

Christ Church United Methodist

July 20, 2025

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

Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Amy Chapman

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. Raymond Haan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Lord Jesus, you hold all things together, seen and unseen.

People: Through you and for you, all things were made. In you all things hold together.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you are the Visible Image of the invisible God.

People: In everything, you are Supreme, reconciling all things to yourself.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you who made peace by the blood of your cross,

People: We will not shift from the hope promised to every creature under heaven.

All: That is an act of true freedom.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

The Church's One Foundation

Hymn 545
st. 1,2,4,5

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymn 189

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT (11:15 am)

Margaret Walker Purdie (1/21/2025) daughter of Andrew and Taylor Purdie

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
Margaret 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 Margaret with a community of love and forgiveness, that she
may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the
way that leads to life.

Pastor: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care
Margaret, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that she
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 Margaret, 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

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymn 189

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!

Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

This Little Light of Mine
All Strings New, with Caroline Walton and Bryan Carter

arr. All Strings New

*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

Colossians 1:15-28

(9:00) Mark Vanderwerp
(11:15) Dan Burgess

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

version: The Message

15-18 We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body.

18-20 He was supreme in the beginning and—leading the resurrection parade—he is supreme in the end. From beginning to end he's there, towering far above everything, everyone. So spacious is he, so expansive, that everything of God finds its proper place in him without crowding. Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe—people and things, animals and atoms—get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the cross.

21-23 You yourselves are a case study of what he does. At one time you all had your backs turned to God, thinking rebellious thoughts of him, giving him trouble every chance you got. But now, by giving himself completely at the Cross, actually dying for you, Christ brought you over to God's side and put your lives together, whole and holy in his presence. You don't walk away from a gift like that! You stay grounded and steady in that bond of trust, constantly tuned in to the Message, careful not to be distracted or diverted. There is no other Message—just this one. Every creature under heaven gets this same Message. I, Paul, am a messenger of this Message.

24-25 I want you to know how glad I am that it's me sitting here in this jail and not you. There's a lot of suffering to be entered into in this world—the kind of suffering Christ takes on. I welcome the chance to take my share in the church's part of that suffering. When I became a servant in this church, I

experienced this suffering as a sheer gift, God's way of helping me serve you, laying out the whole truth.

26-28 This mystery has been kept in the dark for a long time, but now it's out in the open. God wanted everyone, not just Jews, to know this rich and glorious secret inside and out, regardless of their background, regardless of their religious standing. The mystery in a nutshell is just this: Christ is in you, so therefore you can look forward to sharing in God's glory. It's that simple. That is the substance of our Message. We preach Christ, warning people not to add to the Message. We teach in a spirit of profound common sense so that we can bring each person to maturity. To be mature is to be basic. Christ! No more, no less.

SERMON

You Are Here

Rev. Susan Jinnett-Sack

CALL TO PRAYER

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Hymn 454

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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.

*CLOSING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Hymn 451

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Postlude in C
Matthew Vanover, organ

Henry Smart

This Morning

The flowers in the chancel area are given in loving memory of Billy Reed by his children and grandchildren.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the following church members:

Friends and family of Susan Fenley, who died July 11.

Please welcome **Rev. Susan Jinnett-Sack** as our guest preacher this morning. Susan is a retired United Methodist Elder and former Northern Kentucky District Superintendent and has been attending Christ Church for the last 2.5 years. Susan and her husband, Michael, reside in Louisville. They share three children (Katie, Will and Lexi) and three grandchildren (Eliza, Tatum and James Ellis).

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.

STAFF UPDATE

We are thrilled to introduce two new members to our team at Christ Church! Please join us in welcoming **Neal Cox**, who has taken on the role of part-time Digital Content Creator/Storyteller, and **Charles "Chuck" DiChiara**, our new Controller. Neal began his journey with us on June 30 and Chuck started this past week. They are getting familiar with all of our great ministries and can't wait to start meeting the congregation. Welcome aboard, Neal and Chuck!

Save the Date | More details to come

Blessing Sunday | August 24 | One Service at 10 am followed by Church-Wide Lunch

Youth Music starts August 24 | Register at ccum.net/youthmusic

PSALM Kids starts August 27 | Register at ccum.net/psalmkids

Wednesday Night Classes | September 3, 10, 17 and 24

Pass It On Kids Sale | September 12 and 13

Christ Church Cares Day | September 13

Sacred Worth, a ministry of LGBTQIA members and allies, will meet on **today, July 20**, in Room 001 at **12:30 pm**. Feel free to bring your lunch. Everyone is welcome! Sacred Worth Meeting

Caregiver Support Group

Are you caring for a loved one? This lay-led group invites caregivers from across the community to gather in a **safe and supportive space** to share experiences, exchange resources and suggestions, and care for one another in community. We meet on the **first and third Mondays** of each month at 3 pm in Room 253. Contact Susan Basinger at susanbase29@gmail.com for more information.

Twilight Market | Thursday, 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.

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.

Twilight Market | Thursday, July 24

Our markets are **excellent opportunities** to be a welcoming and neighborly presence in our city, and **your help is essential**. Responsibilities include helping with setup, parking, help during the market, and clean up. **Interested?** Contact Ben Williams at ben@ccum.net.

If **working with preschool age children** fills your cup, would you consider being part of a team that leads our 3's and 4's in Children's Music on Wednesday nights? We already have a strong team in place, and **YOU are exactly who we are looking for**. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Ben Williams at ben@ccum.net.

Children's Ministry - L.O.U. Food Donation Collection

From **now until August 10**, we invite you to drop off donations in Gathering Hall that our K-5th grade children and families will use to pack sack lunches for **Louisville Outreach for the Unsheltered**. For more information and a **list of items needed**, please visit ccum.net/children. Help us help feed our hungry neighbors!

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.