

Christ Church United Methodist

August 3, 2025

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

Communion Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

*Prelude and Fugato on
CRUSADER'S HYMN*
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. Gordon Young

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Melissa Head

Leader: Children of God,

Be especially careful when trying to do good.

Do not make a performance out of it.

We must not treat prayer meeting and street corner alike as a stage.

When you help others, do so quietly and unobtrusively.

People: Do not call attention to yourself.

That is the way our God,

Who conceived us in love

Helps us out. From behind the scenes.

All: Lord, teach us how.

(selections from Matthew 6: 1-4, The Message, Eugene Peterson)

*HYMN OF PRAISE

To God Be the Glory

Hymn 98

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Refrain)

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Susan Blosser, solo; Mark Benz, piano

arr. Daniel Blosser

*DOXOLOGY

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.

Hymn 95

*SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6: 5 - 14

SERMON

Lord, Teach us How to Pray - Thirsty!

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

Bind Us Together
Sarah Patton, piano

Bob Gillman

Near to the Heart of God
Children of the Heavenly Father
Solomon Benz, horn; Mark Benz, piano

arr. Brant Adams

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
All Strings New, featuring Mark Berlin and Bryan Carter

arr. All Strings New

For the Bread Which You Have Broken
For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

Hymn 614

In your service, Lord, defend us,
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world where you have sent us,
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

FAREWELL BLESSING FOR REV. MELISSA HEAD

*CLOSING HYMN

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

Hymn 128
st. 1-3

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. [Refrain]

Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. [Refrain]

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Fanfare
Matthew Vanover, organ

Lemmens

This Morning

The sunflowers displayed in the Chancel area today have been given by Joyce and Matt Hargan to celebrate their 19th wedding anniversary.

The flowers in the Gathering Hall this morning are dedicated in loving memory of my best friend and the love of my life, Susan App Schmied, by her husband, John.

Announcements

Honoring Melissa Head's Service

Throughout her almost 11 years of service at Christ Church, Melissa has made significant impacts on every aspect of how we live into our mission of *becoming living proof of God's love, one person at a time*. The love and support that she has brought to our care ministry has been an extraordinary blessing for us all. Melissa has written a beautiful letter to the congregation that can be viewed at ccum.net.

As Melissa departs for the next chapter of her journey, join us as we **show our appreciation for her and wish her well in her transition and new place of ministry:**

- **Reception today, Sunday, August 3 at 12:30 pm**
- **Love Offering** through ccum.net/give or via check with "Melissa Head Love Offering" in the memo. Gifts will be collected through Monday, August 4.

STAFF UPDATE

We are thrilled to introduce two new members to our team at Christ Church! Please join us in welcoming **Neal Cox**, who has taken on the role of part-time Digital Content Creator/Storyteller, and **Charles "Chuck" DiChiara**, our new Controller. Neal began his journey with us on June 30 and Chuck started this past week. They are getting familiar with all of our great ministries and can't wait to start meeting the congregation. Welcome aboard, Neal and Chuck!

Coming this fall! | More details provided soon.

Wednesday Night Classes | September 3, 10, 17 and 24

Pass It On Kids Sale | September 12 and 13

Christ Church Cares Day | September 24

FELLOWSHIP

SAVE THE DATE for the annual fall tradition of BLESSING SUNDAY, **August 24**.

On that date we will:

- All worship together in **one service** at 10 am
 - **Bless our children and youth** as they celebrate milestones
 - Enjoy a **POTLUCK** lunch after the service
- Optional Adult Sunday School at 9 am.
No Faith Formation for Children and Youth.

POTLUCK DETAILS can be found at ccum.net

YOUTH/CHILDREN

Blessing Sunday: Celebrating Milestones | Sunday, August 24 | 10 am service

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

- **Kindergarten Blessing**
- **3rd Grade Bible Presentation**
- **6th Grade Blessing**

Please **register by Tuesday, August 12** to participate! There will be a **required rehearsal** on Sunday, August 24.

For more information and to register please visit ccum.net/children.

PSALM Kids Registration is Here! | Register at ccum.net/psalmkids.

Parents, registration is now open for PSALM Kids, our **Children's Music Program**. Kids in **grades Pre-K through 5th grade** experience God's love and develop musical and other skills through singing, ringing and activities. They meet weekly on **Wednesdays from 6 - 7:15 pm, beginning August 27**.

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 24 at 5 pm!

Save the Date - Pass It On Kids Sale

September 12, 9 am - 2 pm & 5:30 - 7:30 pm | September 13, 9 am - 12 pm

Mark your calendars for the semi-annual Pass it On Kids Sale! Shop hundreds of items - including clothing, toys, books, shoes, furniture, equipment, maternity clothes and more! For questions and more information **text Whitney Fontaine** at (502) 797-7175. Consignor and volunteer **registration** at ccum.net/passiton!

ADULT

Called to Write: A Monthly Workshop | Thursday, August 21 | 6:30 pm

Wherever you are on your writing journey, join us as we put into practice what we've learned about critique groups! Bring one page of your work-in-progress to share with our safe and welcoming circle of writers, so we can offer encouragement and helpful feedback. If you're new to our group, register at ccum.net/write!

Caregiver Support Group

Are you caring for a loved one? This lay-led group invites caregivers from across the community to gather in a **safe and supportive space** to share experiences, exchange resources and suggestions, and care for one another in community. We meet on the **first and third Mondays** of each month at 3 pm in Room 253. Contact Susan Basinger at susanbase29@gmail.com for more information.

SAM Digital Device Classes | **Wednesdays, August 13 and 20** | **1 - 3 pm**

Join us for a **two-lesson series** on how to be more confident and safe from scammers while using your digital device. Bring your smartphone, iPad, notebook or laptop and **get personalized help** in learning to navigate its features. Please reserve your spot in advance at ccum.net/sam.

SERVE

If **working with preschool age children** fills your cup, would you consider being part of a team that leads our 3's and 4's in Children's Music on Wednesday nights? We already have a strong team in place, and **YOU are exactly who we are looking for**. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Ben Williams at ben@ccum.net.

Children's Ministry - L.O.U. Food Donation Collection

From **now until August 10**, we invite you to drop off donations in Gathering Hall that our K-5th grade children and families will use to pack sack lunches for **Louisville Outreach for the Unsheltered**. For more information and a **list of items needed**, please visit ccum.net/children. Help us help feed our hungry neighbors!

JOB OPENINGS

Children's Ministry is looking for **Sunday childcare workers** for Infants thru Pre-K. Must be 18 or older. Contact Gina Perry at 882-9685 or gina@ccum.net.

Christ Church School is Hiring

Christ Church School is looking for lead/assistant teachers, support teachers and substitutes, both full time and part time. We have openings for the 2025-2026 School year. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the school at (502) 882-9963 or visit ccum.net/school.