

Christ Church United Methodist

July 6, 2025

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

Communion Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

PRELUDE

Rejoice the Lord is King
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. Raymond Haan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Melissa Head

Leader: People of God, do not be deceived; for we reap what we sow.

People: If we sow to our own flesh, we will reap corruption.

Leader: If we sow to the Spirit, we will reap Eternal Life from the Spirit.

People: Let us not grow weary in doing what is right.

Leader: We will reap a harvest if we do not give up!

People: Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all!

All: That's an act of true freedom.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Lift High the Cross

Hymn 159

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine. [Refrain]

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. [Refrain]

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. [Refrain]

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! [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

OFFERING MUSIC

I Will Glory in the Cross
Mark Berlin, soloist
Daniel Light, piano

Dottie Rambo

*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

Galatians 6:7-16

This worship series invites the gathered community into a renewed hearing of scripture by using The Message, Eugene Peterson.

7-8 Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life.

9-10 So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.

11-13 Now, in these last sentences, I want to emphasize in the bold scrawls of my personal handwriting the immense importance of what I have written to you. These people who are attempting to force the ways of circumcision on you have only one motive: They want an easy way to look good before others, lacking the courage to live by a faith that shares Christ's suffering and death. All their talk about the

law is gas. They themselves don't keep the law! And they are highly selective in the laws they do observe. They only want you to be circumcised so they can boast of their success in recruiting you to their side. That is contemptible!

14-16 For my part, I am going to boast about nothing but the Cross of our Master, Jesus Christ. Because of that Cross, I have been crucified in relation to the world, set free from the stifling atmosphere of pleasing others and fitting into the little patterns that they dictate. Can't you see the central issue in all this? It is not what you and I do—submit to circumcision, reject circumcision. It is what God is doing, and he is creating something totally new, a free life! All who walk by this standard are the true Israel of God—his chosen people. Peace and mercy on them!

HOMILY

Something totally new, a free life!

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
Jeannie Barrick, soloist

arr. Mark Hayes

Prayer
Matthew Vanover, organ; Daniel Light, piano

Paul Halley

In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful
In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices: the Lord is near,
lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

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PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN

This Is My Song
This is my song, Oh God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;

Hymn 437

Here are my hopes, my dreams, my sacred shrine.
But other hearts in other lands are beating,
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
Oh hear my song, oh God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
And hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
Myself I give thee, let thy will be done.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Excerpts from
"Theme and Variations on The Star Spangled Banner"
Matthew Vanover, organ

Dudley Buck

This Morning

The flowers in the Chancel area are given by Jef Conner in loving memory of her husband, Stew Conner and her parents, Julia and James Fish.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the following church members:

Sam Crawford on the death of his wife, Jane Crawford, who died June 29.

Announcements

Honoring Melissa Head's Service

Throughout her almost 11 years of service at Christ Church, Melissa has made significant impacts on every aspect of how we live into our mission of *becoming living proof of God's love, one person at a time*. The love and support that she has brought to our care ministry has been an extraordinary blessing for us all. Melissa has written a beautiful letter to the congregation that can be viewed at ccum.net.

As Melissa departs for the next chapter of her journey, join us as we **show our appreciation for her and wish her well in her transition and new place of ministry:**

- **Reception** on **Sunday, August 3 at 12:30 pm**
- **Love Offering** through ccum.net/give or via check with "Melissa Head Love Offering" in the memo. Gifts will be collected through Monday, August 4.

Called to Write! Our next gathering is **Thursday, July 17** from **6:30 - 8 pm**. Published author Karen H. Richardson will share her expertise on "*Critique Groups: How to Start One, How They Work, How They Help*." Wherever you are in your writing journey, we promise it will be **informative and fun**. Consider bringing one page of your work-in-progress to share. If you're new to our group, register at ccum.net/write!

Twilight Market | Thursday, July 10 and 24 | 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Artisans, crafters, makers and bakers deliver sweet summer memories to you, your family and friends old and new. These summer markets are also a **wonderful opportunity to engage** in the mission of *becoming living proof of God's love, one person at a time*. **Invite** your neighbors and come meet new friends. If you or someone you know would be a great **vendor at a future market**, please invite them! **Vendor registration** and more details available at ccum.net/market.

MUSIC

Arsis Handbell Ensemble Concert | Wednesday, July 9 | 7 pm | Sanctuary

Join us for a truly unique musical experience as Christ Church welcomes the Arsis Handbell Ensemble from Estonia as part of their eight-city US tour this summer. Enjoy their **beautiful arrangements of classical favorites**, including Bach, Chopin, Mendelssohn and Tchaikovsky. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear one of Europe's most celebrated handbell groups! No charge for admission but a free will offering will be collected.

SERVE

Backpacks for Lighthouse Academy | Sundays, July 13 and 20

Support our friends at **Lighthouse Academy at Newburg** by providing backpacks filled with basic school supplies to get their students off to a great start this school year! Empty **backpacks will be available for pickup** on July 13 and 20 with a list of requested school supplies attached. All filled backpacks are to be returned no later than 12 pm on July 27.

Children's Ministry Faith Formation Volunteers Needed

Summer is right around the corner, and we **urgently need more volunteers** to lead in our classrooms. Please prayerfully consider signing up to serve as a Children's Ministry **10 am Faith Formation leader** at least one hour a month. Without leaders, there is no Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings. Please visit ccum.net/cmlead for more information and to sign up!

Weekday Desk Volunteers are needed! Work as little or as much as you like! For information contact Gina Perry 882-9685 or gina@ccum.net.

WOMEN

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. Bring a lunch, if you like, and join us **Thursday, July 10 in Room 156 at 12 pm**, to discuss *The Language of Flower* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Visit ccum.net/women for more information.

JOB OPENINGS

Children's Ministry is looking for **Sunday childcare workers** for Infants thru Pre-K. Must be 18 or older. Contact Gina Perry at 882-9685 or gina@ccum.net.

Christ Church School is Hiring

Christ Church School is looking for lead/assistant teachers, support teachers and substitutes, both full time and part time. We have openings for the 2025-20256 School year. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the school at (502) 882-9963 or visit ccum.net/school.