

Christ Church United Methodist

July 27, 2025

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

Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Amy Chapman

PRELUDE

Fantasy on Beach Spring
Matthew Vanover, piano

arr. Matthew Vanover

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

Leader: As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your
lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith,
just as you were taught.

People: Abounding with thanksgiving, we will see to it that no one takes us captive through empty deceit.

Leader: You have come to fullness in Christ who is the head of every ruler and authority.

People: Jesus disarmed the rulers and authorities and made public examples of them, triumphing over them.

All: That's an act of true freedom.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymn 57
st. 1-5

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

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

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.

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

Gloria Patri

Hymn 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

MUSICAL RESPONSE

In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful

Taizé

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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OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

Ain't No Grave

Ely/Helser/Helser/Skaggs

Bethany, Andrew and James Chapman

*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 2:6-15

(9:00) Debbie Watt
(11:15) Andrew Chpman

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

version: The Message

6-7 My counsel for you is simple and straightforward: Just go ahead with what you've been given. You received Christ Jesus, the Master; now live him. You're deeply rooted in him. You're well constructed upon him. You know your way around the faith. Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the subject and start living it! And let your living spill over into thanksgiving.

8-10 Watch out for people who try to dazzle you with big words and intellectual double-talk. They want to drag you off into endless arguments that never amount to anything. They spread their ideas through the empty traditions of human beings and the empty superstitions of spirit beings. But that's not the way of Christ. Everything of God gets expressed in him, so you can see and hear him clearly. You don't need a telescope, a microscope, or a horoscope to realize the fullness of Christ, and the emptiness of the universe without him. When you come to him, that fullness comes together for you, too. His power extends over everything.

11-15 Entering into this fullness is not something you figure out or achieve. It's not a matter of being circumcised or keeping a long list of laws. No, you're already in—insiders—not through some secretive initiation rite but rather through what Christ has already gone through for you, destroying the power of sin. If it's an initiation ritual you're after, you've already been through it by submitting to baptism. Going under the water was a burial of your old life; coming up out of it was a resurrection, God raising you from the dead as he did Christ. When you were stuck in your old sin-dead life, you were incapable of responding to God. God brought you alive—right along with Christ! Think of it! All sins forgiven, the slate wiped clean, that old arrest warrant canceled and nailed to Christ's cross. He stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their sham authority at the Cross and marched them naked through the streets.

SERMON

An Open Door

Rev. Amy Chapman

CALL TO PRAYER

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Hymn 420

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

And Can It Be that I Should Gain

Hymn 363

St. 1,3,5

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died he for me? who caused his pain!
For me? who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be

that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!
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for O my God, it found out me!

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th' eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
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and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

AZMON
Matthew Vanover, organ

setting by David Cherwien

This Morning

The flowers in the chancel area are given in loving memory of Walter D. Calain by his wife, Sharon and daughter, Amy Kapur.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the following church members:

Betsy and Harry Wall on the death of Betsy's father, Walter Hultman, who died July 10. Christian sympathy is also extended to grandchildren, Callie (Henry) and Hank (Ellen).

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!

Coming this fall! | More details provided soon.

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

Pass It On Kids Sale | September 12 and 13

Christ Church Cares Day | September 24

FELLOWSHIP

SAVE THE DATE for the annual fall tradition of BLESSING SUNDAY, **August 24**.

On that date we will:

- All worship together in **one service** at 10 am
 - **Bless our children and youth** as they celebrate milestones
 - Enjoy a **POTLUCK** lunch after the service
- Optional Adult Sunday School at 9 am.
No Faith Formation for Children and Youth.

POTLUCK DETAILS can be found at ccum.net

YOUTH/CHILDREN

Blessing Sunday: Celebrating Milestones | Sunday, August 24 | 10 am service

We are delighted to kick-off the new school year by celebrating three important milestones in faith formation!

- **Kindergarten Blessing**
- **3rd Grade Bible Presentation**
- **6th Grade Blessing**

Please **register by Tuesday, August 12** to participate! There will be a **required rehearsal** on Sunday, August 24. For more information and to register please visit ccum.net/children.

PSALM Kids Registration is Here! | Register at ccum.net/psalmkids.

Parents, registration is now open for PSALM Kids, our **Children's Music Program**. Kids in **grades Pre-K through 5th grade** experience God's love and develop musical and other skills through singing, ringing and activities. They meet weekly on **Wednesdays from 6 - 7:15 pm, beginning August 27**.

Youth Music Registration is now open!

Sign up to join Laudate, our **Middle School Choir** or One Voice, our **High School Choir**, or ring **Handbells**. No prior music experience is necessary, just come with an open heart and ready to have fun! Register at ccum.net/youthmusic. Join us for Youth Music Opening Night on Sunday, August 24 at 5 pm!

ADULT

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.

SAM Digital Device Classes | Wednesdays, August 13 and 20 | 1 - 3 pm

Join us for a **two-lesson series** on how to be more confident and safe from scammers while using your digital device. Bring your smartphone, iPad, notebook or laptop and **get personalized help** in learning to navigate its features. Please reserve your spot in advance at ccum.net/sam.

SERVE

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 2025-2026 School year. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the school at (502) 882-9963 or visit ccum.net/school.