

# Christ Church United Methodist

January 28, 2024

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

## 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

*Rhosymedre*  
Matthew Vanover, organ

Ralph Vaughan Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liz Curtis Higgs

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

*All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine*  
**All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,  
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,  
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Hymn 166  
st. 1, 3, 4, 5

**Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
who wast a servant, that we might be free,  
humbling thyself to death on Calvary: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose,  
thou art high exalted o'er all creatures now,  
and given the name to which all knees shall bow: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let every tongue confess with one accord  
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord:  
and God the Father be by all adored: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*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 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Hymn 126

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;  
let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:  
To God all praise and glory.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT (11:15)

Lucy Brice Ahrens (6/23/2015) and Reed William Ahrens (7/10/2018)  
children of Victoria and Andy Ahrens.

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  
Lucy and Reed 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 them with a community of love and forgiveness, that they  
may grow in service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the  
way that leads to life.**

Pastor: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care  
Lucy and Reed, whom we this day recognize as members of the family  
of God. Will you endeavor so to live that they 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 Lucy and Reed, 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

CALL TO PRAYER

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Hymn 172

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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

*Come, Thou, Fount*  
Chapel Choir

Craig Courtney

◇ 11:15

*God So Loved the World*  
Chancel Choir

Dan and Heidi Goeller

\*DOXOLOGY

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.

Hymn 95

\*SCRIPTURE

*Luke 8:26-35*

(9:00) Sophie Tzanetos  
(11:15) Betsy Gibbs

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

Hymn 163

Ask ye what great thing I know, that delights and stirs me so?  
What the high reward I win? Whose the name I glory in?  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

Who defeats my fiercest foes? Who consoles my saddest woes?  
Who revives my fainting heart, healing all its hidden smart?  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

Who is life in life to me? Who the death of death will be?  
Who will place me on his right, with the countless hosts of light?  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

This is that great thing I know; this delights and stirs me so:  
faith in him who died to save, him who triumphed o'er the grave:  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

## SENDING FORTH

## POSTLUDE

*God of Grace*  
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. Paul Manz

‡ Ben Carter, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

◇ Ben Williams, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

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

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## THIS MORNING

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by the Seekers Sunday Class in honor of our wonderful church staff.

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Doris Robertson, who died January 22.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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](http://ccum.net/loss) or add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Guest Services Desk.

**Charge Conference** | Today, 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 special church business meeting. Childcare is not available.

**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 coming soon!

**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.

**Called to Write: A Weekend Workshop** | Friday evening, March 15 and Saturday morning, March 16

At **Called to Write**, you'll 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. Our **keynote speaker** will be best-selling author **Silas House**, Kentucky's 2024 Poet Laureate!

**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](http://ccum.net/passiton) to **sign up to volunteer or consign**. For questions and more information **text** Whitney Fontaine at (502) 797-7175.

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.

**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](mailto:achapman@ccum.net), or you can register at [ccum.net/createdbygod](http://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](http://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

**Studying Scripture** together is the best way to deepen our faith, expand our understanding of the Bible, and consider how to put into practice what we're learning. 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](http://ccum.net/women) by February 11.

**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!

### **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