

# CHRIST THE KING

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. — 1 John 4:16a

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

## Prelude

*Duo for Flute and Piano, Mvt. I*  
Amy Pardo and Amanda Holley

A. Copland

*You are wrong if you think Joy emanates only or principally from human relationships. God has placed it all around us. It is in everything and anything we might experience. We just have to have the courage to turn against our habitual lifestyle and engage in unconventional living.*

— Chris McCandless, *Into the Wild*

*It is an inescapable feature of our human situation that we are freed or enslaved by the way others love or hate us, thus enabling us to become or preventing us from becoming the people we were created to be.* — Colin Gunton, *The Christian Faith*

*What a joyous mystery is your presence within me, in that intimate sanctuary of my soul where I can always find you, even when I do not feel your presence. Of what importance is feeling? Perhaps you are all the closer when I feel you less.* — Elisabeth of the Trinity

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*

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Words: William Williams;  
Music: John Hughes

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun tain, whence the heal - ing  
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

## Preparation

We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

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.

4  
bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

7  
hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en,  
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

10  
Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no  
strong De - liv - 'rer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

12  
more, shield, feed me till I want no more.  
thee, be thou still my strength and shield.  
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

### Call to Worship

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

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Leonard Layne

**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

### Before the Throne of God Above

Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft;  
Music: Vikki Cook

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me  
3. Be - hold him there, the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect,

4 strong and per - fect plea, a Great High Priest whose name is  
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him  
spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great, un - change - ab - le I

7 Love, who - ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the  
AM, the King of Glo - ry and of grace. One with him -

10 gra - ven on his hands; my name is writ - ten on his  
sin - less Sa - vior died; my sin - ful soul is coun - ted  
self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his

13 heart; I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can  
free, for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on  
blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my

16 bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
Sa - vior and my God, with Christ my Sa - vior and my God.

### **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.

### **Call to Confession**

Leader: “Come now, let us reason together,” says the Lord: “though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.” — *Isaiah 1:18*

### **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**

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.

### **Declaration of Absolution**

Leader: We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. For through the law we died to the law, so that we might live to God. 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: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

**Congregation: and our mouths will declare your praise.**

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.**

# Oh, How Good It Is

Words and Music: Keith and Kristyn Getty,  
Ross Holmes, and Stuart Townend

C F C

1. Oh how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to -  
2. Oh how good it is on this jour - ney we share to re -  
3. Oh how good it is to em - brace his com - mand to pre

5 F C/E A m G C

geth - er in spirit, in faith and u - ni - ty; Where the bonds of  
joyce with the happy, and weep with those who mourn; For the weak find  
fer one an - other, for - give as he for - gives; When we live as

10 C/E F C/G F C/E F

peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the fruit of his pres - ence here a -  
strength, the af - flict - ed find grace, when we of - fer the bless - ing of be -  
one we all share in the love of the Son, with the Fa - ther, and the

15 G C G F C

mong us. So, with one voice we'll sing to the Lord, and  
long - ing.  
Spir - it.

21 G F G C C/E

with one heart we'll live out his Word; Til the whole earth sees the Re

27 F C F C/E F G C

deem - er has come, for he dwells in the pres ence of his peo - ple.

## Offertory

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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.

## Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;  
Music: Louis Borgeouis's *Genevan Psalter*

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

### Pastoral Prayer

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

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**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.**

### 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.

### Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

# How Deep the Father's Love For Us Words and Music: Stuart Townend

(Capo III) F(D) Gm(Em) F(D) B<sup>b</sup>(G)

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how  
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my  
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no

3 F(D) Csus(Asus) C(A) F(D) Gm(Em)F(D) B<sup>b</sup>(G)

vast be - yond all meas - ure that he should give his on - ly Son to  
 sin up - on his shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock ing voice call  
 gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his

5 F(D) C(A) F(D) F(D) Gm(Em)F(D) B<sup>b</sup>(G)

make a wretch his treas - ure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss. The  
 out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there un -  
 death and res - ur - rec - tion, Why should I gain from his re - ward? I

7 F(D) Dm(Bm) C(A) F(D) Gm(Em) F(D) B<sup>b</sup>(G)

Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring  
 til it was ac - com - plished his dy - ing breath has brought me life. I  
 can not give an an - swer. But this I know with all my heart: his

9 F(D) C(A) F(D)

man - - y sons to glo - - - - ry.  
 know that it is fin - - - - ished.  
 wounds have paid my ran - - - - som.

## Scripture Reading

*Ephesians 5:1-6 page 978 in pew Bible*

Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades.

**Congregation: But the word of our God will stand forever.**

Catherine Cook

## Sermon

Rev. Rick Downs

## Scripture Reading

So faith comes from hear - ing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

*Romans 10.17*

## 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.

*We encourage kids re - maining in the service to use the Sermon Worksheet available in the foyer.*

## 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 gluten-free bread on the right for those who desire such. Please hold the elements until all can partake together.*

## 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*

*Catherine Cook, Hannah Edsall, Justin Augpurg, Katie Jentoft,  
Kelly Sawyer, Lucas Lints, Niklas Blomberg, Bob Sawyer*



**Praise the Savior, Now and Ever** Words: V. Fortunatus, trans. by A. Nelson;  
 Music: W. Moore, arr. by Benedict/Bradham

G D G G/B G

1. Praise the Sav-ior now and ev-er; praise him, all be-  
 2. Man's work fail-eth, Christ's a-vail-eth; he is all our  
 3. Sin's bond sev-ered, we're de-liv-ered; Christ has bruised the  
 4. For his fa-vor, praise for-ev-er un-to God the

4 G/D D7 G G G D7 G

neath the skies; pros-trate ly-ing suf-fring, dy-ing  
 righ-teous-ness; he, our Sav-ior, has for-ev-er  
 ser-pent's head; death no lon-ger is the strong-er  
 Fa-ther sing; praise the Sav-ior, praise him ev-er,

7 G G D G

on the cross, a sac-ri-fice. Vic-try gain-ing  
 set us free from dire dis-tress. Through his mer-it  
 hell it-self is cap-tive led. Christ has ris-en  
 Son of God, our Lord and King. Praise the Spir-it;

10 D G G/B G G/D D7 G

life ob-tain-ing now in glo-ry he doth rise.  
 we in-her-it light and peace and hap-pi-ness.  
 from death's pris-on; o'er the tomb he light has shed.  
 through Christ's mer-it he doth us sal-va-tionbring.

**Benediction**

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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

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church with an English-speaking congregation that meets in Cambridge on Sunday mornings ([ctkcambridge.org](http://ctkcambridge.org)) and a mostly Brazilian congregation meeting in Portuguese in Cambridge on Sunday afternoons, as well as congregations that meet in Dorchester, Newton, Pembroke, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain and Somerville ([ctkboston.org](http://ctkboston.org)).

**Welcome visitors!** Please visit the welcome table in the foyer and fill out a visitor card 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 will be standing in the back of the sanctuary. For more information about Christ the King, contact [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto: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 5 are held downstairs, and Middle/High School meets in the office in the balcony.

**Hot Topics in the Church:** This summer Christ the King will be taking a close look at complex social, political, and ethical issues, seeking to apply the wisdom of Scripture to the uncertainties of our lives. The class will be taught by our pastoral staff and members of the church. All are invited; if you have any questions, please email [nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org). However, next week (June 24), we will be holding an informational meeting for members in lieu of Adult Ed.

### 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.

**Nursery (0–3 years):** Our nursery rooms provide safe care and are open throughout the service. Infants and non-walkers are upstairs and our 1's, 2's and 3's rooms 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. Kids begin in room 3 / 4 and are picked up from adjoining rooms.

**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.

For more information about children's ministry, please see [ctkcambridge.org/kids](http://ctkcambridge.org/kids) or email [dana@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:dana@ctkcambridge.org).

### BULLETINS

Bulletins are available on the church website (<http://www.ctkcambridge.org/sermons/>) each Thursday before the service, allowing for download for use during the service on a smartphone or tablet.

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# WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

## CTK READER

Visit [ctkcambridge.org/reader](http://ctkcambridge.org/reader) to sign up for our weekly CTK Reader (electronic newsletter) with notes from our pastors, church announcements and community classifieds.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups are central to our life together at CTK, as we seek to live as followers of Jesus in relationship to one another. 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 together. All are invited to join a group. To find a group near you, visit [www.ctkcambridge.org](http://www.ctkcambridge.org) or email [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org).

## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Men's and women's fellowship groups meet throughout the city to provide opportunities for fellowship, discipling, and growing in faith. For a listing of groups, visit [www.ctkcambridge.org](http://www.ctkcambridge.org). If you would like a group started near you, email [nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org) (men) or Emily DeBaun Stuntz at [emilydebaun@gmail.com](mailto:emilydebaun@gmail.com) (women).

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

To connect with women in the church and learn about women's events throughout the year, contact [laura.a.martin87@gmail.com](mailto:laura.a.martin87@gmail.com).

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This group is on hiatus for the summer, and will resume in the fall on Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am in the church social hall. Childcare provided. The group does not meet the first Thursday of each month. Contact Becky Williams ([john.n.becky@gmail.com](mailto:john.n.becky@gmail.com)).

## VOCATIONAL GROUPS

Vocational groups offer times of fellowship and discussion for those in the CTK congregations throughout the city who work in similar fields. Contact [nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org).

## PRAYER MEETING

Morning Prayer meets Tuesdays, 6:30am-8:30am in the social hall. Come for as long as you can. Coffee and snacks are provided. Please contact [office@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:office@ctkcambridge.org) with questions.

## COLLEGE STUDENTS

CTK supports Reformed University Fellowship on nearby campuses. Contact our campus ministers at BU: [nathan.dicks@ruf.org](mailto:nathan.dicks@ruf.org), Harvard: [jeremy.mullen@ruf.org](mailto:jeremy.mullen@ruf.org), and MIT: [solomon.kim@ruf.org](mailto:solomon.kim@ruf.org).

## SERVING ON SUNDAYS

Members and regular attenders have the opportunity to serve in a variety of ways on Sunday mornings. To learn more about ways to serve our congregation, please visit [ctkcambridge.org/serve-church](http://ctkcambridge.org/serve-church).

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Follow along with a daily Bible reading plan designed to complement the current sermon series. Learn more at [www.ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings](http://www.ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Children's Worship** classes wrap up the year on the Story of Worship today. Please join us in the Social Hall after the service to view the gallery of art projects the children created. Parents, **please note these classes will not meet over the summer** and children will remain in the service to participate in all aspects of worship.

All CTK members are encouraged to attend an **informational meeting for CTK members** at 9:00am on June 24 in the social hall. There will be no adult education class that morning. Children's Sunday School classes will meet as usual. If you plan to have your children attend class that day (while you attend the meeting), we ask that they arrive by 8:45am to avoid interruption to these classes. For questions, please contact Nathan at [nathan@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:nathan@ctkcambridge.org).

Join us for **Fourth Fridays** (formerly known as Second Saturdays) at John Harvard's Brewery in Harvard Square. This is an excellent opportunity to reconnect with church friends or make new ones while enjoying a local beer, some tasty snacks, and good conversation. We would especially like to encourage you to bring your neighbors, friends, and/or colleagues. Join us on Friday June 22nd between 5:30pm - 7:30pm at John Harvard's Brewery (33 Dunster Street, Cambridge). For more info, contact Mary Cote ([maryruthcote@gmail.com](mailto:maryruthcote@gmail.com)) or Susanne van Veluw ([susannevanveluw@gmail.com](mailto:susannevanveluw@gmail.com)). Hope to see many of you there!

Join us for CTK's annual **4th of July BBQ!** We'll meet at the church at 4:30pm on the 4th and will wrap up in time to head down to the river for fireworks. We'll do the grilling, but ask attendees to RSVP and bring a side dish, which you can do by visiting [bit.ly/CTKJuly4th](http://bit.ly/CTKJuly4th).

**Important Information for Members & Parents:** To better protect and care for our children, updated policy and procedures have taken effect:

- CORI checks for all who serve and volunteer with our children.
- A policy of having at least two adults with children in all rooms at all times.
- New Nursery Check-in using matching parent and child security labels.

**Save the Date!** The Christ the King congregations will be jointly hosting a **Children's Ministry Conference** on October 12 & 13 (at our building). This "Established" conference (based on Ps. 78:5-7a) is PCA-sponsored and will provide training and support for those involved in Children's Ministry through a variety of workshops, taught by both visiting and CTK speakers. Parents, children's teachers, and ministry leaders are encouraged to attend. Please talk with Dana for more details or visit [pcacdm.org/Established-Boston](http://pcacdm.org/Established-Boston).

We are in need of a few more **Children's Sunday School teachers** during the summer months. Please consider helping out even if you will be traveling over the summer as subs can be arranged. Please email Dana ([dana@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:dana@ctkcambridge.org)) for more information.

For **online giving**, visit [bit.ly/CTKCambridgeOffering](http://bit.ly/CTKCambridgeOffering) for general offerings and [bit.ly/CTKCambridgeDeacons](http://bit.ly/CTKCambridgeDeacons) for Deacons' Fund giving. Questions? Email [giving@ctkboston.org](mailto:giving@ctkboston.org).

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