



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 13, 2026

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Preparation

Note: Please silence all cell phones and other electronic equipment.

We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

Call to Worship

God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together.

Invocation

In confidence of God's promises, we invoke his presence to help us worship with reverence and awe, in Spirit and truth.

Preparation

*"O to Grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above."*

— *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, Robert Robinson*

Welcome

Rev. Bradley Barnes

Prelude

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Jeff Woolbert

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Congregation: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters
roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

**Congregation: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice,
the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations
on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

**All: Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I
will be exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is
our fortress. —from Psalm 46**

Invocation

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Words and Music: Martin Luther

God's people sing
as an expression of
our love for God
and to remind our-
selves of our place
in God's redemptive
work.

1. A might-y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail -
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los -
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a - bid -

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 ing; our help er he a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail -
 ing; were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos -
 us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri - umph
 eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through him who with us sid -

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 ing. For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are
 ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his
 us. The prince of dark - ness grim, we trem ble not for him; his rage we can en -
 eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may

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 great; and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - - - qual.
 name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - - tle.
 dure, for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 kill; God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king dom is for - ev - - er.

All I Have Is Christ

Words: Jordan Kauflin

Music: Jordan Kauflin

1. I once was lost in dark - est night yet thought I knew the
 ran my hell - bound race, in - diff - 'rent to the
 would be yours a - lone and live so all might

way; the sin that pro - mised joy and life had led me
 cost, you looked up - on my help - less state and led me
 see, the strength to fol - low your com - mands could ne - ver

to the grave. I had no hope that you would
 to the cross; and I be - held God's love dis -
 come from me. O Fa - ther use my ran - somed

own played, a re - bel to your will, and if you
 life, you in suf - fered in my place, you bore the
 in a - ny way my you choose, and let my

had not loved me first, I would re - fuse you still.
 wrath re - served for me, now all I know is
 song for - ev - er be my on - ly boast is

2. But as I grace! Hal le - lu - jah! All I
 you.

have is Christ! Halle - lu - jah! Jesus is my life! 3. Now Lord I

Call to Confession

In God's presence,
 the evil that mars
 our lives – corporate
 and individual
 – comes to light.
 Through Jesus
 Christ, we are safe
 to be honest about
 ourselves because
 we fear no
 condemnation.

Call to Confession

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
 according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
 so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

—Psalm 51:1-4

Silent Prayer of Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

All: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.

You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. God does not despise a broken and a contrite heart. Jesus said: "Whoever comes to me I will never drive away." The Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. To those who repent and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, the absolution of sins is effected in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Congregation: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Congregation: As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Declaration of Absolution

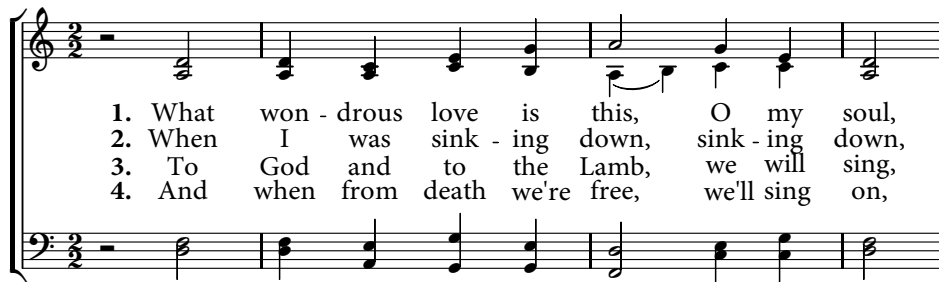
God declares through his Church that everyone who repents and believes in Jesus Christ is completely forgiven from all their sins and their guilty consciences cleansed.

Passing of the Peace

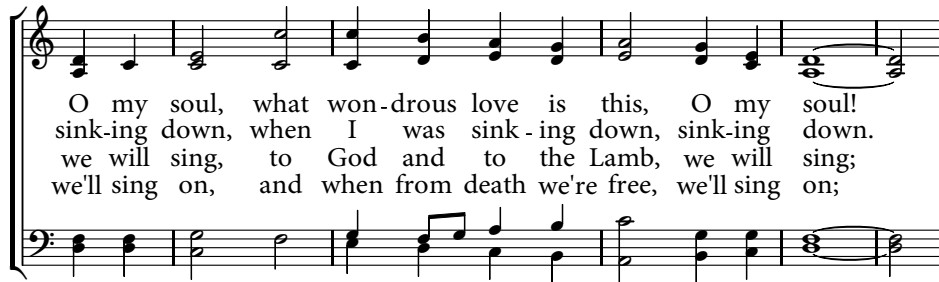
We remind each other of the peace given us in the gospel – peace first between us and God, leading to reconciled relationships with each other.

What Wondrous Love Is This

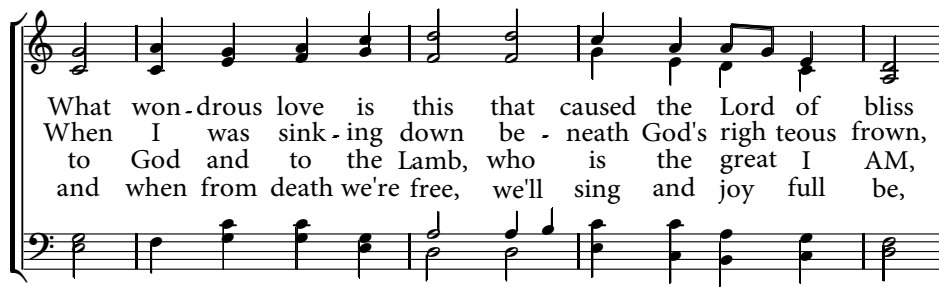
American folk hymn



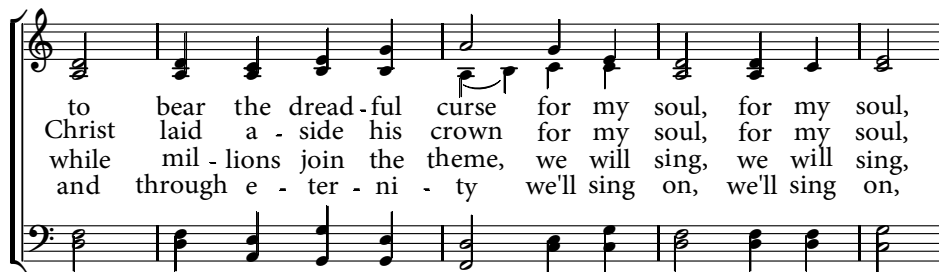
1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul,
 2. When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down,
 3. To God and to the Lamb, we will sing,
 4. And when from death we're free, we'll sing on,



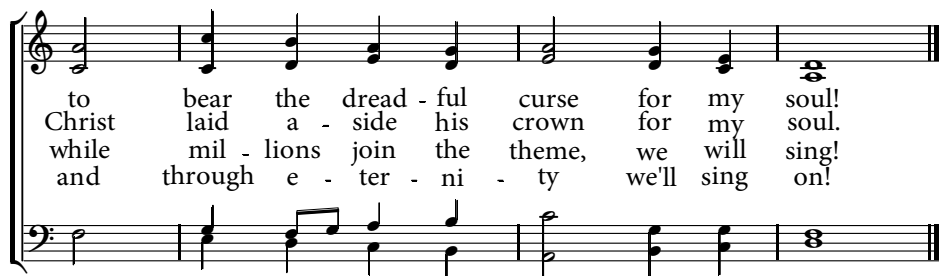
O my soul, what won-drous love is this, O my soul!
 sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down.
 we will sing, to God and to the Lamb, we will sing;
 we'll sing on, and when from death we're free, we'll sing on;



What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 When I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ teous frown,
 to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
 and when from death we're free, we'll sing and joy full be,



to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my soul,
 while mil - lions join the theme, we will sing, we will sing,
 and through e - ter - ni - ty we'll sing on, we'll sing on,



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Offertory

Offertory
We give back to God
our wealth and talents
in recognition that
they all come from
him.

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken
Music: from Louis Borgeouis's *Genevan Psalter*

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Reading from the Proverbs

Ryan Olmsted

Proverbs 6:6-15 , page 531 in the pew Bible

Dismissal of Children

Doxology
While we sing in
thankful response
for God's gifts, the
elements for the
Lord's Supper are
presented as we move
forward to hear his
Word and partake
in his sacrament.

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Words: Edward Hopper

Music: Issac Wardell and Joseph Pensak



1. Je - sus Sav - ior, pi - lot me, o - ver life's tem -
2. Though the sea be smooth and bright, spar - kling with the
3. As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush the
4. When at last I near the shore, and the fear - ful



pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me roll,
stars of night; and my ship's path be a - blaze,
o - cean wild; boist' - rous waves o - bey thy will,
break - ers roar, twixt me and the peace - ful rest,



hid - ing rock and treach' - rous shoal: chart and
with the light of hal - cyon days: still I
when Thou say'st to them "Be still!" Won - drous
then while lean - ing on Thy breast, may I



com - pass come from Thee! Sav - ior pi - lot me.
know my need of Thee! Sav - ior pi - lot me.
Sov - reign of the sea, Sav - ior pi - lot me.
hear Thee say to me: "I will pi - lot thee."



Be still, my soul,___ Be still, my



soul,___ Be still, my soul,___ Be still, my soul.____

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Scripture Reading

Tyler Holley

James 5:19-20, page 1013 in the pew Bible

Reader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Rev. Bradley Barnes

Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

Scripture Reading

We listen attentively to God's Word not simply to interpret it but in order to have our lives interpreted by it.

Pastoral Prayer

We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.

Sermon

God's Word speaks into our world still and calls us to remember the good news of Christ in every detail of our lives.

Lord's Supper

God meets us not only in hearing the Word, but also in visible, tangible form – uniting us with himself spiritually by faith in Christ.

Note: Servers come forward.

**Grape juice is available in the center of each wine tray and gluten-free bread for those who desire such. Please come up and receive the bread and the wine. After everyone is served, we will take communion together.*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation and Fencing the Table

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

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

Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: And therefore we praise you, O Lord, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator 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 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.**

— *The Apostle's Creed*

Sing With All Your Heart

Words and Music: Jacob Sooter,
Jessica Ray Langdon, Matt Maher,
and Natalie Leonhardt



1. Let the weak look to their brother, lean on a shoulder when they bind up the wounded and wash their feet.

2. Let the strong carry their neighbor, open your door, and set your table, reach out and take hold of a healing hand. Rejoice, again, I say rejoice. Sinners, strangers, we're welcomed in. Lift up your hands, lift up your voice. Sing with all your heart, He calls you friend. Sing with all your heart, He calls you friend. Make us one, hold us together. Make us one. (repeat 3x, then to chorus)

Benediction

Benediction
We depart with this
good word of God's
calling upon our
lives in the world.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck immediately following the service.

Weekly:

- **In-Person Prayer** on Wednesday mornings from **6:00-8:00 AM** in the chapter room.
Prayer requests can be sent in advance to hello@ctknewton.org

Announcements:

- **Join us for our first potluck today!** Adult Ed and Sunday School started back up this Sunday. Our first potluck of the fall is today, immediately following the worship service!
- **Women's Bible Study** is back with a 12-week study of Genesis beginning Wednesday, September 16th at 10am and 7pm. Both groups will be meeting this fall in the fellowship hall at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Please let the women's ministry team know what your plans are for the fall and whether or not you are planning to participate. Reach out to Beth Olmsted with any questions.
- This fall **Men's Bible Study** will be reading the book of Hebrews together on Thursday evenings at Bradley Barnes' home. The first meeting will be Thursday, September 17th from 7:30 - 9:30pm. Please reach out to Ryan Olmsted, Tyler Holley or Bradley Barnes with any questions.
- We are looking for up to 2 people to **provide childcare** during the women's Wednesday morning bible study. This is a paid opportunity that will begin in mid-September and go through May 2027. Offering childcare is a crucial way for us to serve women with young children and enable them to attend a regular bible study group. If you know anyone who might be interested, please reach out to Beth Olmsted (elisabeth.olmsted@gmail.com).
- One of the simplest and most meaningful ways to **support our college ministry** is by providing rides to students so they can worship with us on Sundays. If you're willing to serve a few times each semester, we'd love for you to sign up using the form in this week's enewsletter.
- If anyone is interested in participating in **music ministry** this fall, please reach out to Amanda Holley.
- Consider **volunteering with FriendshipWorks**, a local non profit aiming to end elder isolation. They offer 3 main services in the Greater Boston area: Friendly Visitors, Medical Escorts and Friendly Helping (limited to Newton). Please contact Monica Tsaniklides (zhna06@gmail.com) or Ryan Olmsted (ryan.c.olmsted@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Reading and Praying the Proverbs

Proverbs 6:6-15

- Pray for diligence, honesty, and integrity in your work.
- Pray for the Barczis, the Perkins, Bryan Thomason, the Tulls, and the Perkins.

Children on Sundays:

- **Nursery care** is available below the sanctuary for infants through 3 years old.
- **Nursing mothers** room can be found in the chapter room. Audio feed of the service is available.
- **Children's Church** is offered every week during the sermon portion of the worship service. Two classes are offered for ages 2-10 year olds.

Please note: Children of all ages are welcome in the worship service at all times.

Nursery Volunteers:

	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/4
Adult 1	Athena Petrides	Despina Kouris	Chrissy Lazarides	John Buchanan
Adult 2	Leslie Harlan	Rachel Thrasher	Maggie Collins	Lindsay Hardy
Youth	Madelyn Holley	Clara Holley	Demetri T	Claire Hardy

Children's Church Volunteers:

	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/4
Teacher (2-4)	Catherine Perkins	Ryan Olmsted	Meda Barnes	Sherri Kottmann
Assistant (2-4)	Sara Bissell	Ricky Hardy	Monica Tsaniklides	Nathan Dicks
Teacher (5-10)	Dave Brignall	Dan Allred	Bill Levin	Stephanie Allred
Assistant (5-10)		Bradley Barnes		Gracie Myers
Youth	Jack Kottmann	Naomi Hardy	Maysel Woolbert	Pete kottmann

Financials: Giving through August 31, 2026 (2 months)

FY Actual: \$62,560	FY Budget: \$71,904	Difference: \$-9,344 (Deficit)
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Deacons' Fund: Summary (July)

Available Funds: \$7,627	Monthly Giving: \$1,429
Disbursements: \$1,500	Disbursements (YTD): \$5,998

One Church, One Verse, One Month

Join in memorizing the CTKCN Bible verses for the month of September.

"There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers."

Proverbs 6:16-19

Children's Sermon Worksheet:

Sermon Sucker Challenge!

Here's the deal—each week if you can write down the main points of the sermon and one illustration that you remembered/liked, you'll get a blow-pop! Just come show Nathan Barczy or Bradley after the service. We know it's not always easy listening to sermons, so...there's no age limit on this challenge. (By the way, drawings will always count for extra credit!) Our hope is for you to start to experience God's renewing grace at work in your lives as we all sit under the preaching of his Word. As Nathan often says, "To understand God's Word, we need to be willing to stand under it." And really, isn't it easier to stand with a blow-pop? Work Hard. You can do this. See you after the service.

Those who wander:

Those who seek:

Weekly Memory Verse

Matthew 28:19–20

Therefore go and
make disciples of all
nations, baptizing
them in the name of
the Father and of
the Son and of the
Holy Spirit, teaching
them to observe all
that I have
commanded you.

Welcome:

Welcome to Christ the King Church Newton. It is our deep desire that you have been able to worship God this afternoon. 'CTK' is a member church of the Southern New England Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America. We share our name with several other congregations around Boston area, the majority of whom started with the help and support of Christ the King Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, MA. To learn more about CTK please visit our website, www.cknewton.org. To contact our lead pastor, Bradley Barnes, email bradleybarnes@cknewton.org or feel free to call him: 617-233-1332. To contact pastor Nathan Barczi, email nathan.barczi@cknewton.org. To donate to CTKN, please use the QR code below:



Please tear-off and place in offering plate

Visitor Information

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Phone(s): _____

Email(s) _____

I would like to be included in the church directory: ☐ Yes ☐ Not at this time

I have an interest in these ministries: (e.g. children, missions, mercy ministries, etc.):

Suggested prayer: God, the Bible says that you open the eyes of hearts; would you please make yourself known to me? The Bible says you give faith; would you please give me faith to believe who you are, and confidence in your love for me, as made known through your son Jesus Christ? The Bible says your kindness leads to repentance; if I am to repent of sins, please make them known to me, and give me the words with which to come to you. The Bible says that you are faithful to forgive because of Jesus; would you please give me the freedom of forgiveness? And God, the Bible says that you finish all you start; would you please keep working in my life for your glory? Amen.

If you would like to talk about becoming a Christian or joining the church, please connect with Bradley, as directed above.

Prayer Requests:
