

CHRIST -THE KING-

The Lord's Day, Sunday, October 16, 2022

"...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..."



—ORDER OF WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us this morning! At Christ the King, our worship is a divine-human dialogue, in accordance with Scriptural example and precedent, alternatively hearing God's Word and responding in prayer, song, or meditation. The boxes throughout the bulletin were written to aid each worshipper in thoughtful and meaningful participation in this dialogue. Please prepare your heart by reading through the bulletin, praying for those leading and worshipping around you, and silencing all communication devices.

* Indicates congregational standing

WE APPROACH THE LORD

Call to Worship

As we sing to the Lord and declare his glory let us proclaim his greatness in the sight of the peoples of the earth, that they might turn to him themselves!

Psalm 96: 1-6 ESV

- Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- ² Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- ⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
- 6 Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We continue from our call to worship with this metrical setting of Psalm 96.

"Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise"

(Trinity Hymnal #62)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Nothing so hinders our ability to "declare his glory among the nations" as our propensity for complaint and conflict.

Philippians 2:14-15 ESV

"Do all things without grumbling or disputing, I5 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,"

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Together we confess our sins and ask that God would grant us help to walk in holiness, as he has promised.

Almighty and most merciful Father,

we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,

we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,

we have offended against thy holy laws,

we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,

spare thou those who confess their faults,

restore thou those who are penitent,

according to thy promises declared unto mankind

in Christ Jesus our Lord;

and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The good news Paul brings extends beyond our conversion itself, grounded in God's work and not our own, to touch on our empowerment to walk in obedience as a new creation in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:1-10 ESV

"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ lesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Leader: This is the gospel. Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

This hymn reminds us that Jesus, the one who calls us to himself, stands both willing and able to redeem and restore the repentant sinner.

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched"

(Trinity Hymnal #472)

WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Prayers of Intercession

During this time, the elders will be in the back of the room, ready to take personal prayer requests from and pray with all who want this. These will be confidential if desired. Everyone who is not receiving prayer will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with, "We offer these our prayers," followed by a brief silent, individual prayer.

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Sermon (Tony Pyles)

"Standing on the Promises"

* Genesis 12:1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God!

WE COMMUNE WITH OUR LORD

Communion Meditation
Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, 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 will 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. (*or universal)

Distribution of Elements

Because we believe that wine was used in the Last Supper and is thus more in accord with the fullness of symbolism intended by God in the Lord's Supper, we offer and encourage wine for those who take part in Communion. For those with conscientious convictions against the use of wine, however, we offer grape juice, which is contained in the inner circle of the communion trays. The cups containing wine are in the outer circles.

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

In bringing to God our tithes and our offerings we recognize that all we have comes to us from his hand and he owns all that is.

Psalm 24:1-2 ESV

¹ The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.

² for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

"My Maker and My King"

(w 1 & 3)

- My Maker and my King,
 To Thee my all I owe;
 Thy sovereign bounty is the spring
 Whence all my blessings flow;
 Thy sovereign bounty is the spring
 Whence all my blessings flow.
- 3. Lord, what can I impart
 When all is Thine before?
 Thy love demands a thankful heart;
 The gift, alas! how poor.
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Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

* Doxology

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.

Prayer of Dedication



Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).



WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Our confidence is grounded in the unfailing promises of our Triune God and Savior.

"Standing on the Promises"

Benediction

VISION

Purpose (our reason for existence): to reverse the effects of rebellion against God (sin)

Mission (what we are called to do): to build the Kingdom of God, by...

- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

CoreValues (our fundamental commitments):

- I. Knowing truth from God (Scripture)
- 2. Being right with God (Justification)
- 3. Living life for God (Sanctification)

Goals (what we seek to accomplish):

- Worship—People experiencing and being attracted to and trained in the enjoyment of God
- 2. Fellowship—People displaying and enjoying genuinely loving and giving relationships/Christian community
- 3. Christian Education—People being confronted with and oriented to the whole truth of God
- 4. Outreach—People being drawn to the Church and trained to draw others
- 5. Mercy—People caring about and meeting the material needs of both non-Christians and other Christians

