

Christ Church United Methodist

June 21, 2026

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

Father's Day Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Pastorale
Paul Detterman, organ

Fela Sowande

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

Leader: Do not be afraid of those who threaten you. For the time is coming when everything that is covered will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all.

People: **Bend down, O Lord, and hear my prayer; answer me, for I need your help. Protect me, for I am devoted to you. Save me, for I serve you and trust you. You are my God.**

Leader: Do not be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul.

People: **O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive, so full of unfailing love for all who ask for your help. Listen closely to my prayer, O Lord; hear my urgent cry.**

Leader: Do not be afraid. The very hairs of your head are all numbered.

People: **All the nations you made will come and bow before you, Lord; they will praise your holy name. For you are great and perform wonderful deeds. You alone are God.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Hymn 519

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;

lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

***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**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Hymn 126

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Hymn 126

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

◇ 9:00

He Was Wounded
Katherine Meisburg, soprano

Craig Courtney

During the Doxology, children K-2nd grade are welcome to gather up front and follow the banner out of the Sanctuary to attend Children's Worship.

*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

Genesis 21:8-21

(9:00) Dale Salyers
(11:15) Annie Brock

SERMON

A Nation Among the Wandering

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

CALL TO PRAYER

Lead Me, Lord

Hymn 473

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

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 Still, My Soul

Hymn 534

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Improvisation
Paul Detterman, organ

◇ Daniel Light, piano

‡ Daniel Blosser, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

*indicates standing as you are able

Order of Worship Notations:

Call to Worship: *Matthew 10: 24-39; Psalm 86 selected, NLT*

Penned in 1900 by James Weldon Johnson, the poem *Lift Every Voice and Sing* was later set to music by his brother, J. Rosamond Johnson. Originally written in remembrance of President Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Johnson's poem was first performed by a chorus of 500 schoolchildren in a segregated school in Jacksonville, FL where Johnson served as principal.

Over the years those students continued to sing and teach *Lift Every Voice and Sing* to other students. By 1917 it was widely sung and the NAACP promoted it as the "Negro (Black) National Anthem" using it as a rallying cry in the Civil Rights Movement. While some worried the hymn promoted separatism, it is held more generally as a call for freedom, hope and equity for all people. Today it is included in over 42 different hymnals including the United Methodist Hymnal.

This morning, we lend our voices to this hymn in recognition of Juneteenth. While the Emancipation Proclamation legally freed the enslaved on January 1, 1863, those in the westernmost Confederate state of Texas were not freed until much later. Two and half years after the Emancipation Proclamation took effect, Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas. On June 19, 1865, those troops announced that 250,000 enslaved black people were set free by executive decree.

This Morning

The flowers have been placed on the altar today in loving memory of Rick Guillaume by his wife, Ann, son and daughter in law, Lee and Marla, daughter, Jill Kissel and his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Announcements

It is with mixed emotions, yet hopeful anticipation that we announce our Director of Youth Ministry, Bobby Patton, will be leaving us to serve at another local United Methodist Church. While we will greatly miss Bobby's faithful ministry, we celebrate this exciting new chapter for him, Sarah, Maura and Dain, and offer them our prayers and blessings. You can read Bobby's letter to Youth Ministry families at ccum.net/bobby.

We invite the congregation to join in a **reception** honoring Bobby and his family on **Sunday, June 28**, in the **Gathering Hall**, following the 11:15 am worship service.

EMAIL SCAM ALERT!

The scammers are at it again! Please know that staff will NEVER email you asking for gift cards or money, access to database information, or try to send a shared document. If you have a question about an email you receive actually being from Christ Church staff, please call the church office at (502) 897-6421 to verify.

Donuts with Dad | June 21 | Anytime between 9:30 - 11:00 am | Fellowship Hall Join us on Father's Day as we celebrate and **give thanks** for all who are **fathers** or a **fatherly presence** in our lives. Come enjoy a sweet time of connection and fellowship as we honor the many ways love and care are shared among us.

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!

Stop by to visit representatives from Sacred Worth, a ministry of LGBTQIA+ members and allies, in the **Gathering Hall** on **June 21 and 28**. Our mission is to affirm and celebrate the sacred worth of all. We strive to **create a loving space** that affirms the value, integrity and sacred worth of every person, to engage in mutually respectful dialogue with others, and to be **beacons of welcome and hope**. As a group, we serve area ministries, host social gatherings and organize the annual art exhibit as we endeavor to be a welcoming presence and to share God's love and light.

Caregiver Support Group | Monday, June 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: In July, the group will go back to meeting on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.

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.**

Chair Yoga | Tuesdays, June 23 - July 28 | 10 am | Fellowship Hall

Back by popular demand, Christ Church again welcomes **Steph Horne** to lead a summer chair yoga series. The **six-week class** will offer **gentle, seated movement** and breath work to increase mobility, reduce stress and nourish your body and spirit. Wear comfortable clothing and join us – **no experience necessary!**

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.

You're invited to join Rev. Amy Chapman and Rev. Robin Jennings next spring on a **pilgrimage through Spain**, *To Dream the Impossible Dream*. Journeying from Madrid across the Iberian Peninsula, you'll follow the path of Don Quixote and his iconic windmills, while discovering the enduring wisdom of the Spanish mystics, whose writings and witness have opened hearts and deepened faith for generations. The **dates are March 8 - 18, 2027**. For more information, contact Robin Jennings at robintjennings@gmail.com. You can also pick up a flyer at the front desk.