

Christ Church United Methodist

April 12, 2026

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

Communion Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Deanna Catlett, piano

arr. Martha Kelsey

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Amy Chapman

Leader: What a God we have! How fortunate we are to have our Eternal God!

People: Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we have been given a fresh start, a brand-new life and we have everything to live for, including a future in heaven – and the future starts now!

Leader: The Day is coming when you will have it all – life healed and whole.

People: Now that Christ has our feet on the life path, we are happy from the inside out, and from the outside in. We are firmly formed. We will pitch our tents in the land of hope.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

Hymn 89

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

***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

9:00

Alleluia
Jody Gravatte, solo

W. A. Mozart

‡ 11:15

Holy Holy Holy
Chancel Choir

Molly Ijames

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the sources of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

HOMILY

A Fresh Start: Peace be With You

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

Jesus Paid It All
Sarah Patton, piano

arr. Susan W. Henry

Arioso
Ben Williams, oboe

J.S. Bach

I Need Thee Every Hour
Sarah Patton, piano

arr. Linda Hartman

In the Lord, I'll 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,
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PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Hymn 614

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.

By this pledge that you do love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With our sainted ones in glory
seated at the heavenly board,
may the church that's waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

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.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Fanfare in C Major
Daniel Light, organ

Paul Fey

‡ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Daniel Light, piano
*indicates standing as you are able

Order of Worship Notations:

Call to Worship: *Selected Psalm 16, Acts 2, 1 Peter 1, The Message*
Communion Music: *Used by permission One License A 702340*

This Morning

The flowers have been placed on the altar today by the family of James Taylor Sr and David Turner Jr. May we all strive to "Make Every Day the Best Day Ever" in their memory.

Announcements

Come join us during the 11:15 am worship service on Sunday, April 26, in the Chapel for our **PSALM Kids Musical, Table for Five...Thousand!** You will not want to miss our talented kids as they share this wonderful story with us, reminding us all of the importance of following God. We hope to see you there! (The 9 am service will be in the Sanctuary.)

Sacred Worth, a ministry of LGBTQIA members and allies, **will meet on Sunday, April 19**, in Room 156 at 12:30 pm (please note the room change). Feel free to bring your lunch. Everyone is welcome!

The Pastor's Pick | Tuesday, April 28 | 10 - 11:30 am | Room TBD

Join Pastor Eric this month as he discusses *The Vanishing Church: How the Hollowing Out of Moderate Congregations is Hurting Democracy* by Ryan Burge. This is a thoughtful and challenging book for anyone who loves the church and wonders what has happened to our unity—and what it might take to rebuild it.

Sign up at ccum.net/classes.

SAM Luncheon and Program | Monday, April 13 | 11:30 am | Fellowship Hall

We'll be joined by **Emily McCarthy from the Kentucky Public Protection Cabinet**, a state government agency dedicated to keeping Kentuckians safe in business, leisure, and everyday life. One of their key priorities is **raising awareness** about the latest scams through their Pause, Check, Protect initiative—**helping people stay informed and protected**. Lunch registration is closed but the program is free.

Love Overflowing | April 18, 8:30 am - 3 pm | Watkins UMC, 9800 Westport Rd. The Kentucky Commission on Religion and Race invites you to a day of **worship, workshops** and **fellowship** featuring guest presenter, Rev. Abra Lattany-Reed of Garden City UMC in Garden City, Georgia. For more information and to register for lunch, visit ccum.net/rrconference.

Weekday Desk Volunteers are needed!

Have you ever wondered what's involved in **greeting folks** during the week? Work as often or as little as you like. For more information, contact Gina Perry, gina@ccum.net or 502-882-9685

Sanctuary Concert Series: The Creation | Sunday, April 26 | 7 pm

Sanctuary Series presents **Joseph Haydn's masterwork**, *The Creation*, featuring the Chancel Choir, orchestra, and soloists Emily Albrink, Jesse Donner and Jason Steigerwalt. Haydn's monumental work retells the story of creation from the book of Genesis, **celebrating God's power** to bring light out of darkness and order out of chaos. **Joyful and uplifting**, this masterpiece is as relevant today as it was at its premiere in 1798. A freewill offering will benefit Lighthouse Academy at Newburg.

We are need of **Greeters** to welcome our guests, as well as **Parking Lot Volunteers** to direct traffic, and assist with parking. Volunteers will have seats reserved for them so that they can come in and watch the concert. You can sign up at ccum.net/sanctuary.

Handbell Showcase | Sunday, May 17 | 12:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

Celebrate the Sesquicentennial Year of the USA along with the Christ Church Handbell Ministry! Join us as our High School Ringers and all of our Adult Handbell groups present a program of music to **honor and celebrate** our nation's birth. You will hear patriotic favorites and hymn tunes that reflect our faith and theological heritage. An all-American style lunch will be provided. Sign up at ccum.net/showcase.

Save the Date: Living Proof Showcase | Pentecost Sunday, May 24

Come celebrate the many ways that Christ Church lives out its faith! On **Pentecost Sunday**, we'll gather for **one combined worship service at 10 am**, followed by a **churchwide lunch** and a vibrant, interactive **showcase of our ministries**. From building projects and creative arts to care teams and outreach efforts, you'll see how lives are being touched every day—and how you can jump in and be part of it. Food, fellowship, and purpose—all in one place!

Registration coming soon.