Christ Church United Methodist

August 25, 2024

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

Order of Worship

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE Trumpet Jubilation Richard Frey

Matthew Vanover, organ

INVOCATION Rev. Mike Porter

*HYMN OF PRAISE

How Firm a Foundation

Hymn 529

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

All: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.

We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

All Creatures of Our God and King

Hymn 62

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise ye! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One! O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO PRAYER Be Thou My Vision

Hymn 451

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 If You Search With All Your Heart Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

Jessica Vanover, Leah Walton, Daniel Blosser and Peter Lovett, soloists

[‡] 11:15 Rise, Shine Garrett/Trenney

Chancel Choir

*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. SERMON Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

Standing on the Promises

Hymn 374

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE Fugue from Sonata No. 2 F. Mendelssohn

Matthew Vanover, organ

This Morning

The flowers in the Chancel area are given by Judy Blair in loving memory of Jim Blair.

^{*}indicates standing as you are able

[♦] Daniel Light, piano

[‡] Tom Trenney, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

^{**}Announcements are located on the following pages

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning, we are **pleased to welcome** acclaimed organist, composer, and conductor **Tom Trenney** to worship here at Christ Church! Mr. Trenney will be conducting the Chancel Choir during the 11:15 worship service, and he will be leading us all in worship during the **Sanctuary Series Concert**, "Sing Glory to the Name of God - A Festival of Hymns." The concert is **this afternoon at 4 pm**. Come raise your voice in inspired renditions of beloved hymns. A freewill donation will benefit the Brown Memorial Organ Fund.

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!

NOTEWORTHY

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 <u>ccum.net/dinner</u> by **12 pm on Friday** prior to the dinner.

September 4 Menu: Hamburgers and hot dogs, baked beans, mac-n'-cheese and dessert

September 11 Menu: Penne alfredo, salad and breadsticks and dessert

Series Topics

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

- 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

FELLOWSHIP

Pass It On Kids Sale | Fellowship Hall | September 20, 9 am - 2 pm & 5:30 - 7:30 pm | September 21, 9 am - 12 pm The semi-annual Pass it On Kids Sale is coming up with **hundreds of items**, including **clothing, toys, books, shoes, furniture, equipment, maternity clothes and more**! Visit <u>ccum.net/passiton</u> to **sign up to volunteer or consign**. For questions and more information **text** Whitney Fontaine at (502) 797-7175.

Sanctuary Series Concert | Tonight, August 25 | 4 pm

The Sanctuary Concert Series opens its 2024-25 season with *Sing Glory to the Name of God - A Festival of Hymns*. Renowned composer, conductor, and organist **Tom Trenney** from First-Plymouth Congregational Church of Lincoln, Nebraska will lead the audience and Chancel Choir in an **afternoon of worship and singing**. Come raise your voice in inspired renditions of beloved hymns. A freewill donation will benefit the Brown Memorial Organ Fund.

Handbell Choir Rehearsals Begin

Rehearsals for our Handbell Choirs begin **Monday, August 26**! There are **open positions**, so if anyone is interested in joining Handbells, please contact Mark Benz at mbenz@ccum.net for more information.

YOUTH/CHILDREN

upLIFT Books & Bible | Tuesdays at 9:30 am | Room 001

Come **join other mommas** for a **weekly conversation** about books, the Bible and our journey of *becoming living proof of God's love*, *one person at a time*. More details and registration is at <u>ccum.net/uplift</u>.

Hey Mommas! Are you **home with your littles** on Friday mornings? Want somewhere to **explore** (and help get their wiggles out)? Want your kiddos to play with friends, or get to know the moms of kids they know from class, Children's Worship, PSALM Kids or Faith Formation? **Join other upLIFT moms for Pray & Playdates on Fridays at 10 am.** We explore fun spots all around Louisville and get to know each other while our littles do their thing! Register for locations and weather-related updates at *ccum.net/uplift*.

SERVE

Help People Worship at Home

Each week there are 100+ people who worship with us live even though they are unable to be present with us on Brownsboro Road. It takes a **team of five each week** to deliver this high quality worship experience. Please **consider serving once a month** on this important team. **No experience necessary and training is provided**. Ages 14 and up are welcome! Email <u>help@ccum.net</u> or stop by the balcony any Sunday morning to learn more.

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.

Children's Ministry Seeking 12+ Adults Willing to Serve. The Children's Ministry has about 90 active Sunday participants and we need loving **Sunday morning leaders, mentors and subs.** We are seeking a minimum of 12 folks willing to serve at least one Sunday a month for the next school year. If being a "last minute" sub works for your schedule, great! Let us know that. You may serve during the 10 am Faith Formation hour or during the 9 or 11:15 am Children's Worship Time. **Please visit** <u>ccum.net/ccumkids</u> to indicate your interest or reach out to Max Childers at max@ccum.net.

Christ Church Cares Day is Saturday, September 21

We will spend the day serving our neighbors at multiple sites across our city. For **more information and to register** visit *ccum.net/cares*.

Diaper and Baby Wipes Drive!

One of our many projects for Christ Church Cares Day will be **collecting, sorting and delivering** diapers and wipes to two local organizations that support maternal health, **Zora's Cradle** and **Mama to Mama**. Please **drop off baby wipes and diapers of all sizes** in the bins under the large portico or in Gathering Hall, **now through September 20**. You can also **donate to the purchase** of diapers and wipes at <u>ccum.net/diapers</u>. Thank you for your generosity!

SENIOR ADULTS

Fall SAM Events | Register at <u>ccum.net/SAM</u>

Monday, September 9 | 11:30 am | \$15 due Friday, September 6 by 12 pm

For our first fall **luncheon**, **Dr. Ron Higdon**, the author of 14 books, a beloved pastor, and a Christ Church favorite, will share his much-needed message, *Aging Is Not Optional – How We Handle It Is.* With yummy **Gracious Plenty** boxed lunches.

Wednesday, September 25 | 9:30 am | \$35 due Monday, September 23 by 12pm

For our first fall **outing**, we'll ride the bus to **Riverside**, the **Farnsley-Moremen Landing**, for a guided tour, then enjoy lunch at **Mike Linnig's Restaurant**, celebrating 100 years of serving delicious seafood at family-friendly prices.

WOMEN

Psalm 23 not only provides comfort in loss—it gives confidence in life! Join beloved author Jennifer Rothschild for this 7-session Women's Bible Study beginning Thursday, September 12 from 5:30-7:00 pm in Room 260, led by Tish Muldoon. Register at ccum.net/women.