# The ancient paths together

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." -Isaiah 40:3-5

# August 23, 2020 Morning Worship Service

Christ The King Presbyterian Church is a Congregation of the *Presbyterian Church in America* 

# **Morning Worship Service**

#### Welcome and Announcements

If you are a visitor with us this morning, we warmly welcome you to this worship service of Christ The King.

Prelude I Sing the Almighty Power of God arranged by S Parker

## \*Call to Worship

#### Psalm 63:1-7

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
<sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
4 So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
6 when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

\*Invocation

**Confession of Sin** 

The Valley of Vision

Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly, Thou hast brought me to the valley of vision, where I live in the depths but see thee in the heights; hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold thy glory. Let me learn by paradox that the way down is the way up, that to be low is to be high, that the broken heart is the healed heart, that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit, that the repenting soul is the victorious soul, that to have nothing is to possess all, that to bear the cross is to wear the crown, that to give is to receive, that the valley is the place of vision. Lord, in the daytime stars can be seen from deepest wells, and the deeper the wells the brighter thy stars shine; Let me find thy light in my darkness, thy life in my death, thy joy in my sorrow, thy grace in my sin, thy riches in my poverty thy glory in my valley.

Private Confession of Sin (Silent)

#### Promise of Forgiveness

# Colossians 2:13-15

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

## **Old Testament Reading**

# **Deuteronomy 8**

"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. 2 And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. 3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 4 Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. 5 Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. 6 So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. 7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, sa land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. 10 And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

11 "Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, 12 lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, 13 and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, 14 then your heart

be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, 15 who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, 16 who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. 17 Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' 18 You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. 19 And if you forget the Lord your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. 20 Like the nations that the Lord makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.

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

Affirmation of Faith

## 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 shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers for the Church and the World

Musical Offering

Prelude in B Major WTC Book II by Bach

Sermon Text

Luke 5:16

16 But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

Preaching of the Word

**Rev. Eric Huber** 

Into The Wilderness

Hymn of Response Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah by John Hughes

\*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

Postlude

Fugue in B Major WTC Book II

## Additional Passages on the Theme of Into The Wilderness

- 1. Mark 1:12-13: 12 The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.
- **2. Mark 1:35:** 35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.
- **3. Matthew 14:13:** 13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.
- **4.** Luke 6:12: 12 In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God.
- 5. Matthew 14:23: 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone.
- 6. Luke 22:39-41: 39 And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. 40 And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." 41 And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed.
- 7. Revelation 12:13-14: 13 And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. 14 But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.
- 8. Westminster Confession of Faith XXI Of Religious Worship and the Sabbath Day Section 6: Neither prayer, nor any other part of religious worship, is now, under the gospel, either tied unto, or made more acceptable by any place in which it is performed, or towards which it is directed: but God is to be worshiped everywhere, in spirit and truth; as, in private families daily, and in secret, each one by himself; so, more solemnly in the public assemblies, which are not carelessly or willfully to

be neglected, or forsaken, when God, by his Word or providence, calleth thereunto.

#### **Hymn Selections:**

#### 119 I Sing the Almighty Power of God

I sing th'almighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; he formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how your wonders are displayed where're I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes your glories known; and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne; while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care, and everywhere that men can be, you, God, are present there.

598 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand; Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now, the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;

Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, be Thou still my strength and shield, be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;

Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

# Announcements

# Sunday Evening Schedule for August:

Aug 23 - Evening Service Aug 30 - Evening Prayer, online

**Deacons:** The deacons want to assure you that we are available to help with the ongoing physical needs of the congregation. These are days of deep concern for all of us especially with so much uncertainty surrounding issues of health and finances. Please feel free to call or email one of the deacons with any of your concerns. Grace and Peace, Dave Hudson, Nick Kirkland, Jay Signorino, Peter Stahl, Joshua Tyson.

**Home Fellowship Groups**: These groups will continue to meet. Visit the website and search under Church Life - Home Fellowship Group section for locations and leader information.

# This Week: Christ The King Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, August 23rd

9: 00 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. Eric Huber preaching 11:00 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. Eric Huber preaching 6:00 pm – Evening Worship Service, Rev. Rick Tyson preaching

## Sunday, August 30th

9: 00 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. Eric Huber preaching 11:00 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. Eric Huber preaching 6:00 pm – Evening Prayer, online

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# **Service Times**

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