

Christ Church United Methodist

June 7, 2026

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

Communion Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Amy Chapman

PRELUDE

Blessed Assurance
High School Handbells

Phoebe Knapp
arr. Barbara B. Kinyon

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

Leader: God told Abram: "Leave your country, your family, and your father's home for a land that I will show you. I'll make you a great nation and bless you. All the families of the Earth will be blessed through you."

People: So Abram left just as God had said, for the word of the Lord is upright. All his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Leader: Abram gave glory to God being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

People: Therefore, Abram's faith was reckoned to him as righteousness.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Hymn 127

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

*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

◇ 9:00

Cantate Domino

David Brunner

One Voice

‡ 11:15

O God Beyond All Praising

Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir

***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**

Romans 4:13-25

HOMILY

Fully Convinced

Rev. Amy Chapman

***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

The Ash Grove
Leah Catlet, viola
Cindy Watson, viola

Traditional
arr. Gazda and Clark

Near the Cross
Cindy Watson, viola
Deanna Catlett, piano

arr. Gary Lanier

Fantasiestücke, Op. 73, Movement 1
Andrew Blosser, clarinet
Daniel Light, piano

Robert Schumann

More Love to Thee, O Christ
More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!

Hymn 453

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN

I Come with Joy
I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.

Hymn 617

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known;
we see and praise him here,
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise,
we'll live and speak his praise.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Jubilation
Matthew Vanover, organ

Paul Frey

◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Kathy Kicklighter, piano

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*indicates standing as you are able

Order of Worship Notations:

Call to Worship: *Genesis 12: 1-4 The Message, selected; Psalm 33: 4-5 NRSV; Romans 4: 20b-22 NRSV*

Musical Response: *Used by permission One License A 702340*

We invite our children to stay in worship for the entire service today so that they can receive Holy Communion with their family and the entire congregation. We are blessed to have our children with us!

This Morning

The flowers in the Chancel area are given in loving memory of Jeremiah Strange by his parents, Curtis and Melissa Snively, along with grandparents, Judy and Allen Snively.

This morning in the 9 am service, we will be praying a blessing over our High School Handbell Ringers and One Voice, our High School Choir, as they get ready to depart for their annual summer choir tour. They will be traveling to Asheville, NC, singing concerts and serving with local agencies such as the Western Carolina Rescue Mission and Asheville-Buncombe Community Christian Ministry. They will be returning next Sunday to present their Homecoming Concert. Please be in prayer for these wonderful teens as they travel and serve, and come to the Homecoming Concert on June 14 at 7 pm to welcome them home!

Announcements

Charge Conference | Monday, June 8 | 6:30 pm | Room 158

All **Administrative Council members** are asked to attend and **all church members** are invited to attend this Charge Conference to consider the Report from the Lay Leadership and Nominations Committee.

Caregiver Support Group | Mondays, June 8 and 22 | 3 - 4:30 pm | Room 253

The Caregiver Support group is a **lay-led gathering** for anyone who **cares for a loved one with unique needs...** parent, spouse, adult child, sibling, extended family member or friend. The group offers opportunities to learn about the aging process, stress management, problem solving, self-care, setting boundaries, safety, long-term care, and more.

PLEASE NOTE: Schedule Change for June, the group will meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays, rather than the 1st and 3rd.

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, June 11 in Room 156 at 12 pm** to discuss *The Filling Station* by Vanessa Williams.

One Voice Homecoming Concert | June 14 | 7 pm | Sanctuary

Join us for the Homecoming Concert as our fabulous **youth return** from having spent several days of singing, ringing and serving in the Asheville, NC area and also in Frankfort, KY. Please **come and welcome them home**, hear their music and listen to their stories from the road. You won't want to miss it!

Vacation Bible School - Rainforest Falls | June 15 - 18

Volunteer: We have opportunities for adults and youth to help us make VBS a wonderful experience this summer!

Snackivity Collection: Help us collect the items we need for this fun VBS activity that offers a healthy snack and a great time for kids and volunteers!

Visit ccum.net/vbs for more information on snack items needed and to volunteer!

Sacred Worth, a ministry of LGBTQIA members and allies, **will meet on Sunday, June 21**, in Room 156 at 12:30 pm (please note the room change). Feel free to bring your lunch. Everyone is welcome!

Blood Drive | Tuesday, June 23 | 1 pm | Fellowship Hall

Roll up your sleeve and join us for the next **Red Cross Blood Drive!** Please schedule an appointment by contacting Kim Brice at (502) 727-2581. **Walk-ins are also welcome.**

The Pastor's Pick - June | Tuesday, June 30 | 10 - 11:30 am | Room 250

Join Pastor Eric for the next installment of The Pastor's Pick! June's book, *The Anatomy of Peace: Resolving the Heart of Conflict* by the Arbinger Institute, is a **bestseller** that **explores the root cause of conflict**, which it identifies as a mindset of self-deception, or being "in the box". It teaches readers how to **recognize their own contribution** to conflict, even when they feel like the victim, and provides practical tools to shift from an "inward" to an "outward" mindset to **achieve lasting resolution** in personal, professional and global situations. Visit ccum.net/classes to register and to order the book.