



Order of Worship October 18, 2026 Ordinary Time

*CTK exists to form people in Jesus so
that his kingdom and glory are
experienced in South Austin and
beyond.*

Announcements

Men's Morning Prayer

Join the men of CTK on Wednesday mornings at 7am as they meet virtually for prayer.

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Words for Reflection

Nearly all the wisdom we possess, that is to say, true and sound wisdom, consists in two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves.
-John Calvin

Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind.
-C.S. Lewis

God's Word Calls Us to Worship

What's happening?

Christian worship, like all of life, is guided by God's Word. When we gather together it is at God's invitation—even at His insistence.

Like our father, Abraham, we hear and respond to God's Word to leave our "country and our kindred and our father's house" to come receive the blessing of God. Worship begins with the adoration of God.

Call to Worship

Psalms 96:1-9

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

People: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

People: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

ALL: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Prayer of Adoration

Opening Song

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

CHORUS

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship your holy name

VERSE 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
(CHORUS)

VERSE 2

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
(CHORUS)

VERSE 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore
(CHORUS)

God's Word Calls Us to Repentance

What's happening?

Matthew 18:15-20 tells us to confront our sin. We do this both privately and corporately - calling each other by God's Word to repentance both for things done and what we've left undone.

The minister, set apart by God and the Church, "speaks the very words of God" (1 Peter 4:11) in announcing the forgiveness of sins.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and merciful God,

You created us in your image, to know you, love you, and live in joyful fellowship with you. Yet, like our first parents, we have doubted your goodness, questioned your Word, and sought life apart from you.

We confess that we have desired to be our own gods, determining for ourselves what is good and evil. We have believed the lie that true freedom is found in independence from you rather than dependence upon you.

We have hidden our sin, shifted blame, and sought to cover our shame with the works of our own hands. We have allowed sin to distort our relationships with you, one another, and with the world you entrusted to our care.

Forgive us, Father, for exchanging your truth for lies and your goodness for our own desires.

In your mercy, do not leave us hiding among the trees. Seek us in our sin, clothe us in your righteousness, and restore us through Jesus Christ, the promised offspring who has crushed the serpent's head.

For we pray in his holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear this Good News:

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Song of Gratitude

Lord, I Need You

by Jesse Reeves, Matt Maher, Christy Nickels, and Daniel Carson

Verse 1

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1

Lord I need You oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus 1

Lord I need You oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Chorus 2

Lord I need You oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

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God's Word Calls Us to Renewal

What's happening?

God's Word tells us to "be transformed by the renewing of our minds" (Romans 12:2). We now turn our attention to receiving instruction from and about God's Word.

First Scripture Reading

Mark 11:12-14, 20-21

12 On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. **13** And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. **14** And he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it.

20 As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. **21** And Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered."

Hymn

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

By Stuart Townend

VERSE 1

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

VERSE 2

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

VERSE 3

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward

I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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Morning Prayer

Join us as we are led in prayer for the needs of our congregation, our city, the state, the nation, and the world.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Sermon

“What’s wrong with the world?”

Rev. Byron West

Genesis 3:1-24

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”

2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, **3** but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” **4** But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. **5** For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” **6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. **7** Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they

sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. **9** But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” **10** And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” **11** He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” **12** The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” **13** Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

14 The Lord God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

15 I will put enmity between you and the woman,

and between your offspring and her offspring;

he shall bruise your head,

and you shall bruise his heel.”

16 To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;

in pain you shall bring forth children.

Your desire shall be for your husband,

and he shall rule over you.”

17 And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife

and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you,

‘You shall not eat of it,’

cursed is the ground because of you;

in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;

and you shall eat the plants of the field.

19 By the sweat of your face

you shall eat bread,

till you return to the ground,

for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

20 The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. **21** And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

22 Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever —” **23** therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. **24** He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Song of Response

Living Hope

by Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham

VERSE 1

How great the chasm that lay between us

How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

VERSE 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

CHORUS 1

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

VERSE 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

(REPEAT)

Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

(Ending)

Jesus Christ my living hope

Oh God You are my living hope

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God's Word Calls Us to Communion

What's happening?

The sacraments are visible words retelling the gospel story through the physical senses. God's Word invites us to his table, but only baptized believers who have professed their faith in Jesus are to partake. Baptism is when Christ himself initiates us into the Body of Christ. It is the sacrament of beginning, and communion is the sacrament of continuing.

Participation means that we are remembering Jesus' death for us as a past event, but also receiving him right now.

Confessing our Faith

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, and in Lord
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and
was buried; he descended into hell; on**

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.

Invitation to the Table + Prayer

Minister: The Lord is here.

People: His Spirit is with us.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Communion Song

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

by Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson

Verse 1

Mine are days that God has numbered

I was made to walk with Him

Yet I look for worldly treasure

And forsake the King of kings

Chorus 1

But mine is hope in my Redeemer

Though I fall His love is sure

For Christ has paid for every failing

I am His forevermore

Verse 2

Mine are tears in times of sorrow

Darkness not yet understood

Through the valley I must travel

Where I see no earthly good

Chorus 2

But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Verse 3

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name

Chorus 3

But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

Chorus 4

And mine are keys to Zion city

Where beside the King I walk

For there my heart has found its treasure

Christ is mine forevermore

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Receiving the elements +

Prayer of Praise

God's Word Sends Us Out in Mission

What's happening?

Having received from the fullness of God's Word and His Table, we are sent out with a "good word" (benediction) to live our lives missionally for Jesus.

Worship culminates in the highest praise of God by highlighting his glory over all creation.

Benediction

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

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