

# The Lord's Day, November 19, 2023

## 10:30 AM Morning Service

*Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. Psalm 119:18*

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

#### \*Call to Worship: Psalm 100

**Minister:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

**People:** Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**Minister:** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**People:** For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**Unison:** Praise the Lord!

#### \*Hymn of Adoration: "Now Thank We All Our God" (No. 98)

1 Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms,  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

3 All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven—  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

2 O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever-joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

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

**Blessed be your name, O Lord! For you have heard our pleas for mercy. You are our strength and our shield; in you our hearts trust, and we are helped. With song we give thanks to you. With awe we recount your wondrous deeds. With joy we remember your goodness and your steadfast love. With our whole heart, we glorify your name. Oh, save us, your people, O Lord, and bless your heritage! Be our shepherd and carry us forever. Amen.**

#### \*Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism 117

**Minister:** What belongs to a prayer which pleases God and is heard by him?

**People:** First, we must from the heart call upon the one true God only, who has revealed himself in his Word, for all that he has commanded us to pray. Second, we must thoroughly know our need and misery, so that we may humble ourselves before God. Third, we must rest on this firm foundation that, although we do not deserve it, God will certainly hear our prayer for the sake of Christ our Lord, as he has promised us in his Word.

**\*Gloria (Tune: Ode to Joy)**

Glory be to God in heaven, peace to those who love him well.  
On the earth let all his people speak his grace, his wonders tell:  
Lord, we praise you for your glory, Mighty Father, heaven's King;  
Hear our joyful adoration, and accept the thanks we bring.

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:9-31**

**\*Hymn of Approach: "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator" (No. 97)**

1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

3 With voices united our praises we offer,  
to you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

2 We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;  
through life's storm and tempest our Guide you  
have been.

When perils o'ertake us, escape you will make us,  
and with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

**The Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving**

**Unison:** Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, You have brought us in safety to this day, protecting us from dangers and uncertainties, both known and unknown. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity. Drive from this place, O Lord, all snares of the enemy and, in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose. In the name and by the power of Him who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Redeemer and Friend. Amen.

**Minister:** Father, we thank you for your works in Creation, for the beauty, splendor and majesty of the world in which we live.

**People:** We praise you for your works of Providence by which we are sustained, preserved, provided for and blessed.

**Minister:** We praise you specifically for the gifts of food, friendship, family and health.

**People:** We praise and thank you for your marvelous works in Redemption—that in the Lord, Jesus Christ, you have sought us, found us, saved us and brought us safely home to yourself.

**Minister:** For all your surpassing goodness to us, especially for the hope of your certain return, of eternal life and of the new heaven and the new earth, we worship and adore you.

**Unison:** Lord, hear our prayers of thanksgiving.

**Silent Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Words of Encouragement**

**Minister:** Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:12-14)

**Unison:** Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

**\*Hymn of Thanksgiving: "It Is Well with My Soul" (No. 691)**

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

*Refrain:*

*It is well with my soul;  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should  
come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

3 My sin- O the bliss of this glorious thought!-  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
[Refrain]

4 O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
"Even so"- it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

**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: Ephesians 1:15-23**

Minister: This is the Word of God.

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

**\*The Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon: "Doctrine for Life" (Rev. Kevin Gardner)**

**\*Hymn of Response: "My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness" (SH No. 17)**

1 My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
And gave me life again.  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness,  
And clothed me with His light,  
And wrote His law of righteousness  
With power upon my heart.

2 My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength  
And causes fears to fly;  
Whose every promise is enough  
For every step I take,  
Sustaining me with arms of love  
And crowning me with grace.

3 My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,  
Whose every thought is love.  
For every day I have on earth  
Is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all,  
To love and follow Him.

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**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*\*Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **Ornament Exchange**

The young ladies of CTK invite all the women to an Ornament Exchange on Saturday, December 9 at 10 AM here at Christ the King. Please pick up your invitation and gift bag in the narthex from the girls BEFORE the event. One ornament per bag, per attendee. Instructions for the ornament exchange are included with the bag. Please call, text, or email your RSVP to Elizabeth Backus at 561.370.9266 or backusfanmail@gmail.com by December 2.

➤ **Thanksgiving Dinner**

You are invited to gather to give thanks and to enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings this evening at 5:30 PM at the church. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer. Please remember to add your name, the number in your party, and list the side dish or dessert you will bring--enough to feed eight people. Thank you!

➤ **Volunteer Schedule**

We'll soon be making the Volunteer Schedule for December, January, and February. The opportunities to volunteer include Kitchen crew, nursery, greeting, ushering and refreshments. If you would like to be added to the schedule for any of these ministries, please speak to Susan Parsons. If you are already signed up but know you will be out of town during those months, please let Minda Templeton (minda@ctkvb.org) know so that we can avoid scheduling conflicts. Thank you!

➤ **Children's Choir**

The CTK Youth Choir is practicing for the Advent season. All kids are invited to participate. If your children are interested in joining, please contact Roger Cocking (rcocking2@gmail.com) or Janis Ramos (jansqs@gmail.com).

➤ **Inquirers' Class: Date Change**

Our next Inquirers' Class was originally scheduled for November 17 & 18 but has been moved. It will now be held 6:00 PM-8:30 PM on Friday, December 8 and 12:30 PM-3:00 PM on Saturday, December 9. If you plan to attend, please sign up at [www.ctkvb.org](http://www.ctkvb.org). If you have questions, please see Pastor Seth or one of the other elders.

➤ **Men's Fellowship Time**

The men will *not* meet Wednesday, November 22.

We will resume our regular meeting time the following week: Wednesday at 7:00 AM at Nettie's Roadside Restaurant, 2555 27th Ave Suite G-6 in Vero Beach.

➤ **Financial Update**

For the 9 months ending September 30, 2023:

Giving: \$273,159

Budget: \$270,420

Over: \$2,739