



Christ the King
Presbyterian Church

walking the ancient paths together

Morning Worship May 17, 2020

❖ Greetings

❖ *Call to Worship: Psalm 90:1-2; Psalm 91:1-2

¹Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

²Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

²I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

❖ *Invocation

❖ Confession of Sin

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. We confess that it is all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, your standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success. How easily we are seduced by power, prestige, pleasure or possessions—seduced into violating our integrity or harming our relationship with you. Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit. We pray in the name of him who humbled himself, and gave himself for our sins. Amen.

❖ Promise of Forgiveness: Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

❖ Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,

judge between me and my vineyard.
⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briars and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice,
but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness,
but behold, an outcry!

❖ **Affirmation of Faith: Westminster Larger Catechism, Questions 65, 66 & 69**

Q. What special benefits do the members of the invisible church enjoy by Christ?

A. The members of the invisible church by Christ enjoy union and communion with him in grace and glory.

Q. What is that union which the elect have with Christ?

A. The union which the elect have with Christ is the work of God's grace, whereby they are spiritually and mystically, yet really and inseparably, joined to Christ as their head and husband; which is done in their effectual calling.

Q. What is the communion in grace which the members of the invisible church have with Christ?

A. The communion in grace which the members of the invisible church have with Christ, is their partaking of the virtue of his mediation, in their justification, adoption, sanctification, and whatever else, in this life, manifests their union with him.

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 36

Q. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A. The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

❖ **Prayers for the Church and the World**

❖ **Sermon Text: John 15:1-17**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the

fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

❖ **Preaching of the Word:**

Rev. Eric Huber

Abide

❖ ***Hymn of Response # 516:** *Jesus, I Live to Thee*

❖ ***Benediction: Ben: 2 Timothy 4:22**

The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

Suggested Hymns (link available on website for recorded music):

111: *This Is My Father's World*

516: *Jesus, I Live to Thee*

Announcements

- ❖ **Welcome:** Thank you for joining with us today for morning worship. Please feel free to gather with us again this evening at 6pm for a time of congregational prayer. See our website for additional details.

- ❖ **Home Fellowship Groups:** These groups will continue to meet utilizing online platforms. For more information on the various group, please see the Church Life - Home Fellowship Group section of the website.

- ❖ **Financial Update:** We are all eager to meet together for worship but do not know when we will be able to do so. Please continue to support the financial needs of our church. You can do so by:
 1. Mailing checks to Christ the King Presbyterian Church
325 Fayette St. Conshohocken, PA 19428. Gifts for the deacons fund or building fund should be noted in them memo line.

 2. Give on line through the church's web
site: <http://christthekingpca.org/resources/give-online/>

Note that the online portal allows for a credit card or bank draft. The church incurs lower fees with the bank drafts. Gifts can be made to the general fund, deacons fund or building fund.

 3. Donate securities through the church's brokerage account (contact church treasurer Dave Hudson if you need information on this process). As always, thank you for your generosity and faithfulness to Christ the King.

111 *This Is My Father's World*

*This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's World;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world,
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;
he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass,
he speaks to me everywhere.*

*This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heav'n be one.*

516 *Jesus, I Live to Thee*

*Jesus, I live to thee,
the loveliest and best,
my life in thee, thy life in me,
in thy blest love I rest.*

*Jesus, I die to thee,
whenever death shall come;
to die in thee is life to me
in my eternal home.*

*Whether to live or die,
I know not which is best;
to live in thee is bliss to me,
to die is endless rest.*

*Living or dying, Lord,
I ask but to be thine;
my life in thee, thy life in me,
makes heav'n forever mine.*