

Christ Church United Methodist

April 21, 2024

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

Confirmation Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley

PRELUDE

Synergy
High School Handbells

Kevin McChesney

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Allen, Lay Leader

Sung Response: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

The Church's One Foundation

Hymn 545
st. 1, 2, 3, 5

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Affirmation of Faith has been written by the 2024 Confirmation Class. They will read it in unison.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

Hymn 163

This is that great thing I know; this delights and stirs me so:
faith in him who died to save, him who triumphed o'er the grave:
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

CALL TO PRAYER

The Gift of Love

Hymn 408

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Written by Rev. Erin Counihan

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.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

◇ 9:00

Ascribe to the Lord
One Voice

Rosephanye Powell

‡ 11:15

The Meditations of My Heart
Chancel Choir

Elaine Hagenberg

*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

John 13:31-34

(9:00) John Brunner
(11:15) Todd Goodwin

SERMON

Choosing Light

Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley

BLESSING

CONFIRMATION (11:15)

Parents, family members, Confirmation leaders and friends of each confirmand are invited to stand when their student kneels for prayer. Following each confirmation prayer, the congregation is invited to respond by saying "AMEN!"

Confirmands

Sidney Kathryn Alexander
Caroline Cash Armstrong
Helena Barbara Barghout
Benjamin Christian Blosser
Joanna Morgan Bodart
Logan Gregory Callahan

Max Jameson Cook
Molly Kate Cook
Riley Maria Cravens
Lucille Ann Dohn
Molly Paige Johnston
John Trent Lucas
Emaline Anna Myers
Lily Grace Pennell
Gabriel Alexander Porter
Suzanne Kathryn Reynolds

Bennett Kathryn Sanderson
Abenet Jayvyn Satterly
Emery Clare Schuster
Sophia Alexis Tzanetos
Anna Violet Weisenbarger
Jack Henry Williams

Parents

Katie and Craig Alexander
Sarah and Steve Armstrong
Nadine Barghout
Susan and Daniel Blosser
Anna and Darren Bodart
Sarah Hartsough Callahan
Wyman Marshall

Brittany and Dustin Cook
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Trevor and Analese Cravens
Megan and Eddie Dohn
Heidi and Bryon Johnston
Valerie and Brandon Lucas
Jessica and John Myers
Heather and Aaron Pennell
Melissa and Mike Porter
Jaime and Jeff Reynolds

Katie and John David Sanderson
Sharon and Eric Satterly
Cortena and Jeff Schuster
Deanna and Doug Tzanetos
Amy and Seth Weisenbarger
Toni and Mike Williams

Grandparents*

David Lusk

Susie Comstock
Craig and Mary Anne Reynolds

*Indicates grandparents who are members of Christ Church

*CLOSING HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians

FWS 2223

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.**

**Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.**

**We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.**

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Tocatta from Suite Gothique
Matthew Vanover, organ

Leon Boellmann

◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Kathy Kicklighter, piano

‡ Matthew Vanover, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

This Morning

The rose banner honors the birth of Amelia Ann Becht, born April 12. She is the daughter of Gracie and Nathan Becht and little sister to Barrett and Catherine.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Dale and Vicki Salyers in memory of their beloved son, Jason Salyers.

The Confirmands wish to thank Debbie Yackey for making their beautiful Confirmation banner.

Our Church Family

Christian sympathy is extended to Marsha Priddy on the death of her husband, Dewayne Priddy who died April 13. Christian sympathy is also extended to daughter, Jenny (Stephen) Jackson and grandchildren, Ben and Henry.

Christian sympathy is extended to Susan Samuelson Grech on the death of her mother, Alice Samuelson, who died January 28.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SERVICES

Note for Sunday, April 28

The **9 am** worship service will be held in the **Chapel** and Sunday morning classes will take place as usual at 10 am. Then at **11:15 am**, all are welcome to join us in the Sanctuary for the **PSALM Kids Spring Musical, *The Rockslinger and His Greatest Hit***, a retelling of the David and Goliath story!

ADULTS

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, (502) 548-2610

WoW: Walk on Wednesday with SAM

Beginning May 1 | 12 pm | 30 minutes | Meet under Portico

Put on your walking shoes and let's walk together! Senior adults are welcome to join us on a **30-minute walk** around our CCUM neighborhood. If it's raining, we'll walk inside the church building. No registration required for **WoW**, just a simple release form to sign. Since leashes can be a safety hazard, we ask that all pets be left at home. Contact liz@ccum.net with any questions.

Our **Sacred Worth Group** (A ministry for our LGBTQIA members and allies) will meet today to celebrate and then help take down the *Beloved* Art Exhibit. Gather at the art exhibit at 12:30 pm.

Vendors wanted! Join us for the inaugural summer **Twilight Market** featuring farmers, artists, live music, food, and activities! Registration and more information at ccum.net/vendor.

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

Spring Flower Fundraiser, organized by the Youth at Christ Church! Choose from a **wide selection of beautiful plants to support our mission trip** and **add a splash of color** to your home or garden this spring! Orders will arrive at church the week of May 6-12, and our dedicated team will ensure they reach your doorstep promptly. Order forms are available at the front desk or online at ccum.net/youth, and must be submitted with payment by April 28. Please contact Mike Porter at 502-671-9146 or mike@ccum.net, with questions. **Let's make this fundraiser flourish together!**

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 at capacity for PreK's and K's - but there are **still spots left for 1st - 5th graders, as well as for volunteers**. Sign up at ccum.net/vbs.

WOMEN

Women's Ministry Spring Gathering: Gather to Share | Saturday, May 11 | 10 am - 12 pm | Youth Center
Sisters, we are **moving our gatherings back to Saturday morning** and back to the Youth Center! Join us for coffee, cookies, and meaningful conversation, as Trudy Wheeler, creator of our Sterling Service Tea Ministry and former President of the Woman's Club of Louisville, shares her spiritual journey, showing us how we can **create our own spiritual timelines**. Bring your mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts and friends for a free, fun morning! Register at ccum.net/women through May 9.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Christ Church United Methodist is **seeking a Music Associate for Handbells** to help facilitate the church's mission of *becoming living proof of God's love, one person at a time*. This position will conduct 2-3 handbell ensembles and **provide leadership and visioning** to the handbell ministry of Christ Church, equipping ringers to contribute to the worship experience and empowering them to become lay ministers in the community. Visit ccum.net/jobs for more information and to apply.

General Conference Information

April 23 – May 3 | Charlotte, NC

For up-to-date information about all things General Conference,
visit our website or ccum.net/umcgc.

General Conference Pastoral Gatherings at CCUM | Fellowship Hall

Pre-General Conference | Tonight, April 21 | 4 - 5 pm

Post-General Conference | Sunday, May 5 | 4 - 5 pm

At these gatherings, we will receive news about important topics being addressed and voted on at General Conference (April 23 – May 3) and what these things mean for us at Christ Church. No registration necessary.

Prayer for General Conference by CCUM member Rev. Karen Kidd Lovett

Holy God of Grace,

we confess that grace is a word that falls so easily from our lips but sometimes is difficult to put into practice.

Strengthen us during this time of General Conference as we truly want to show grace to one another.

We pray specifically for those who will attend the General Conference.

Many are going there wounded, broken and hurt.

We pray for your guidance for those who will be about the business of the church
and who may arrive with bruised egos and battered spirits.

Some come to the gathering with dread, and others with the anticipation of success for a cause they believe
heartily in. But no matter the attitude, we know in our very souls that we are a broken connection.

Many of us feel as fragile as a bird's wing, tattered and easily broken.

And Lord, so many have been broken and wounded during these days of
infighting and exchanging hateful words. Forgive us.

Forgive us our desperate clinging to the belief that we know what is completely right.

Forgive us our willfulness and arrogance.

We stand, knowing we should be on our knees.

We preen, when we should be humble.

We gloat, when we should be begging for a clearer understanding of one another.

Forgive us our pridefulness and unwillingness to even consider the viewpoint of others.

We pray for mercy and for wisdom.

Grant us your guidance and your peace so that we may be about your business of
spreading healing, love, peace and mercy to all of your people. Amen.