

Christ Church United Methodist

January 26, 2025

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

Order of Worship

~ GATHERING ~

WELCOME

Rev. Melissa Head

PRELUDE

When Morning Gilds the Skies
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. Robert Lind

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Amy Chapman

Leader: In this world of striving,

All: we feel the yearn to earn.

Leader: The world measures our worth in those earnings,

All: but Jesus had different ideas.

Leader: Where they sought answers to life's uncertainties,

All: he showed us how to live into God's calling with conviction and integrity.

Leader: When we feel our own resources are lacking,

All: we can view our lives and practices again from the economy of Jesus.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymn 57
st. 1,3,4,5,7

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

~ PROCLAIMING ~

MUSICAL RESPONSE

All Creatures of Our God and King
Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,

Hymn 62

O praise ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 4:14-21

(9:00) Peter Lovett
(11:15) Stephanie Embury

SERMON

Filled With Purpose

Rev. Melissa Head

~ **RESPONDING** ~

CALL TO PRAYER

Bless the Lord
Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.

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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

O God, Beyond All Praising
Chancel Choir

Dan Forrest

‡ 11:15

Thank You, Lord
Mark Berlin, solo

Dan Burgess

*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.

ANOINTING

*CLOSING HYMN

The Summons

FWS 2130
st. 1, 2, 3, 5

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see If I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean In you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name?
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. Charles Callihan

◇ Mark Benz, conductor; Daniel Light, piano; Matthew Vanover, organ

‡ Daniel Light, piano

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

This Morning

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by the Seekers Sunday School Class in memory of three special members who died in 2024 - Flo Baldrige, Robert Pfeiffer and Jack Young.

Christian Sympathy is extended to:

Alicia and Riggs Lewis on the death of Alicia's father, Emmett Langley, who died January 15. Christian sympathy is also extended to grandchildren Grant and Eliza.

The friends and family of Rob Trabue, who died January 19.

Announcements

Charge Conference | January 26 | 12:30 pm

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 19 to gina@ccum.net.

FELLOWSHIP

New to Christ Church? Looking to learn more? Join Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant and Rev. Amy Chapman for **Belong! A Christ Church Connect Class**, Sundays in February at 10 am in the Chapel. Register at ccum.net/belong; registration is encouraged but not required.

Love Thy Gamer Gaming Convention | Saturday, March 1 | 9 am - 9 pm

Join **gamers of all ages** for an exciting day of tabletop gaming fun, learning and connection! Meet local creators and vendors working in the board game industry, and hear from professionals about the impact of gaming on fostering collaboration, creativity and a sense of belonging. This event isn't just about playing games—it's about understanding the significant role gaming plays in **building community and identity**, especially for kids and teens. Parents, educators and youth leaders are especially encouraged to attend to gain valuable insights into the gaming world. Come **learn, play and connect**—because gaming is more than a hobby! Please visit ccum.net/gamer for more information and to register.

FAMILY

Marriage Retreat | February 21 - 22, 2025

This fun **overnight** retreat is an amazing opportunity to spend time with your spouse, celebrate what's going well in your marriage and learn some practical tools to **STRENGTHEN your relationship!** The retreat takes place at the AC Marriott in NULU with dinner at La Bodeguita de Mima. Register at ccum.net/ministries/adult.

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.

ARTS

A.W.E. Open Art Studio | Wednesdays, January 29 | 6 pm | Art Room

Join the A.W.E. (Art | Wonder | Experience) Ministry for Open Studios on Wednesday evenings! Everyone, ages 11-111+ is welcome and childcare is available! Feel free to bring your works in progress. We also have plenty of paper, paints, drawing materials and more for anyone who want to dabble in something new. We'll have some regular art friends on hand to help try a new technique or medium. No experience necessary!

YOUTH/CHILDREN

Youth Fundraiser | Sunday, February 9 | 12:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

Our annual Youth Fundraiser to support Youth Missions, Choir Tour and Confirmation is on **Super Bowl Sunday!** Join us for lunch, Super Bowl snacks to purchase, a donation wall to support Youth Ministry and our famous Cake Auction! If you can't make it, you can always support by making a donation or purchasing something off our Youth Ministry Wishlist. To **register for lunch** and for more information, please visit ccum.net/youth.

Attention 4th and 5th graders (and parents)!

There will be an **Acolyte Training** on **Sunday, February 9 from 10-11 am** in the Sanctuary. Open to all 4th and 5th graders, including current acolytes. If you are interested in learning about this special ministry, come join us! Contact Elizabeth Powell with questions: egolden0@hotmail.com.

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. For questions and more information please text Whitney Fontaine: (502) 797-7175.

Parents, please **mark your calendars** for **Vacation Bible School** this summer, **June 16 - 19!** We'll meet Monday - Thursday from 9 am - 12 pm and have a special celebration together Thursday evening. Registration coming soon!

SENIOR ADULTS

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

In this **engaging and informative talk**, *Healthy Mind, Healthy Life: Nurturing Your Brain as You Age*, Kristen Neises, APRN, will share practical, research-based strategies to help us improve cognitive function, enhance memory and protect our brains from age-related decline. Please register at ccum.net/SAM by 12 pm on February 7.

SERVE

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 and 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!**