study** :: Social Hall (Kelly Sawyer, bostonkelly@gmail.com)
- Fri, 4p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: The Field Pub (Nathan Barczi, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

#### Please contact the following staff members by calling our office at (617) 354-8341 or by email:

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