

Christ Church United Methodist

January 14, 2024

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

1st Sunday after Epiphany Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. Richard Billingham

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mike Porter

Leader: Lord Jesus, we hear your call to service to all those who are oppressed.

We hear your voice in the cries of the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned, and the broken for you made yourself one with those who seek justice, freedom, and peace. There is a yearning for the day of your reign.

People: You are our servant God, and we would be your serving people.

Leader: Lord Jesus, search our hearts. Reveal to us all the ways we contribute to injustice. Raise our vision above the barriers of color, culture, and creed that separate us.

People: In the Spirit of Jesus who came not to be served, but to serve, we recommit ourselves to justice that rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

*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.

***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.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Hymn 160

Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO PRAYER

Spirit of the Living God

Hymn 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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.

OFFERING MUSIC

‡ 9:00

Give Me Jesus
Chapel Choir

Benjamin Harlan

*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

Jeremiah 1:4-19

(9:00) Eli Aten
(11:15) Gary Schooler

SERMON

Imposter!

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me

Hymn 463

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone;
as thou hast sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.

O strengthen me, that while I stand firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand to wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Tocatta from Chorale in A Minor
Matthew Vanover, organ

Cesar Frank

‡ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

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**Announcements are located on the following pages

The Story of the Hymn, *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

In 1900 a group of young men in Jacksonville, Florida planned a celebration honoring Abraham Lincoln's birthday. For the occasion James Weldon Johnson, a teacher, lawyer, activist and poet wrote a poem that his brother John Rosamond Johnson set to music.

In the context of a polarized nation following the Civil War, the poem acknowledges the long struggle of Black Americans and calls for both liberty and faithfulness. The "harmonies of liberty" refers to promised freedoms that were protected by the Constitution. The poet notes that God faithfully walked with them when they faced many injustices and trials as they fought for those liberties and urges all to stay "true to our God, true to our native land."

Five hundred students at Stanton Elementary, a segregated school in Jacksonville, Florida where the poet was principal, first sang "*Lift Every Voice and Sing*." Over the years those students continued to sing and teach it to their students. By 1917 it was widely sung and the NAACP promoted it as the "Negro (Black) National Anthem" using it as a rallying cry in the Civil Rights Movement. While some worried the hymn promoted separatism, it is held more generally as a call for freedom, hope and equity for all people. Today it is included in over 42 different hymnals.

Submitted by the CCUM Racial Justice Team in honor and recognition of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

MLK Day Celebration | Monday, January 15 at 12 pm | Watkins Memorial UMC

All are invited to *Faith Communities in the Midst of the Dream: The Time is Now*, a celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The speaker will be Bishop Leonard Fairley with a **reception immediately following**. Warm weather items (hats, gloves, scarfs, etc.) will be collected for the outreach project and will be gifted to a local shelter. Come and bring a friend to the celebration and recognition of this drum major of justice. Please visit kyumc.org/events for more information.

THIS MORNING

The flowers on the altar this morning are given in loving memory of Hayden Fuller and in honor of Claresse Fuller. Also in thanks to our wonderful Music Ministry staff for all their work on the Christmas concerts this year.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christian sympathy is extended to Dana Martin on the death of her husband, Ken Martin, who died December 29.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charge Conference | January 28, 2023 | 12:30 pm | Room 158

All Administrative Council members are asked to attend and all church members are invited to attend this annual church business meeting. Childcare is available upon request by January 21 to gina@ccum.net.

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 for the Zoom link.

Adult Study: DISCIPLE

A much-loved Bible study, DISCIPLE, returns to Christ Church, with **two options to choose from!** Whichever option you choose, you'll read, watch, listen, and discuss, as you grow in your knowledge and faith. **Register** at ccum.net/classes.

Beginning Thursday, January 11 | 11:30 am | Room 260

Go deep and wide with a 24-week study of the entire Bible.

Or, beginning Sunday, January 21 | 5:45pm | Room 001

Spend 12 weeks in the Old Testament.

Online Study | *The Journey Toward Wholeness* | Thursdays 7 pm | Zoom

If you know your **Enneagram** number and would like to deepen your understanding of the nine ways of being in the world, join Liz Matney and Kate Crandell for a fascinating **bi-monthly online book study beginning January 18!** Questions? Contact Liz Matney at matney.elizabeth@gmail.com. Register at ccum.net/classes.

Women's Bible Study: Isaiah | Thursdays 6:30 - 8 pm | Room 260

Need a little **freedom** and **light** in your thoughts, attitudes, or actions? **Beginning January 18**, join Tish Muldoon for a **7-week study of Isaiah**, whose prophetic message highlights freedom from captivity and light breaking through darkness. Register at ccum.net/women.

Men's Breakfast | Saturday, January 27 | 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 host **Laudate, CCUM's Middle School Choir** during their annual retreat. Please note that January's breakfast will be the **fourth Saturday of the month**, rather than the second Saturday. Come and bring a friend!

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 for more information** about January Open Studio times and classes and Church-Wide Art Weaving.

Register for Created By God, February 2 - 4, 2024. This weekend retreat is designed to communicate to 5th graders that we are a fantastic creation made by God. The **topics of human sexuality, values and relationships are approached in a frank, honest and Bible-based manner**. Parents are required to attend an information meeting in order for your child to participate. For more information, please contact Amy Chapman at achapman@ccum.net, or you can register at ccum.net/createdbygod.

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!

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 by February 11.

Called to Write: Weekend Workshop | March 15 - 16

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. **Details and registration coming soon!** Questions? Email liz@ccum.net.

Marriage Retreat 2024: THRIVE! | February 23 - 24

This fun overnight retreat is an **amazing opportunity** to spend time with your spouse, celebrate what's going well in your relationship, and learn some practical tools for making sure you are **THRIVING together!** More details and registration available at ccum.net/classes.

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 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 to be sent the