

# The Lord's Day, October 8, 2023

## 10:30 AM Morning Service

*Those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.  
Psalm 9:10*

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

#### \*Call to Worship: Psalm 34:4-5, 8-10

Minister: I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

**People: Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

Minister: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

**People: Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!**

Minister: The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

**Unison: Come, let us praise our God!**

#### \*Hymn of Adoration: "O Lord Most High, with All My Heart" (No. 48, Tune: "As the Hart Longs")

1 O Lord Most High, with all my heart  
your wondrous works I will proclaim;  
I will be glad and give you thanks  
and sing the praises of your name.

4 All they, O Lord, that know your name  
their confidence in you will place,  
for you have ne'er forsaken them  
who earnestly have sought your face.

2 The Lord, the everlasting King,  
is seated on his judgment throne;  
the righteous Judge of all the world  
will make His perfect justice known.

5 Sing praises to the Lord Most High,  
to him who does in Zion dwell;  
declare his mighty deeds abroad,  
his deeds among the nations tell.

3 Jehovah will a refuge prove,  
a refuge strong for all oppressed,  
a safe retreat, where weary souls  
in troubled times may surely rest.

#### \*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation

O Lord God, we praise you for your goodness, your faithfulness, your steadfast love, your mercy, and your kindness. We thank you for giving your beloved Son to die in our place. We thank you that you have adopted us, making us your children and allowing us to call you Abba, Father. We thank you for the gift of your Spirit, who indwells us, intercedes for us, enlightens our minds, and convicts us of sin. We thank you for the sure hope you give that will never put us to shame, for the love you grow in us that compels us to obey, for the joy you give that strengthens us, for the faith you implant in us so that we can believe, for the grace you bestow that saves and sanctifies us. We come to you in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### \*Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

**People: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came**

down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Praise be to God!

**\*Gloria: Lauda Anima**

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit: great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, while eternal ages run!

**New Testament Reading: Romans 8:14-39**

**Hymn of Response: "Come, Thou Almighty King" (No. 101)**

1 Come, thou Almighty King,  
help us thy name to sing,  
help us to praise.  
Father, all glorious,  
o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

2 Come, thou Incarnate Word,  
gird on thy mighty sword,  
our prayer attend.  
Come, and thy people bless,  
and give thy Word success;  
Spirit of holiness,  
on us descend.

3 Come, Holy Comforter,  
thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art,  
now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r.

4 To the great One in Three  
eternal praises be,  
hence evermore.  
His sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity  
love and adore.

**Public Confession**

**People:** Eternal Father: You are good beyond all thought, but we are slow of heart and blind; our lips are ready to confess, but our hearts are slow to feel, and our ways reluctant to amend. Unmask to us sin's deformity that we may hate it, abhor it, and flee from it. Our faculties have been a weapon of revolt against you; as we rebel, we misuse our strength and serve the foul adversary of your kingdom. Give us grace to bewail our insane folly; and grant that through the tears of repentance, we may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross.

*Adapted from "Yet I Sin" in The Valley of Vision*

**Private Confession**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Promise of the Gospel**

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. (I John 5:13-15)

**\*Hymn of Thanksgiving: "Arise, My Soul, Arise" (No. 305)**

1 Arise, my soul, arise,  
shake off your guilty fears:  
the bleeding Sacrifice  
in my behalf appears:  
before the throne my Surety stands,  
before the throne my Surety stands,  
my name is written on his hands.

2 He ever lives above,  
for me to intercede,  
his all-redeeming love,  
his precious blood to plead;  
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,  
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,  
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

3 Five bleeding wounds he bears,  
received on Calvary;  
they pour effectual prayers,  
they strongly plead for me.  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

4 My God is reconciled;  
his pard'ning voice I hear;  
he owns me for his child,  
I can no longer fear;  
with confidence I now draw nigh,  
with confidence I now draw nigh,  
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

**Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Doxology (Tune: Old Hundredth)**

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 Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**\*Reading of the Holy Scriptures: Matthew 7:7-11**

Minister: This is the Word of God.

**Unison: Thanks be to God for his Word!**

**\*The Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon: "Ask, Seek, Knock" (Rev. Seth Wallace)**

**\*Hymn of Response and Preparation: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" (No. 254)**

1 Alas! and did my Savior bleed,  
and did my Sovereign die!  
Would he devote that sacred head  
for such a worm as I!

2 Was it for crimes that I had done  
he groaned upon the tree!  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree!

3 Well might the sun in darkness hide,  
and shut his glories in,  
when Christ, the mighty Maker, died  
for man the creature's sin.

4 Thus might I hide my blushing face  
while his dear cross appears;  
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
and melt mine eyes in tears.

5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
the debt of love I owe;  
here, Lord, I give myself away,  
'tis all that I can do.

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Invitation and Instructions

All who have professed faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized and who are communicant members in good standing in an evangelical church are invited to come to participate in this sacred Sacrament of the Church. This is not a Presbyterian table, and we do not restrict it as such; it is the Lord's Table. However, the church alone grants access to the table and must guard it from the leaven of unrighteousness (1 Cor. 5:6-8). Therefore, if you have not repented and trusted in Christ or if you are harboring sin in your life or if there is anyone with whom you are not at peace with so far as it depends on you (Rom. 12:18), please do not participate in this meal. We invite you instead to use this time to reflect and ask God to speak to your heart and give you more light and understanding. Children who have not been admitted to the table by the church should also refrain from partaking of the Supper.

*For those who prefer, the outer ring of the tray is grape juice. The bread is gluten free.  
Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served so that we may partake together.*

### \*Departing Hymn: "The Power of the Cross" (SH No. 5)

Oh, to see the dawn  
Of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
Torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
Took the blame, bore the wrath:  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain  
Written on Your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;  
Every bitter thought,  
Every evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees,  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life;  
'Finished!' the victory cry.

Oh, to see my name  
Written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death,  
Life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Son of God, slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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### \*The Benediction

### Postlude

*\*Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ➤ **Special Offering**

The deacons encourage you to consider supporting their work among those in need by giving an offering as you leave worship this morning. This offering will be used to assist those in our congregation and wider community who have financial and material needs. Many thanks to you.

### ➤ **Sandwich & Salad Luncheon**

Linger a little longer after worship service on October 15 and join us for a sandwich and salad luncheon. The congregation is asked to bring sandwiches, a salad, or dessert--enough to feed eight. A signup sheet is in the narthex, or you may sign up online at [www.ctkvb.org](http://www.ctkvb.org). Bring a friend and join in the fun and fellowship. Come as you are--tiaras and tuxes optional!

### ➤ **Children's Choir**

All CTK children are invited to participate in a choir that will share special music with the congregation during Advent season this year. If your children are interested in joining in, please contact Roger Cocking or Janis Ramos.

### ➤ **Sunday School**

If you haven't joined us for Sunday School, we invite you to do so. Classes meet at 9:00 AM each Sunday through October 22. There are classes for kindergartners through adults.

### ➤ **Kitchen Crew**

Volunteers are needed for Kitchen Crew in the new year. If you'd like to help, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Thank you!

### ➤ **Inquirers' Class**

If you are interested in learning more about Christ the King Presbyterian Church, please see Pastor Seth or an Elder. The Inquirers' Class will be held Friday evening and Saturday morning, November 17 and 18.

### ➤ **Women's Bible Study**

All women of the church are invited to our study of Exodus 19-40 on Thursdays at 10:00 AM. Study books may be found on the book table for \$25 each. You may deposit cash or a check in the book box.

### ➤ **Men's Fellowship Time**

The men are meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00 AM for a time of fellowship at Nettie's Roadside Restaurant, 2555 27th Ave Suite G-6 in Vero Beach.

### ➤ **Operation Christmas Child**

You are invited, once again, to participate in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Our goal this year is 100 filled shoeboxes, which must be returned to the church by November 2.

For details about what to include (and not include), how to pack the box, or pay for shipping costs, please pick up an information sheet in the foyer. If you would like to contribute to help fund a box, please see Bev Bell or Barbara Ewing. If you wish to fill a box but are unable to shop, you may ask the McShea family to shop for you. They will shop for the first 10 who ask.