

# Christ Church United Methodist

April 7, 2024

(in - person) 9:00 am  
(live-streamed & in - person) 11:15 am

## Communion Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

*Fantasia on an American Hymn Tune*  
Ben Blosser and Daniel Blosser, piano

Daniel Blosser

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Melissa Head

Leader: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

**People: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!**

Leader: Walk in the light of his love.

**People: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death

**All: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Hymn 139  
st. 1, 3, 4, 5

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy life and restore thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,  
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.  
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,  
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

\*INVITATION

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live  
in peace with one another.

Therefore let us confess our sin before God and one another.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

People: Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Let us all pray silently and confess our sins to God.  
(All pray in silence)

#### \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Now hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.  
That proves God's love for us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

#### OFFERING

#### OFFERING MUSIC

‡ 9:00

*True Light*

Keith Hampton

Jessica Vanover, Lindy Ebbs, Daniel Blosser,  
Nick Peak, and Michael Kicklighter

◇ 11:15

*This Little Light of Mine*

Moses Hogan

Chancel Choir  
Portia Odette, solo

#### \*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 95

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.

#### \*SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 5:13-16*

#### SERMON

*All Call - Light*

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

\*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (turn to page 24 in the hymnal)

#### 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit* arr. Don Wyrzten  
Sarah Patton, piano

*All Creatures of our God and King* arr. Eric Rupel  
Eric Rupel, voice and guitar

*This Is My Father's World* arr. Phillip Keveren  
Eva Rouse, cello

*Nothing Can Trouble* Taizé

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting. Nothing can trouble,  
nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

## \*CLOSING HYMN

*Gather Us In* FWS 2236

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in the rich and the haughty, gather us in the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion, Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of building confining, not in some heaven, light years away,  
but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## SENDING FORTH

## POSTLUDE

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*  
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. David Cherwien

‡ Matthew Vanover, piano

◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

\*\**Announcements are located on the following pages*

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## THIS MORNING

The flowers on the altar are given by Jaime and Jeff Reynolds in honor of our children, Alexander Jeffrey Reynolds and Suzanne Kathryn Reynolds. They are the lights of our lives.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christian sympathy is extended to Sue Lathrop on the death of her husband, Jim Lathrop, who died March 27.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP SERVICES

**Special Service for the Homebound** | April 17 at 11:30 am | Sanctuary

Family and friends, please bring your loved ones to a special worship service intended **for those who find it difficult to attend Sunday morning worship**. The service will offer Communion, followed by brunch in Fellowship Hall with CCUM staff and the SAM team. Please RSVP to [melissa@ccum.net](mailto:melissa@ccum.net) by Friday, April 12.

**Note for Sunday, April 28** | The 9 am service will be in the Chapel. During the 11:15 am Sanctuary service, the PSALM Kids will share their musical!

### BIBLE STUDY

**How to Study the Bible** | Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:45 am | April 9, 16, 23 | Room 251 “*Open my eyes so I can examine the wonders of your Instruction!*” Psalm 119:18 CEB If you’ve ever wanted to study the Bible on your own, but weren’t sure how or where to start, join Deborah Fillebrown for an **eye-opening 3-week class** that will provide the tools and direction you need to dig in with confidence! Please register at [ccum.net/classes](http://ccum.net/classes).

### COLLECTIONS

During the **month of April**, the **Outreach & Justice Team** is collecting new twin-sized sheet sets for The Healing Place campuses. Neutral colors are preferred. A collection bin is located in the Gathering Hall through Sunday, April 28.

## YOUTH/CHILDREN

**Senior Blessing Sunday** | April 14, 9 and 11:15 am worship services

Senior year is a special time of endings and beginnings, and **your Christ Church family wants to recognize and celebrate** this important milestone event with you. We will be recognizing our High School Seniors and their parents with a special blessing during both services. If you'd like to participate in this blessing, the deadline to sign-up at [ccum.net/youth](http://ccum.net/youth) is **TODAY!**

**VBS 2024: "Wake up, Samuel!"** #Godiscalling | July 8 - 11 | 9 am - 12 pm

Meet the young boy, Samuel, this summer as he is called by God and helps us learn how to HEAR God. **Registration is now open for children, ages 3 & 1/2 years through 5th grade, as well as for volunteers.** Sign up at [ccum.net/vbs](http://ccum.net/vbs).

## MEN

**Men's Breakfast** | Saturday, April 13 | 8 am | Fellowship Hall - Men of all ages are invited to join us monthly for breakfast, fellowship and a guest speaker. This month we'll hear from **Rev. Amy Chapman, Associate Pastor** for Welcome and Families. Come and bring a friend!

## WOMEN

**Women's Ministry Spring Gathering** |

Tuesday, May 7 | 6:30-8:30 pm or Saturday, May 11 | 10 am - 12 pm | Youth Center Meet us in the Youth Center for coffee, cookies, and meaningful conversation. We'll learn how to create a Timeline of our lives, with all the highs and lows, then share our journeys with a small, trustworthy group of women. Together, we'll discover how we can support and encourage one another, practically and spiritually, and have fun in the process! Gather to Share is free. Register at [ccum.net/women](http://ccum.net/women) through May 5.

**Booked For Lunch** is a monthly book club for women of all ages who believe novels provide a powerful avenue for thinking more deeply about God and the world. We meet monthly in **Room 156 at 12 pm**—bring a lunch, if you wish, and join us! The next meeting is **Thursday, April 11** discussing *The Sweet Taste of Muscadines* by Pamela Terry. Learn more at [ccum.net/women](http://ccum.net/women).

## ACTIVITIES

**You Are Beloved Art Exhibit** | April 7 - 21 | Memorial Hall

This art exhibit features original art, including photographs, poetry, drawings and paintings that fits the exhibit theme *You Are Beloved*. You'll find the display in our Memorial Hall whenever the building is open. The exhibit is sponsored by Sacred Worth (LGBTQIA friends and allies).

**Friday Fun Night!** | April 12, 5:30 pm

Men's Ministry is hosting a Friday night of fun and everyone is invited - singles, couples, families and grandparents! A pasta dinner (gluten free pasta available) will be served in Fellowship Hall from 5:30 - 7 pm, then we'll head downstairs for games and activities for all ages. Please sign up at [ccum.net/fun](http://ccum.net/fun).

**CCUM Golf Group** The group plays on Mondays, May through mid-September, 18 rounds at 9 different courses. **Men and women are welcome.** For more details please contact Fred McWhorter, [Famcwho@aol.com](mailto:Famcwho@aol.com), (502) 548-2610

**Drop in** this **Saturday, April 13** for a special **Community Art Making Workshop** with A.W.E. (Art | Wonder | Experience) and Sacred Worth.

10 am – 12 pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring a project you're working on or learn how to make a dove for our Pentecost Community Art Project. Collage materials will also be available.

**SAM Outing** | Wednesday, April 24 | 10:30 am - 2 pm The iconic **Louisville Water Tower** is a National Historic Landmark and the nation's oldest standing ornamental water tower. Our **walking tour** includes the **WaterWorks Museum** inside Louisville Water's original Pumping Station No. 1, which houses historic photographs, films, and memorabilia dating back to 1860, plus we'll explore a giant steam engine. Then we're off to **Captain's Quarters** on River Road for a delightful **buffet lunch**. **Register** at [ccum.net/SAM](http://ccum.net/SAM) by **April 17** at 12 pm.

**Called to Write: A Monthly Workshop** | Third Thursdays beginning April 18 | 6:30 - 8 pm | Whether you're interested in writing fiction or nonfiction, memoirs or devotions, short stories or children's books, blog posts or articles, poetry or journals, author Liz Curtis Higgs and other professional writers will offer useful, step-by-step instruction, followed by an opportunity to put those ideas into practice, and a chance to share your writing with the group for feedback and encouragement. Join us as we take the next steps together! Register at [ccum.net/write](http://ccum.net/write).