

A photograph of a single white lily flower in a clear glass vase, placed on a windowsill. The flower is in full bloom, with its six petals spread out. The vase is partially filled with water. In the background, a window is brightly lit, casting a warm, golden glow across the scene. The wall to the left of the window is made of light-colored, textured panels.

A  
Fresh  
Start

**Easter 2026**

Christ Church United Methodist

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April 5, 2026

9 and 11:15 am

## Easter Sunday

*Please silence your cell phone and other electronic devices*

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

*Sinfonia for Trumpet*  
John Rommel, trumpet; Matthew Vanover, organ

Aldrovandini

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Source: Matthew 28: 1-7, selected, The Message*)

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

Leader: Suddenly the earth shook, it reeled and rocked under the women's feet as God's angel came down from heaven, came right up to where they were standing, rolled back the stone and sat on it! Christ is Risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

Leader: The guards at the tomb were scared to death. They were so frightened, they could not move. Christ is Risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

Leader: The angel spoke to the women: "There is nothing to fear here. I know you're looking for Jesus, the One they nailed to the cross. He is not here. He was raised. Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He is risen from the dead. He is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.'" That is the message. Christ is Risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Hymn 302

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has lead, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia! Amen.

\*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

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Hymn 327

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Hymn 189

**Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.**

**OFFERING**

(please scan to give.)



**OFFERING**

9:00

*Alleluia*

Ed Harris

One Voice and Laudate

11:15

*Awake the Harp (from The Creation)*

Joseph Haydn

Chancel Choir

**\*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!**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Max Childers

**\*HYMN**

*He Lives*

Hymn 310

**I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need him, he's always near.**

**Refrain:**

**He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.**

**Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;  
none other is so loving, so good and kind. [Refrain]**

**\*SCRIPTURE**

*John 20:1-18*

(9:00) Cassie Thompson  
(11:15) Solomon Benz

**SERMON**

*A Fresh Start*

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

**CALL TO PRAYER**

*Hymn of Promise*

Hymn 707

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

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

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Hymn 64

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

*Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah)*

G. F. Handel

The congregation is invited to join in singing the *Hallelujah Chorus*

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah!  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord  
and of his Christ, and of his Christ;  
And he shall reign forever and ever.  
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.  
And he shall reign forever and ever.  
Hallelujah!

\*SENDING FORTH

\*POSTLUDE

*Tocatta from Symphony No. 5*  
Matthew Vanover, organ

C.M. Widor

Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor

\*indicates standing as you are able

Special thanks to Michael Allen, Mark Berlin, Charles Brestel, Kevin Callihan, David Catlett, Steve Causey, James Chapman, Wendy Doyle, Raymond Green, Misaki Hall, Bryan Heath, Kathy Kicklighter, Sidney King, Daniel Light, Alex MacDonald, Jack Meisburg, Jonathan Mueller, John Rommel, Eva Rouse, Matthew Vanover, Reese Walton, Christopher Watson, Cindy Watson, Ray Weaver, and Nathan Williams for providing music in the service.



# Welcome to Christ Church!

## *Finding Life. In God's Love.*

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR STAFF

The staff of Christ Church cares for you! Please reach out to us if you need prayer or support, want to deepen your faith or explore your spiritual life. We have groups designed for men, women, health and fitness, young moms, parents, musicians and lots of opportunities for children and youth. Let us help you find your place!

### OUR NEXT MESSAGE SERIES

#### **A FRESH START | Sundays, 9 and 11:15 am**

Do you need a second chance? Is your soul longing for a fresh a clean slate? Take heart, dear friend. Christ is Risen! Today is just the beginning! This Easter season, our worship experience at Christ Church will be centered in the new beginning offered to us because of the Resurrection of Jesus. In Christ, we are granted a fresh start and given the invitation to turn the page toward a fresh writing of our present and future. Through scripture, we will journey with those who doubt, those who grieve, and those who long for abundant life. Together, we will explore what it means to trust that Christ has created a place for us in his life.

### KIDS/TEENS

*At Christ Church, we believe that every child is a spiritual being, blessed and deeply loved by God. In all we do, we seek to engage and enrich the soul, through encouraging art, play, fellowship, discovery, tenderness towards the natural world, service and an ever-impassioned pursuit of Christ.*

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | June 15 - 18 | [ccum.net/VBS](http://ccum.net/VBS)**

This transformational week helps kids ages 3 1/2 through 5th grade build a relationship with God and is also an outstanding opportunity to develop leadership skills for our middle school and high school volunteers!

#### **SUMMER FUN FOR TEENS | [ccum.net/youth](http://ccum.net/youth)**

We have a ton of fun activities planned, including Color War III, Kentucky Kingdom trip, bowling, hangouts galore and more!

### MEN/WOMEN

#### **BOOKED FOR LUNCH | April 9, 12 pm | Room 156**

This monthly book club for women of all ages looks for God in books by bestselling authors, asking questions like *how do we see love, forgiveness and grace play out in this text?* Visit [ccum.net/women](http://ccum.net/women) for the book list - and then bring your lunch and join us!

#### **MEN'S BREAKFAST | Saturday, April 11 | 8 am | Fellowship Hall**

Men of all ages are invited to join us the second Saturday of each month for breakfast, fellowship and a guest speaker.

### MINISTRY STAFF

#### **PASTORS**

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant  
Rev. Amy Chapman  
Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

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# Remembering and Honoring Our Loved Ones

*Thank you to all who purchased Easter lilies in honor or in memory of the loved ones below.  
Additional thanks to all that helped create the magnificent 8-foot tall Living Cross in the Sanctuary  
to add to the pageantry of Easter Sunday at Christ Church!*

*If you purchased a lily, you are welcome to take it home from the Gathering Hall after either service.*



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Our four beautiful grandchildren: Everett, Eleanor, Evelyn and Margot  
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## THE ARTS

### **PSALM KIDS MUSICAL | Sunday, April 26 | 11:15 am**

This year's musical *Table for Five...Thousand!* is a great time for both audience and performers as the story of the miracle of the loaves and fishes is brought to life with music, mime and merry-making.

### **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.

## ADULTS/SENIOR ADULTS

### **SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES | 10:05 - 11 am | [ccum.net/adultclasses](http://ccum.net/adultclasses)**

There are 15 unique Sunday morning classes catering to every phase of life, faith and community. More than simply learning, Sunday Morning Classes also prepare participants in *becoming living proof of God's love, one person at a time* through mission and action in the places where we live, work and play.

### **SENIOR ADULTS MINISTRY | [ccum.net/SAM](http://ccum.net/SAM)**

Our active senior adult group enjoys monthly luncheons and speakers. All are welcome!

## CONNECTING TO THE COMMUNITY

### **SHARING GOD'S LOVE BY HELPING AND SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS**

Through our Outreach and Justice Ministries, there are a myriad of ways to serve and be in community with our neighbors. Whether your interest lies in addiction recovery, racial justice, housing, education, refugees, those coming out of prison, orphans, widows or many more, let us help you find a way to connect. Visit [ccum.net/outreach](http://ccum.net/outreach) or contact Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard.

### **GET CONNECTED TO SERVICE**

Are you looking for a place to serve but aren't sure where you'll find the best fit? Email [missions@ccum.net](mailto:missions@ccum.net) or call 893-2201 x224 and leave a message and we'll help you get started!

### **LIVING PROOF SHOWCASE: A MINISTRY MATCH-UP | Sunday, May 24**

Come celebrate the many ways that Christ Church is *becoming living proof of God's love!* 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 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!

### **CHRIST CHURCH CARES DAY | Saturday, September 19**

Our annual day of serving the community has been set. Plan to join us as we serve those in need across Louisville. There will be something for every age and ability.

## REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

9 am In-person  
11:15 am In-person and Online

### **THIS MORNING**

The Easter altar flowers are dedicated by Katie and Scott Dingle in honor of our children, Caroline Frances and Chandler Keith.

### **HOLIDAY CLOSURE**

Our church offices and building will be closed on Sunday, April 5 after the 11:15 am service and on Monday, April 6.

