

# Christ Church United Methodist

February 4, 2024

(in - person) 9:00 am  
(live-streamed & in - person) 11:15 am

## 4th Sunday after Epiphany Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

*Te Deum*  
Matthew Vanover, organ

Jean Langlais

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Melissa Head

Leader: I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy  
of the calling to which you have been called,

**People: With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,**

Leader: Making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:

**All: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope  
of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all  
and in all.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*To God Be the Glory*

Hymn 98

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

\*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 MUSIC**

‡ 9:00

*God is Able*  
One Voice and Laudate

Mark Miller

◇ 11:15

*O Radiant Dawn*  
Chancel Choir

James MacMillan

**\*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**

*Daniel 6:16-22*

(9:00) Caroline Puckett  
(11:15) Robert Turek

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

**\*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION** *(turn to page 24 in the hymnal)*

**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

9:00/11:15	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> Eva Rouse, cello	arr. Phillip Keveren
9:00/11:15	<i>Allegretto</i> Todd Goodwin, mandolin Sallie Goodwin, piano	Shinichi Suzuki
9:00	<i>Day By Day</i> Adeline Elliott, violin; Eva Rouse, cello	arr. Brent Olstad
11:15	<i>This Is My Father's World</i> Eva Rouse, cello	arr. Phillip Keveren
9:00/11:15	<i>Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart</i> <b>Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, And make me love thee as I ought to love.</b>	Hymn 500

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

### RECOGNITION OF SCOUT AWARDS

Jeff Goodwin

2023 to 2024 Eagle Scouts:

Allan Bagley  
Jenacy Dawson  
Todd Goodwin  
Duncan Phillips  
Ethan Stewart  
Ben Stone  
Christopher Watson

People: Lord, your Son has called all of us into adventures of learning and service. Today we celebrate those who have answered that call in a special way through Scouting. We thank you for these Scouts and for this moment of joyous celebration. Continue to challenge all of us in Christian service, that your kingdom may become a reality in and through our lives. Train a child in the way they should go and when they are old they will not turn from it. Amen.

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Hymn 127

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Holy Manna*  
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. Wilbur Held

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

◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor

*\*\*Announcements are located on the following pages*

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## THIS MORNING

The flowers have been placed on the altar this morning by Theresa Bondurant in memory of her husband John Tyree Bondurant and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. John H. Bondurant.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today is Scout Sunday**, a day of recognition for our Scouting Program that Christ Church has supported since 1982. This sponsorship recognizes the Cub Scout Pack, Scout Troop 317 (Boys) and Scout Troop 317 (Girls). We also want to recognize the Girl Scouts for all of the programs they support. The Scouts are an extension of our Youth Ministries, teaching good citizenship, character development, self-reliance through participation in outdoor activities, as well as learning about the value of service to others.

**Youth Missions Fundraiser** | Sunday, February 11 | 12:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

We're excited to announce that our annual Youth Fundraiser to support Youth Missions, Choir Tour and Confirmation is once again returning this year on **Super Bowl Sunday!** Join us for a baked potato bar lunch, Super Bowl snacks to purchase, a donation wall to support Youth Ministry and the return of our famous Cake Auction! To make a donation to Youth Missions or sign up for the lunch, please visit [ccum.net/youth!](http://ccum.net/youth!)

**Lent is a season of preparation for Easter that lasts 40 days** (not counting Sundays) that spans from Ash Wednesday until Easter each year. For Lent 2024, our **guiding scripture** is Exodus 33:14 – The Lord replied, “My presence will go with you and I will give you rest.” **You are Called To a Lenten season of simplicity, unity and rest.** Invite the Holy Spirit to be present and guide you throughout Lent. To assist with this, **you may sign-up for daily texts or pick up a set of Reflection Cards** (available beginning Ash Wednesday). You can also **gather each Wednesday of Lent** in the Chapel from 6:15 - 7 pm for a time with Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard to “*Unclutter Your Soul*” as we listen to the word of God. The first Sunday of Lent is February 18.

**Ash Wednesday** | Wednesday, February 14

7:30 – 9:30 am | Imposition of Ashes | Chapel

Noon Service | Sanctuary

6:30 pm Service | Sanctuary or Livestream

**Booked For Lunch** is a monthly book club for women of all ages who believe novels provide a powerful avenue for thinking more deeply about God and the world. We meet the **2nd Thursday of every month in Room 156 at 12 pm**—bring a lunch, if you wish, and join us! The **next meeting is Thursday, February 8**, discussing *Every Day is a Gift: A Memoir* by Tammy Duckworth. Our list of Spring 2024 books can be found at [ccum.net/women](https://ccum.net/women).

When a member of our congregation passes, they are acknowledged in both our weekly eNews (sent on Fridays) and in our Sunday bulletin. If you would like to **receive an ADDITIONAL EMAIL to let you know of the death of a church member**, please visit [ccum.net/loss](https://ccum.net/loss) or add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Guest Services Desk.

**Online Grief Group** | Mondays at 7 pm | January 15 - February 12 | Zoom

Experiencing the death of a loved one is something you **do not have to walk through alone**. As you are coping, there are ways to get support and encouragement through your church. We are offering a time of **sharing, learning about the tasks of grief and holding one another up** with care. Even if you cannot be there every week, come when you can. Please contact Rev. Melissa Head at [melissa@ccum.net](mailto:melissa@ccum.net) for the Zoom link.

**The Pass it On Kids Sale is March 8 and 9!**

The semi-annual Pass it On Kids Sale has **hundreds of items**, including clothing, toys, books, shoes, furniture, equipment, maternity clothes and more! 40% of all proceeds are donated to mission projects selected by women of Christ Church. Visit [ccum.net/passiton](https://ccum.net/passiton) to **sign up to volunteer or consign**. For questions and more information **text** Whitney Fontaine at (502) 797-7175.

**Women’s Ministry 2024: Study | Share | Seek | Serve**

Winter Gathering | Tuesday, February 13 | 10 am - 12 pm or 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Choose the time that works best—**morning or evening**—meet us in Room 250 for **fellowship, refreshments, and inspiration**, then we’ll move to nearby rooms to go deeper in a **small group** setting. Our seasonal gatherings are **free**, online registration is easy, and women of all ages are welcome! Register at [ccum.net/women](https://ccum.net/women) by February 11.

**Called to Write: A Weekend Workshop** | March 15, 5:30 pm to March 16, 2 pm **Is it time to get serious about your writing?** Explore and develop your gifts in a safe, supportive community, **led by seasoned writers** who share your passion for words. **Silas House**, Kentucky’s Poet Laureate, and **Tori Murden McClure**, President of Spalding University, are keynote speakers, author Liz Curtis Higgs is host, and 9 workshop leaders will share their expertise. For more information and to register please visit [ccum.net/calledtowrite](https://ccum.net/calledtowrite)!

**VBS 2024 | July 8 - 11**

Parents, please **mark your calendars** for Vacation Bible School this summer. We’ll meet Monday - Thursday from 9 am - 12 pm and have a special celebration together Thursday evening. Registration, ages 3 & 1/2 years through 5th grade, coming soon!

**SAM Luncheon** | Monday, February 12 | 11:30 am | Alanna Nash: *A Life in Words* An award-winning journalist, Alanna has **written feature articles on popular arts and culture** for *The New York Times*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *AARP Magazine* and others. We'll learn how her writing career began, the nuts and bolts of interviewing and her acclaimed biographies, with a delicious **box lunch** from Gracious Plenty. Register at [ccum.net/SAM](http://ccum.net/SAM) or at the reception desk!

CCUM New Art Ministry: **A.W.E. - Art, Wonder, Experience -**

Art enhances worship, deepens Biblical learning, establishes connections across generations, enlightens perspectives on social justice issues, inspires us to introspection and new expressions, and opens us to vibrancy and life in our community. We offer **art ministry to people of all ages and all skill levels**. We hope you will try it and wonder and experience with us! **Please visit [ccum.net/awe](http://ccum.net/awe) for more information** about January Open Studio times and classes and Church-Wide Art Weaving.

**Weekly Fitness Classes**

Looking to improve your fitness while having fun? We have 2 types of classes every week in the Gym, open to all ages and fitness levels, and they're **free!**

- REFIT® combines movement and positive music for a cardio-based workout that is challenging, effective and fun for everybody. Classes are Mondays at 6:15 pm and Saturdays at 9 am.
- REV+FLOW® is a low impact, high intensity workout focused on building strength, balance, flexibility and mobility. Classes are Tuesdays at 6:15 pm.

**College Aged/ Young Adult Contact Information**

If you have a loved one who has taken their first steps into adulthood, whether that be attending college or trade school, entering the workforce, or taking time for themselves, **we want to stay in contact with them** as they transition into becoming adults. Please fill out the information form at [ccum.net/youngadults](http://ccum.net/youngadults) so we can ensure those who are adapting to a new chapter in their lives **feel God's love** through Christ Church.

**Men's Ministry: Just for Men** | Wednesdays at 7:30 am via Zoom

Join Rev. Mike Porter, Director of Men's Ministries and Discipleship, as he shares scripture and discussion for men during these trying times. Drop-in to our weekly gathering. If interested, please email [katie@ccum.net](mailto:katie@ccum.net) to be sent the