

# Christ Church United Methodist

August 10, 2025

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

## Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

*Fugue in C Major*  
Matthew Vanover, organ

J.S. Bach

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Amy Chapman

Leader: Let the entire house of God know with certainty that God has made  
Jesus both Lord and Messiah.

**People: We believe. We come together to hold this truth in common.**

Leader: Day by day, let us come together with glad and generous hearts, praising God.

**People: We devote ourselves to the grace of belonging, to both learning  
and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.**

**All: Lord, help us to not neglect meeting together. Teach us to be present to you and to one another.**

adapted from Acts 2: 37-47, NRSV

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Hymn 62  
st. 1,2,3,5

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,  
O praise ye! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam!  
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain, by which all creatures ye sustain,  
O praise ye! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice!  
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear, make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire who lights the night, providing warmth, enhancing sight,  
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,  
O praise ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care!  
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,  
whose holy faith let us now declare.

**All: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
whose mercy is over all his works,  
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.  
We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man,**

the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.  
We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,  
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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

MUSICAL RESPONSE

*How Great Thou Art*

Hymn 77

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
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how great thou art, how great thou art!

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

9:00

*A Mighty Fortress*  
Tenor Leaven

William Heyne

‡ 11:15

*How Firm a Foundation*  
Chancel Choir

Dan Forrest

\*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

*Hebrews 10:19–25*

(9:00) Megan Janesky  
(11:15) Marilee Miller

SERMON

*Lord, Teach us How to be Present*

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

CALL TO PRAYER

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

Taizé

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

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## 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.

### \*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

*Allegro Maestoso*  
Matthew Vanover, organ

F. Mendelssohn

† Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Matthew Vanover, piano

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## This Morning

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Nancy Cassis in loving memory of her husband, Charles S Cassis, who died on August 6, 2010.

## Christian Sympathy is extended to the following church members:

Ginny Fuller on the death of her husband, Dave Fuller, who died August 3.

The friends and family of Peggy Dye, who died August 3.

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## Announcements

### 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](http://ccum.net)

**Sacred Worth** is having a **fall kick-off** potluck lunch on **Sunday, August 17** in Fellowship Hall **after the 11:15 am service**. We are inviting families and anyone who may be interested in joining our group. We'll provide the main dish, so please **sign up by Wednesday August 13** at [ccum.net/swpotluck](http://ccum.net/swpotluck) so that we can place an order.

### 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](http://ccum.net/children).

**PSALM Kids Registration is Here!** | Register at [ccum.net/psalmkids](http://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](http://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](http://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!](http://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](mailto:susanbase29@gmail.com) for more information.

**September Adult Classes** | Wednesday evenings, Beginning September 3  
Register at [ccum.net/adultclasses](http://ccum.net/adultclasses). The sessions include:

#### Belong - a Christ Church Connect Class

Four Sessions, September 3 - 24 | 6 - 7:15 pm

Join Pastor Eric for this 4 week series to deepen your understanding of the United Methodist faith. Materials will be provided.

#### Every Neighbor Fed: A Christian Call to End Hunger

Four Sessions, September 3 - 24 | 6 - 7:15 pm

Led by Leah Bennett and Mary Schwarz, the class will discuss the book, *Think Red: Imagine Your Community Living & Loving Like Jesus* by Larry Stoess.

#### Rising Kindergarten Q & A - Unraveling Kindergarten Registration

One Session on September 17 | 6 - 8 pm

Parents with rising Kindergartners—this session is for you! A small panel of educational experts and host families will share their personal and professional experiences of the various local options.

### 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](mailto:ben@ccum.net).

### Save the Date! - Christ Church Cares Day | Saturday, September 13

Please mark your calendars as we prepare to **spend the day serving our neighbors** at multiple sites across our city. We'll have morning and afternoon opportunities to serve. Watch for registration coming soon!

### SENIOR ADULTS

#### 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](http://ccum.net/sam).

#### SAM Lunch and Program | Monday, September 8 | 11:30 am

For our first fall luncheon, **Chef Teresa White** from **Dare to Care Food Bank** will teach us how the community around Louisville works together to develop means for ending hunger in our area. Learn how we can be involved in the mission to help every neighbor to have enough food by serving and partnering with organizations throughout our city. Then pick from those yummy **Gracious Plenty** boxed lunches. Register at [ccum.net/sam](http://ccum.net/sam).