

Christ Church United Methodist

April 19, 2026

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

Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Celebration Ringers
Mark Benz, conductor

arr. F. Thomas Simpson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

Leader: We love God because God listened to us, listened as we begged for mercy.

When we were at the end of our rope, God saved us. What can we give back to God for the blessings he's poured out on us?

People: We will lift up the cup of salvation – a toast to God! We will pray in the name of God; We will fulfill our vows to God and we will do so together with all his people.

Leader: When they arrive at the gates of death, God welcomes those who love him.

People: O God, here we are, your servants, your faithful servants. Give us a fresh start, grant us a clean slate - set us free for your service.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to the throne thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Hymn 66

Praise the Lord for grace and favor
to all people in distress;
praise God, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious now God's faithfulness.

Father-like, God tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame God knows;
mother-like, God gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet God's mercy flows.

Angels in the heights, adoring,
you behold God face to face;
saints triumphant, now adoring,
gathered in from every race.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

The Day of Resurrection

Hymn 303

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT (11:15 am)

Olivia Mae Chesser (12/05/2025) daughter of Rachel and Derrick Chesser.

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

People: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include
Olivia now before you in your care?

People: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according

to the example of Christ. We will surround Olivia with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Pastor: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care Olivia, whom we this day recognize as members of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that she may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

People: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Olivia, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

Hymn 609

You have put on Christ, in Christ you have been baptized.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Taizé

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. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

◇ 9:00

For Everyone Born
One Voice

Tom Trenney

‡ 11:15

I Thank My God
Chancel Choir

J. Aaron McDermid

*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

Luke 24:13-35

(9:00) Jim Carroll
(11:15) Jesse Hall

CALL TO PRAYER

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Hymn 357

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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

*Abide with Me*Hymn 700
st. 1, 3, 4, 5

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"
Matthew Vanover, organ

D. Hustad

*indicates standing as you are able

◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Kathy Kicklighter, piano

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Order of Worship Notations:

Call to Worship: *Psalm 116, selected, NRSV/The Message*

Musical Response: *Used by permission One License A 702340*

This Morning

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Dale and Vicki Salyers in memory of their beloved son, Jason Salyers.

The rose banner is hung in honor of:

Eloise James Chapman, born April 2. She is the daughter of Andrew and Lexie Chapman and granddaughter of James and Amy Chapman.

Announcements

Sunday, April 26

Worship Service | 9 am | Sanctuary

PSALM Kids musical - *Table for Five...Thousand!* | 11:15 am | Chapel

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.

**Childcare, Sunday School and Faith Formation will occur as usual.*

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

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.

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.

The Pastor's Pick | Wednesday, April 29* | 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. Please visit ccum.net/classes to sign up and purchase the book. (*Please note the day/date change)

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. A picnic 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.

Vacation Bible School - Rainforest Falls | June 15 - 18 | 9 am - 12 pm

Kids will plunge into a **lifelong adventure** of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. To **register or volunteer**, visit ccum.net/vbs.