# CHRIST THEKING

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

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost October 3, 2021 10:30 Am Morning Worship

#### Prelude

Jesus calls us to his rest, and meekness is His method. The meek man cares not at all who is greater than he, for he has long ago decided that the esteem of the world is not worth the effort. — A. W. Tozer, Pursuit of God

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

#### Call to Worship

Bob Sawyer

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Congregation: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Congregation: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Leader: He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

All: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. — *Psalm 107:1-9* 

#### **Preparation** We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to

minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

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

#### Invocation

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.

#### Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy Words: Joseph Hart; Music: The Southern Harmony D/F♯ Em Em G Am D G 1.Come ye sin-ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound ed. 2.Come, ye thirst y, come and wel - come, God's free boun-ty ru - ined 3.Come, ye wea-ry, hea - vy la - den, lost and make you lin - ger, not con-science of fit - ness 4.Let nor 5.Lo! th'In - car - nate God as - cend - ed, pleads the mer - it D7 G Em D Bm Em Am d sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you, glo - ri - fy; true be lief and true re pen - tance. if till you're bet - ter, by the fall; you tar - ry fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re quir - eth his blood; whol - ly, of ven - ture him, ven ture on -С G/B Am Bm Em Bm Em 00 full of love, pow'r. pi ty that and nigh. all. ev' ry grace brings you will at you nev er come feel need of him. is to your oth trude. let no er trust in \_



#### **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.

#### **Call to Confession**

Leader: "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. — *Joel 2:12-13* 

#### **Prayer of Confession**

All: Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen. — based on *Daniel 9:4-19* 

#### **Declaration of Absolution**

Leader: Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, but as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 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.

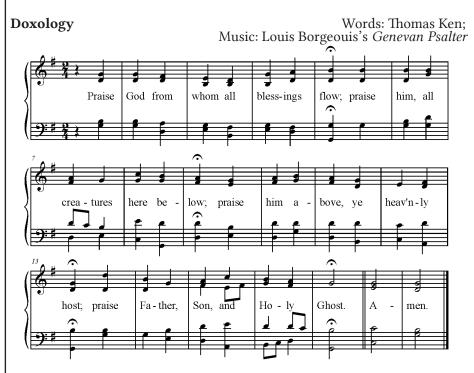
Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Give Thanks to the Lord Words and Music: Brad Smith G А 1.Give thanks to the Lord for the works of his hand, for а 2.Give thanks to the Fa ther for send - ing his Son, give -D/F# Βm А D Asus ken. Give thanks to king - dom that can-not be sha the Lord for we thanks to the Son for his Spi rit. Now lift up your voic es to -G Вm Asus G А А  $\mathbf{D}$ all now can stand and fear not of be - ing for - sa ken. Give God, three in the whole world can and shout so hear it. one, D/F# D/F# Asus А D for his thanks to the Lord for his right-eousness. Give thanks to the Lord D/F# Asus А Asus A Bm  $G_2$ Letus wor - shiphis ho - li ness.Give thanks love. name and his to the D G Asus А С6 Asus А Lord, Oh, give thanks to the Lord Give thanks.

#### Offertory

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.

#### Offertory



Life Together

**Prayers of the People** 

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.

Word for the Kids

#### Life Together

We share important announcements and prayer requests for our church community.

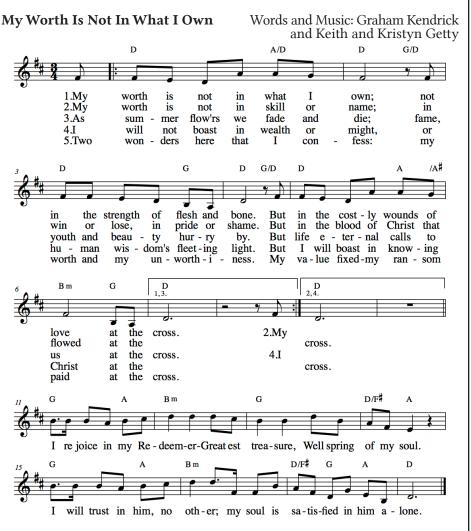
#### Prayers of the People

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

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

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

#### Congregation: And also with you!



#### **Scripture Reading**

Matthew 4:23-5:12

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

#### Congregation: Thanks be to God.

#### Sermon

Rev. Clyde Godwin

#### 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 relationships with each other.

#### Scripture Reading The public reading of God's Word is integral whenever

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.

#### Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

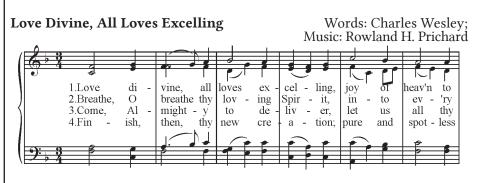
Words of Institution and Distributing of Elements

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



AJ Fenton, Katie Jentoft, Bob Sawyer, Kelly Sawyer



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

#### Benediction

Please join us outside for refreshments immediately following the service, as weather permits.

## Welcome

**Welcome visitors**! We're glad you could join us online. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctk-cambridge.org/visit so we can get to know you better. Find out more about us by contacting office@ ctkcambridge.org. For more information on CTK's response to the coronavirus, visit ctkcambridge. org/coronavirus.

## SUNDAYS

### Adult Education & Sunday School Classes

Typically, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children every Sunday morning. Currently, we are offering Adult Education on Zoom, but our children's Sunday school gatherings are on hiatus.

In the Adult education class, we have been pursuing the themes of Micah 6:8 - act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly. During the summer, we went through Michael Card's wonderful study on Hesed. (mercy) Morgan Crago has been leading us through an insightful study of racism in the Presbyterian Church. Beginning October 3, we will use Tim Keller's book Generous Justice to pursue what it means to act justly.

## For Families

#### Nursery

• Open during the service for up to 8 registered participants ages 6 months (and sitting) to 3 years, with a waitlist available. The room is behind the sanctuary through the doors on the right.

• Please contact Lara Kastelein (lara@ctkcambridge.org) with questions or to cancel if registered and unable to make it.

#### Children's Worship

• Children 4–5 years are dismissed from the service prior to the sermon to a class that teaches about worship suited to their age. Parents must escort kids to class in order to check them in and pick them up after the service.

• Class capacity is 10 registered students, with a waitlist available. Parents may sign up children for class when registering for the service.

• Please contact Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org) with any questions or to cancel if registered and unable to make it.

#### During the service

• Encourage children to participate in each part of the service. For non-readers, place your arms around your child and point to the words in the bulletin as they are read.

• During the sermon, kids may complete one of the worship activities available at ctkcambridge. org/ worship-kids or in the church foyer along with 'Pew Pouches' containing writing and drawing supplies.

#### During the week

• Reread the Scripture passage. For younger children, read from a storybook Bible or more accessible translation like International Children's Bible (ICB) or NIrV available at biblegateway.com.

• Discuss the parts of the service as a family using the worship guide (ctkcambridge.org/worship-kids). Have everyone recall a part of the service that stood out to them.

• Listen to and discuss the songs from the service at ctkcambridge.org/songs. Visit this page to also preview songs to prepare for the upcoming service (songs are updated mid-week).

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church worshipping in Cambridge, Dorchester, 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

Now as always, Community groups are central to our life together at CTK as a way to study and pray together and serve each other and our communities. Right now, groups are meeting virtually. Please visit ctkcambridge.org/community-groups for a full listing with contact information.

## Fellowship Groups and Ministries

Men's Fellowship Groups: Church Office (office@ctkcambridge.org)

Women's Ministry: Martha Olson (women@ctkcambridge.org)

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

Vocational Fellowship Groups: Church Office (office@ctkcambridge.org)

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

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

Overseas Partner Liaison: Morgan Crago (missions@ctkcambridge.org)

## 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 ctkcambridge.org/giving.

**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, visit ctkcambridge.org/reader.

## LIFE TOGETHER

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Registration Reminder:** We continue to ask that folks please register to attend on Sunday mornings. Whether you choose distanced or open, registering allows staff to know how many seats of each type we need.

When registering for the service, you may also **register children for either nursery** (ages 6 months through 3 years) **or children's worship** (ages 4 and 5). Space is limited, but wait lists are available.

**CTK's Great Pumpkin Event:** This church-wide pumpkin carving and decorating event will be on Saturday afternoon, October 16th at Arsenal Park in Watertown from 2-5:30pm. All are welcome for food, fun, contests and prizes! Bring your own pumpkin to carve from 2-4:30 (tools will be provided) or bring your already carved pumpkin for judging at 4:30 (there will be several different categories and prizes)! Hot dogs and chips served from 4p - 5p and mini pumpkin decorating for all throughout the entire afternoon. Please email dana@ctkcambridge.org if you have questions.

## This Week at CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events, or email office@ctkcambridge.org

- Sun, 9a :: Adult Education :: Online ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation
- Tue, 7a :: Morning Prayer :: Online ctkcambridge.org/prayer
- Thu, 9:30a :: Women's Morning Bible Study :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/women
- Thu, 8:15p :: **Women's Evening Bible Study** :: Social Hall ctkcambridge.org/women
- Thu, 8:15p :: **Evening Prayer** :: Online ctkcambridge.org/prayer

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

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