

Christ Church United Methodist

August 17, 2025

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

Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

PRELUDE

Te Deum

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

David Catlett, trumpet; Matthew Vanover, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Josiah Brock

Leader: In our modern world, we can so easily become dominated by a spirit of acquisition – of getting and storing and then guarding what we’ve gotten and stored.

People: When we spend all our time coveting and scheming, acquiring and hoarding, we lose something of our souls.

Leader: We would have gotten nothing from all our sweat and exertion if God hadn’t first given us the ground to use, the muscles to work, a brain to think, and a community to live and be employed in.

People: Everything comes to us as a gift from God. It is all from God.

All: Lord, create a harvest of righteousness in us. Teach us how to give.

From “Giving as Acknowledgment,” Notes on Matthew 8: 1-10,
The Message Devotional Bible, Eugene Peterson

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Hymn 694

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

*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	<i>All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine</i> All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine, didst yield the glory that of right was thine, that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine: Alleluia! Alleluia!	Hymn 166
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*PASSING OF THE PEACE

MUSICAL RESPONSE	<i>All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine</i> Let every tongue confess with one accord in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord: and God the Father be by all adored: Alleluia! Alleluia!	Hymn 166
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OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC			
	◇ 9:00	<i>Let This Mind Be In You</i> Chancel Choir	Craig Courtney
	11:15	<i>A Mighty Fortress</i> Tenor Leaven	William Heyne

*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
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*SCRIPTURE	<i>2 Corinthians 9:10-15</i>	(9:00) Sarah Grace Benz (11:15) John Maynard
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SERMON	<i>Lord, Teach us How to Give</i>	Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard
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CALL TO PRAYER	<i>Bless the Lord</i> Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.	Taizé
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Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.

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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

Amazing Grace

Hymn 378
st. 1,2,4,6

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur
Matthew Vanover, organ

Theodore Dubois

◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Daniel Light piano

This Morning

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Melanie Williams-Sublett, in honor of her 30 years of service to the music ministry of Christ Church, by her daughters, Meg Williams and Erin Williams Cornett.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the following church members:

Clarese Fuller on the death of her sister, Judy Elliot, who died July 29.

Beverly Dudgeon on the death of her son, Greg Dudgeon, who died August 2. Christian sympathy is also extended to his sister, Leanne, and daughter, Mary.

Dan and Jackie Trice on the death of Dan's father, Joe Ray Trice, who died August 3.

The friends and family of Harold Anderson, who died August 8.

The friends and family of Larry Hampton, who died August 10.

Announcements

Blessing Sunday | Next Sunday, August 24

We will all worship together in **one service at 10 am**, where we will **Bless our children and youth** as they celebrate milestones. After the service there will be a church-wide potluck in Fellowship Hall. Potluck details and registration can be found at ccum.net. Optional Adult Sunday School at 9 am. No Faith Formation for Children and Youth.

Sacred Worth is having a **fall kick-off** potluck lunch today, **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.

Join the **A.W.E.** (Art | Wonder | Experience) Ministry for **Open Studios**, once a month on Wednesday evenings, beginning August 27 from 6 - 8 pm. Bring your work in progress or come and start something new – we have plenty of paper, paints, and drawing materials available. Everyone, ages 11-111+ is welcome and **childcare is available!**

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!

September Adult Classes | Wednesday evenings, Beginning September 3

Register at 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

The class will host guest speakers from Dare to Care and also 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.

Looking for a **new activity this fall**? Try your hand at ringing in a class designed just for you! Join Donna Vaughn, Director of Adult Handbells, for **Handbells 101** in the **Chapel** on Mondays, September 8 - 29 from 6:15 - 7:15 pm. No ringing experience required. Please sign up at ccum.net/handbells101, so that bells are available for everyone.

Come join All Strings New and friends at the newest CCUM Music Ministry, **Open Chord**, beginning August 27! Whether you have never picked up an instrument before or you're a professional looking to rekindle the simple joy of making music with others, this group is for you. We will foster a **fun and supportive community** together as a **biweekly jam session** playing hymns, blues, rock, bluegrass and beyond. Open to all - 10th grade through retired. No registration needed and we'll have extra instruments on hand. Come as often as you like! **Every other Wednesday** in room 002 from 6 - 7:30 pm.

SENIOR ADULTS

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.

SERVE

Christ Church Cares Day | Saturday, **September 13**

Join us as we spend the day serving our neighbors at multiple sites across our city. We'll have offsite and onsite opportunities for all ages to serve. For more information and to register, please visit ccum.net/cccd.

Diaper Drive | August 24 - September 12

In conjunction with Christ Church Cares Day, we are again hosting a Diaper Drive to **benefit Mama to Mama and the Play Cousins Collective**. These worthy organizations work to promote the health of Louisville's pregnant black mothers and their families. Last year's drive was a great success! Look for collection bins in the Gathering Hall and under the portico. Thank you for your generosity!

WOMEN

Women's Bible Study | Beginning Thursday, September 4 | 5:30 - 7 pm | Room 260 Our Lord speaks to us one-on-one. He meets us where we are, despite who we are and reveals His will for our lives. Be encouraged to **dig deeper** in this **7-week study** of *He Speaks to Me*, by Priscilla Shirer, led by Tish Muldoon. Register at ccum.net/women.

YOUTH/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. PSALM Kids 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!

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.