

# Christ Church United Methodist

February 23, 2025

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

## Order of Worship

### ~ **GATHERING** ~

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

*Elegy*  
Matthew Vanover, organ

Douglas Wagner

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

Leader: Jesus teaches us, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." But who are the others?

**All: Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.**

Leader: Jesus teaches us, "Be merciful as your Father is merciful." But what is mercy?

**All: To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.**

Leader: Jesus teaches us, "Forgive, and you will be forgiven." But how do we forgive?

**All: By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as people in need of compassion.**

Leader: Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another.

**All: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Hymn 519

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

~ **PROCLAIMING** ~

MUSICAL RESPONSE

*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

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

MUSICAL RESPONSE

*Seek Ye First*  
Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Hymn 405

\*SCRIPTURE

*Luke 6:27-38*

(9:00) Todd Maynard  
(11:15) Steve Wilson

SERMON

*Filled With Grace*

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

~ **RESPONDING** ~

CALL TO PRAYER

*O Lord Hear My Prayer*  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

‡ 9:00

*Assurance*  
Chapel Choir

John Ness Beck

‡ 11:15

*Let Me Walk with You*  
Chancel Choir

Tim Osiek

\*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.

~ SENDING FORTH ~

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified dead and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

Hymn 390

Tune: LAND OF REST

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:

what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease;  
then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

\*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Postlude in C*  
Matthew Vanover, organ

Henry Smart

\*indicates standing as you are able

‡ Mark Benz, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

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

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## **This Morning**

The flowers have been placed in the Chancel area this morning in loving memory of Ralph Powell by Carol Powell and family.

### **Christian Sympathy is extended to:**

Sharon Sengelaub on the death of her father, Garth Sengelaub, who died February 8. Christian sympathy is also extended to grandchildren, Brendan, Hilary and Jeremy.

Thomas Wobbe and Susan White on the death of their daughter, Elise Wobbe, who died February 14. Christian sympathy is also extended to sister, Lily.

The friends and family of Deborah Fillebrown, who died February 19.

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## **Announcements**

### **FELLOWSHIP**

**Ash Wednesday** | Wednesday, March 5

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

12 - 1 pm | Imposition of Ashes | Sanctuary

6:30 pm | Evening Service | Sanctuary and Livestream

**3rd Annual Art Exhibit** | Monday, April 7 - Saturday, April 26 | Memorial Hall

**Call for Art!** Sacred Worth and A.W.E. ministries are excited to present this year's art exhibit, *We are all the work of God's hand* (Isaiah 64:8). Congregation members and friends are invited to **submit one piece of original art** to be on display.

Submission details and dates can be found at [ccum.net/awe](http://ccum.net/awe) and any questions can be directed to Kristie Goodwin at [sacred.worth.christchurch@gmail.com](mailto:sacred.worth.christchurch@gmail.com).

**Sanctuary Series** presents **Piano Tapestry** | Sunday, March 2 at 7 pm | Sanctuary Come experience a **unique program** of varied genres written for four, six or eight hands, featuring Mark Benz, Deanna Catlett, Daniel Light, Matthew Vanover, students from the Daniel Light Piano Studio and other special friends. Pieces **performed on two grand pianos**

**facing each other** will offer a rare perspective on the communication needed for such an ensemble. A freewill offering will benefit Prodigal Ministries.

**Rekindle Bible Study** | Tuesdays, March 4 - April 15, 2025 | 10 am | Chapel

Join **Liz Curtis Higgs** for a **7-week** Bible study of **2 Timothy**, a book filled with timeless wisdom and profound truth. “*I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you...*” 2 Timothy 1:6. Register for this free study at [ccum.net/rekindle](http://ccum.net/rekindle).

**Called to Learning and Action Listening Session: Displaced Kentucky Families and the Foster Care System**

Wednesday Evenings, March 12 and 19 | 6 pm | Room 250

This informational gathering explores the foster care system in KY through the insights of **experienced foster parents** and **professionals**. Come learn about the challenges, the rewards and discover opportunities for community service, all while embodying the mission of James 1:27, to support children in need. Register at [ccum.net/foster](http://ccum.net/foster).

## CARE

**Grief Support** | Prayer Room 150b | 11 am | Wednesdays, through February 26

Experiencing the death of a loved one is something you do not have to walk through alone. As you are grieving, transitioning, and coping, you can **receive support and encouragement** through your church. If you have questions, email Melissa at [melissa@ccum.net](mailto:melissa@ccum.net).

## ARTS

**Open Art Studio – Extended through February!** | Wednesdays | 6 pm | Art Room

Join the A.W.E. (Art | Wonder | Experience) Ministry for **Open Studios** on Wednesday evenings - extended through February, thanks to the great response! 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**.

## YOUTH/CHILDREN

**Save the Dates - March 14 and 15!** The semi-annual **Pass It On Kids Sale** is coming soon with 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 the POKS Committee. To sign up to **volunteer or consign**, visit [ccum.net/passiton](http://ccum.net/passiton). For questions and more information please text Whitney Fontaine: (502) 797-7175.

**VBS 2025 Registration is Now Open!** *Road Trip: On the Go with God!*

**June 16 - 19**, VBS Kids will experience twists, turns and excitement as they face new challenges and find strength in God's presence on this unforgettable trip! For more information and to register, visit [ccum.net/vbs](http://ccum.net/vbs).

**Coffeehouse Event** | Friday, March 7 | 6:30 - 8 pm | Youth Center

All ages are invited to cozy up with us for a fun evening, featuring **live music** from one of CCUM's own high schoolers, Bethany Mae Chapman! Come and bring a friend.

## MEN

**Men's Breakfast** | Saturday, March 8 | 8 am | Fellowship Hall

Men of all ages are invited to join us monthly for **breakfast, fellowship** and a **guest speaker**. This month we'll welcome CCUM member, **Ogedi Omenyima**, whose message will be God's Economy in Nigeria. Come and bring a friend!

## WOMEN

**Women's Bible Study** | beginning Thursday, March 6 | 5:30-7 pm | Room 260 Want to know Jesus better? Join us for *Luke in the Land*, a **7-session study** authored by Kristi McLelland and **led by Tish Muldoon**, features teaching videos

from Israeli locations such as Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem. You will feel like you've traveled to the Holy Land! Register at [ccum.net/women](http://ccum.net/women).

## SENIOR ADULTS

**SAM Luncheon** | Monday, March 10 at 11:30 am | Fellowship Hall

Whether they reach out to us by phone, text, email or on social media, con artists are targeting seniors more than ever.

**Protecting Yourself from Fraud** is a timely and much-needed message from **AARP Kentucky**, teaching us the psychology behind ID theft, fraud, and scams, and offering wise counsel on how we can avoid being among the 141 million Americans who've been victims of fraud. After the program we'll enjoy a tasty **boxed lunch** from Gracious Plenty. Register for lunch at [ccum.net/sam](http://ccum.net/sam) by 12 pm on March 7.

## SERVE

### Disaster Relief

The Kentucky Annual Conference is **providing support** to fellow Kentuckians impacted by the recent flooding. To learn more, including ways you can help, visit Christ Church's homepage: [ccum.net](http://ccum.net).

### Snacks in Sacks

Full and overflowing! During our Six Stone Jars sermon series, we will be partnering with our Confirmation students to **fill up bags of food** for the Snacks in Sacks mission. You can learn more about the organization and find a list of items at [snacksinsacks.org](http://snacksinsacks.org) and [ccum.net/outreach](http://ccum.net/outreach). No need to schedule or organize, just **fill and seal** and bring to the collection bin in Gathering Hall through March 21. Let's **fill it to the brim!**

### Mission Connect

If you're **looking to be connected in service** to an organization or ministry in Louisville or beyond, new resources are available. Email [missions@ccum.net](mailto:missions@ccum.net) or call 502.893.2201, ext. 330 and leave a message.