

Christ Church United Methodist

August 4, 2024

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

Communion Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Jesus Paid It All
Carillon Ringers
Donna Vaughn, conductor

Jason Krug

INVOCATION

Rev. Mike Porter

*HYMN OF PRAISE

For the Beauty of the Earth

Hymn 92; st. 1, 4-6

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)

For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love; (Refrain)

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven: (Refrain)

*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

I Am the Bread of Life

René Clausen

◇Erin Cornett, 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**

John 6:24-35

SERMON

Bread of Life

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

***SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION** *(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

Going Home
Sarah Patton, piano

arr. Michael Fischer

Holy, Holy, Holy
Eric Ruppel, soloist

arr. Eric Ruppel

Cantabile from Sonata in G Major
Suzie Kinman, flute

G.P. Telemann

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful
In the Lord I'll be ever thankful. In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

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PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

I Come with Joy

Hymn 617; st. 1-3, 5

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise,
we'll live and speak his praise.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Postlude
Matthew Vanover, organ

Alexandre Guilmant

◇ Matthew Vanover, organ

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

This Morning

The sunflowers displayed in the Chancel area and Gathering Hall today have been given by Joyce and Matt Hargan to celebrate their 18th wedding anniversary.

Our Church Family

Christian sympathy is extended to Gary Schooler on the death of his brother, Larry Schooler, who died July 20.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Jennifer Daily, who died July 27. Jennifer and her parents Matt and Linda were active members of Christ Church until their move to Kansas in 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendars for our first **New Member gathering** on **Sunday, August 11 at 10:15am** in the Café on the 2nd floor. If you would like to learn more about our membership process at Christ Church, please plan to join Pastor Amy. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

Today we are pleased to welcome **Mark Benz** to the **music staff!** Mark will be working part-time at Christ Church, and he will be directing the Chapel Choir, Jubilate Ringers, and Celebration Ringers beginning this month. Mark is also the choir director at Kammerer Middle School, and he and his wife Ashley have five children. The music ministry is thrilled to have Mark on staff. Please **join us in welcoming** Mark and his family by stopping by the **Gathering Hall** for our **Handbell Exploration!** Ring a handbell or try out a chime and say hello! Everyone is welcome to come and make a joyful noise.

NEW NUMBER! REACH ON-CALL PASTORS | (502) 893-7774

Call or text (502) 893-7774 to connect with a pastor in case of a pastoral emergency (like at emergency room, admitted to the hospital, scheduled for surgery, actively dying, a recent death, suicidal, active family conflict, a move from or to a rehab or nursing facility or some other crisis). A pastor will answer, or you can leave a message and a pastor will return your call shortly. Out of respect, please do not use any individual staff cell phone numbers, no matter how well you know them, so they can truly be off when they are off. All of our pastors care greatly about the congregation members and want to offer care when you need us. Please help us by adding this number to your phone contacts!

FELLOWSHIP

Men's Ministry is hosting a **Friday Fun Night** on **August 2** and **everyone is invited** - singles, couples, families and grandparents! Dinner will be served from 5:30 - 7 pm in Fellowship Hall, then we'll head downstairs for games and activities for all ages. Register at ccum.net/fun.

SAVE THE DATE for the annual fall tradition of BLESSING SUNDAY, **August 18**.

On that date we will:

- All worship together in **one service** at 11:15 am
- **Bless our children and youth** as they celebrate milestones
- Enjoy a **POTLUCK** after the 11:15 am service

Sunday School/Faith Formation hour will proceed as normal.

POTLUCK DETAILS

The church will provide a main dish (BBQ) and drinks. We ask **last names of A-M to bring a salad or dessert** and **N-Z to bring a side dish**. Keep in mind:

- Consider bringing your food in a dish you don't need back.
- Consider bringing something that will not need to be reheated.

Please register for the potluck at ccum.net/potluck. If you would like to volunteer to help, contact help@ccum.net.

YOUTH/CHILDREN

Blessing Sunday: Celebrating Milestones | Sunday, August 18 | 11:15 am service

We are delighted to kick-off the new school year by celebrating three important milestones in faith formation!

- **Kindergarten Blessing:** welcome them into worship and invite them to begin leaving the service early to learn more about God's love in Children's Worship
- **3rd Grade Bible Presentation:** present them with their own Bible and invite them to begin experiencing the entire worship service with the congregation.
- **6th Grade Blessing:** bless our students as they transition from Children's Ministry into Youth Ministry.

Please **register by Tuesday, August 6** to participate! There will be a **required rehearsal** on Sunday, August 18 at 9 am for Kindergartners and 3rd graders and 9:30 am for 6th graders. (Siblings are welcome.) For more information and to register please visit ccum.net/children.

PSALM Kids Registration is Here!

Parents, registration is now open for PSALM Kids, our **Children's Music Program** here at Christ Church. Kids in **grades Pre-K through 5th grade** experience God's love and develop musical and other skills through singing, ringing, games, activities and leading in worship. They meet weekly on **Wednesdays from 6 - 7:15 pm, beginning August 21**. Register at ccum.net/psalmkids.

Youth Music Registration is now open!

Sign up to join Laudate, our **Middle School Choir** or One Voice, our **High School Choir**, or ring **Handbells**. No prior music experience is necessary, just come with an open heart and ready to have fun! Register at ccum.net/youthmusic. Join us for Youth Music Opening Night on Sunday, August 18 at 5 pm!

SERVE

Join the **Petal Pushers!** The Petal Pushers Ministry **creates new arrangements** from our donated altar flowers and **shares them** with homebound members and others in need of cheering. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this important ministry, please call or stop by the front desk and leave your contact information.

Save the Date! **Christ Church Cares Day, Saturday, September 21**. Please mark your calendars as we prepare to spend the day serving our neighbors at multiple sites across our city. If you are **interested in participating**, please sign up at ccum.net/caresdayinterest to be notified when registration opens.

SENIOR ADULTS

Summer SAM Adventure | Wednesday, August 21 | 6:00 pm | \$12

Meet at **Louisville Slugger Field** for classic ballpark food and great seats to watch the Louisville Bats play the Gwinnett Strippers, then seniors are invited onto the field to **walk the bases**. Have fun with friends and get in some steps! Register by August 14 at ccum.net/SAM.

Mark your calendar: Senior Adult Ministry has a full season of **luncheons** and **outings** planned for Fall 2024! On **September 9**, author and pastor **Ron Higdon** will assure us, "*Aging Is Not Optional – How We Handle It Is*," followed by a fabulous box lunch from **Gracious Plenty**. On **September 25**, we'll ride the bus to historic **Riverside**, the Farnsley-Moremeyn Landing, for a guided tour, then enjoy lunch at **Mike Linnig's** restaurant, celebrating 100 years of serving delicious seafood. Lots more in store in 2024!

WOMEN

Women's Ministry Event: Gather to Seek | Saturday, August 24 | 10 am – 12 pm | Youth Center

Whether we're **seeking** God's strength or **searching** for answers, **prayer** is the proven pathway to take us where we long to be: **in God's holy presence**. Join us for coffee, conversation, and connection, as we consider several creative ways to pray, knowing God listens, cares, and responds. Register at ccum.net/gather-2024.

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. Bring a lunch, if you like, and join us **Thursday, August 8 in Room 156 at 12 pm** to discuss *Under the Tulip Tree* by Michelle Shocklee.

NOTEWORTHY

Ault Study -Disciple II

Join Steve Keene this fall for *Disciple II: Into the Word, Into the World*, an immersive and much-loved Bible study series. The first half, a deep dive into Genesis and Exodus, **begins August 8** and ends November 21, meeting every Thursday from 11 am - 1 pm in Room 260. Register at ccum.net/classes.

Chair Yoga Classes!

Join Christ Church's own Steph Horne for a summer long chair-based yoga, **Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall at**

10 am. Chair yoga is an energetic, yet gentle style of yoga that is practiced sitting on a chair or using a chair for support, focusing on breath and movement coordination. It **aims to improve strength, flexibility, and balance**, while also enhancing mindfulness and relaxation. This practice is **accessible to individuals of all levels**, with adjustments and alternative poses provided to suit varying levels of expertise. Steph is a certified RYT 200 Hour yoga instructor and is offering the class free of charge. No registration is required – all are welcome! **Please bring your own water bottle.**

Called to Write: A Monthly Workshop | Thursday, August 15 | 6:30 - 8 pm | Youth Center

Join author Liz Curtis Higgs, as she shares **how to write a devotion worthy of publication**. Bring any writing project you're working on or start one while we're together. **All writers**, from aspiring to accomplished, are invited to join us for this **free workshop**! Register ccum.net/write.

Called to Learning and Action: Injustice and Inequality in Our City

Wednesdays: August 21 - September 11

Beginning with a **fellowship meal** for all ages, this **4-week series** will take us into the stories of our neighbors. As we lean toward our **upcoming Christ Church Cares Day**, these important conversations will offer a space to explore the **issues of injustice and inequality in our community** and how we, as the Church, can respond individually and collectively. We hope you will prioritize the fullness of this 4-week endeavor as, together, we listen for the Holy Spirit to speak on behalf of our neighbors.

Dinners for all Ages

Dinner 5:15 - 6 pm | Fellowship Hall | \$8 adults and \$4 kids

Register at ccum.net/dinner by 12 pm on Monday prior to the dinner

August 21 Menu:

Adult Meal: Citrus marinated Mojo chicken with Cuban vegetable rice, black beans, coleslaw, cornbread and lemon meringue pie

Kids Meal: Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, broccoli and oatmeal raisin cookies

Series Topics

6:15 – 7:15 pm | Fellowship Hall | Childcare is available upon request

8.21 **Housing Equality** with Church of the Promise/The Table

8.28 **Family Homelessness** with Coalition for the Homeless

9.4 **Food Insecurity** with Dare to Care

9.11 **Black Maternal & Child Health** with Louisville Coalition for Black Maternal Health