



Christ the King
Presbyterian Church

walking the ancient paths together

*So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love,
any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete
my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full
accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.
- Philippians 2:1-3*

*Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no
one will see the Lord.
-Hebrews 12:14*

March 26, 2023
Morning Worship Service

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

Morning Worship Service (10:30 am)

Welcome and Announcements

If you are a visitor with us this morning, we warmly welcome you to this worship service of Christ the King Presbyterian Church. Please take a moment to fill out a welcome card located in the back of the sanctuary.

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

**²Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

**³Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,**

**⁴to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

**⁵There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.**

**⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
"May they be secure who love you!**

**⁷Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!"**

**⁸For my brothers and companions' sake
I will say, "Peace be within you!"**

**⁹For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.**

*Praise to Our Triune God

The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Amen.**

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 111

This Is My Father's World

Confession of Sin

Lord God, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are ashamed and embarrassed to come before you. For we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways. We have rebelled against your wisdom and have invited trouble. We have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. Incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us as we pour out our sorrows to you. Forgive us, not because of our own righteousness, but because of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin (Silent)

Promise of Forgiveness

1 John 1:8-10

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

New Testament Reading

Acts 20:17-32
(Page 929 in blue Bible)

¹⁷ Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course

and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn # 94**

How Firm a Foundation

***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.

Prayer for the Church and the World

The Collection

Sermon Text

2 Samuel 19:41-20:26
(Page 272 in blue Bible)

⁴¹ Then all the men of Israel came to the king and said to the king, "Why have our brothers the men of Judah stolen you away and brought the king and his household over the Jordan, and all David's men with him?" ⁴² All the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, "Because the king is our close relative. Why then are you angry over this matter? Have we eaten at all at the king's expense? Or has he given us any gift?" ⁴³ And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, "We have ten shares in the king, and in David also we have more than you. Why then did you despise us? Were we not the first to speak of bringing back our king?" But the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

²⁰ Now there happened to be there a worthless man, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjaminite. And he blew the trumpet and said,

"We have no portion in David,
and we have no inheritance in the son of Jesse;
every man to his tents, O Israel!"

² So all the men of Israel withdrew from David and followed Sheba the son of Bichri. But the men of Judah followed their king steadfastly from the Jordan to Jerusalem.

³ And David came to his house at Jerusalem. And the king took the ten concubines whom he had left to care for the house and put them in a house under guard and provided for them, but did not go in to them. So they were shut up until the day of their death, living as if in widowhood.

⁴ Then the king said to Amasa, "Call the men of Judah together to me within three days, and be here yourself." ⁵ So Amasa went to summon Judah, but he delayed beyond the set time that had been appointed him. ⁶ And David said to Abishai, "Now Sheba the son of Bichri will do us more harm than Absalom. Take your lord's servants and pursue him, lest he get himself to fortified cities and escape from us." ⁷ And there went out after him Joab's men and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men. They went out from Jerusalem to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri. ⁸ When they were at the great stone that is in Gibeon, Amasa came to meet them. Now Joab was wearing a soldier's garment, and over it was a belt with a sword in its sheath fastened on his thigh, and as he went forward it fell out. ⁹ And Joab said to Amasa, "Is it well with you, my brother?" And Joab took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to kiss him. ¹⁰ But Amasa did not observe the sword that

was in Joab's hand. So Joab struck him with it in the stomach and spilled his entrails to the ground without striking a second blow, and he died.

Then Joab and Abishai his brother pursued Sheba the son of Bichri. ¹¹ And one of Joab's young men took his stand by Amasa and said, "Whoever favors Joab, and whoever is for David, let him follow Joab." ¹² And Amasa lay wallowing in his blood in the highway. And anyone who came by, seeing him, stopped. And when the man saw that all the people stopped, he carried Amasa out of the highway into the field and threw a garment over him. ¹³ When he was taken out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

¹⁴ And Sheba passed through all the tribes of Israel to Abel of Beth-maacah, and all the Bichrites assembled and followed him in. ¹⁵ And all the men who were with Joab came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maacah. They cast up a mound against the city, and it stood against the rampart, and they were battering the wall to throw it down. ¹⁶ Then a wise woman called from the city, "Listen! Listen! Tell Joab, 'Come here, that I may speak to you.'" ¹⁷ And he came near her, and the woman said, "Are you Joab?" He answered, "I am." Then she said to him, "Listen to the words of your servant." And he answered, "I am listening." ¹⁸ Then she said, "They used to say in former times, 'Let them but ask counsel at Abel,' and so they settled a matter. ¹⁹ I am one of those who are peaceable and faithful in Israel. You seek to destroy a city that is a mother in Israel. Why will you swallow up the heritage of the Lord?" ²⁰ Joab answered, "Far be it from me, far be it, that I should swallow up or destroy! ²¹ That is not true. But a man of the hill country of Ephraim, called Sheba the son of Bichri, has lifted up his hand against King David. Give up him alone, and I will withdraw from the city." And the woman said to Joab, "Behold, his head shall be thrown to you over the wall." ²² Then the woman went to all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri and threw it out to Joab. So he blew the trumpet, and they dispersed from the city, every man to his home. And Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king.

²³ Now Joab was in command of all the army of Israel; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was in command of the Cherethites and the Pelethites; ²⁴ and Adoram was in charge of the forced labor; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder; ²⁵ and Sheva was secretary; and Zadok and Abiathar were priests; ²⁶ and Ira the Jairite was also David's priest.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Eric Huber

Rebellion (again!)

***Hymn # 338**

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

***Benediction**

Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Postlude**

Announcements

Assisting in worship this morning: Mr. John Erickson

Easter Weekend Schedule:

Friday, April 7th at 6:00 pm – Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 9th at 10:30 am – Morning Worship Service

-There will be no Sunday School or Evening Service

The Conshohocken Arts Festival and Car Show will be held June 3 from 11-4. For the past several years CTK has participated with an Open House and Art Show. This year we are looking for artists, photographers, crafters, and hosts. Don't be shy- we need you! If you'd like to exhibit or be otherwise involved, please contact Dana McGahey.

Home Fellowship Groups: Fellowship groups meet in homes throughout the area. These groups provide a great way to connect with neighbors and friends, to grow in our common faith, and to pray for and disciple one another. We have five home fellowship groups that meet at homes in the surrounding neighborhoods:

Helfand's Home - Bridgeport

Mahurin's Home - East Norriton

Kirkland's Home - East Norriton

Newman's Home - Wayne

Erickson's Home - King of Prussia / Valley Forge

Edwards's Home - Glenside

On Wednesday April 5 AlphaCare Crisis Pregnancy Center will join our regular Wednesday evening time of fellowship and prayer. The deacons are exploring ways that our church body can partner with and support this valuable ministry. AlphaCare will provide an informational presentation on their work, discuss ideas on how we might support them, and join us in praying for their ministry. AlphaCare empowers pregnant women by providing health and social services while serving as a bridge to community resources.

This Week: Christ the King Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 26th

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. Eric Huber preaching

12:00 pm – Children's Music Classes

6:00 pm – Evening Worship Service, Dr. Mark Garcia preaching

Saturday, April 1st

9:00 am - 4pm Women's Spring Retreat

Sunday, April 2nd

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. Eric Huber preaching

-*Lord's Supper*

12:00 pm – Potluck Lunch

6:00 pm – Evening Worship Service, Rev. Rick Tyson preaching

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