

Christ Church United Methodist

March 3, 2024

(in - person) 9:00 am
(live-streamed & in - person) 11:15 am

Communion Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

In the Cross of Christ I Glory
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. David Cherwien

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

Leader: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

People: The One who calls us,

Leader: The One who loves and equips us,

All: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymn 384
HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*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

Going Over Home
One Voice

Sonja Poorman

◇ 11:15

A Balm in Gilead
Chancel Choir; Portia Odette, soloist

Daniel Blosser

*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

John 1:1-2; 10-14; 16-18 and John 3:16

SERMON

Called to Grace

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (*turn to page 24 in the hymnal*)

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

Cradle Song

Frank Bridge

Cindy Watson, viola; Deanna Catlett, piano

Morning Song
Deanna Catlett, piano

Joseph Martin

Meditation
Gabe Porter and Daniel Light, piano

Dennis Alexander

Jesus, Remember Me
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Taizé

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

How Great Thou Art

Hymn 77
st. 1, 3, 4

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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how great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune
Matthew Vanover, organ

Andrew Carter

[†] Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Kathy Kicklighter, piano

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****Announcements are located on the following pages**

THIS MORNING

The altar flowers this morning are given in loving memory of our parents, Miriam and Bill Stinnett and Margaret and Emrole Spurgeon by Myra and Bill Stinnett.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Agnes White, who died February 22.

Christian sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Larry Alt, who died February 28.

Lent Resources

AT HOME:

Reflection Cards

These cards can be used on your own or with others anytime you want to spend time with God.

Daily Texts

Sign up at ccum.net/text.

Reflecting on Scripture Weekly Podcast

You will be guided through a part of the scripture that will inspire the Sunday sermon. Find each new episode on Fridays during Lent at ccum.net/Lent. You can also subscribe to the *Reflecting On Scripture* podcast wherever you get your podcasts.

Scripture, Prayer, Spiritual Practices

To explore each weekly sermon theme through scripture, prayer and spiritual practices, visit ccum.net/Lent, for a myriad of resources.

AT CHURCH

Unclutter Your Soul

Listen to the word of God with Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard on Wednesdays in the Chapel from 6:15 - 7 pm. You're welcome anytime, optional registration at ccum.net/Lent.

Prayer Labyrinth

Walk our new prayer labyrinth in the Prayer Room anytime the building is open.

Stations of the Cross

Follow the path Jesus did in his final days in this interactive experience in Fellowship Hall beginning March 13.

Sharing God's Love this Lent

Easter Lilies – Honor a loved one, past or present, by purchasing a \$15 lily that will decorate our church for Easter. Visit ccum.net/lilies2024 by Sunday, March 17 or contact katie@ccum.net with questions.

Support the cost of Dinner and Transportation for the **Maundy**

Thursday service at Fourth Avenue UMC where our Bridge Communities and friends from The Healing Place will be welcomed. Visit ccum.net/maundygift to donate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. We meet the **2nd Thursday of every month in Room 156 at 12 pm**—bring a lunch, if you wish, and join us! The **next meeting is Thursday, March 14**, discussing *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano. Our list of Spring 2024 books can be found at ccum.net/women.

Scouts BSA Troop 317 - 2024 Spring Fundraiser

Spring is just around the corner and it is time for our annual **Mulch Sale!** Black Platinum, Natural Hardwood Mulch, **\$7 per bag - while supplies last.** Free delivery on 20 or more bags of mulch! All orders will be delivered on Saturday, March 23. Click [here](#) to place an order or for more information please contact Jackie Phillips at bsatroop317ky@gmail.com.

Choir Tour 2024 registration is now OPEN!

One Voice and the High School Handbells will be embarking on their **annual choir tour on June 5 - 9!** They will serve, sing and ring in Eastern Kentucky and West Virginia, sharing the love of Jesus through music, serving ministries and working hard to improve the community. **All high schoolers, as well as 8th graders are invited to attend!** You can register at ccum.net/youthmusic.

VBS 2024 | July 8-11 | "Wake up, Samuel!" #Godiscalling

Does God still speak? Yes! God knows our name and calls us to listen, know and follow! Meet the young boy, Samuel, this summer as he is called by God and helps us learn how to HEAR God. **Registration is NOW OPEN** so hop on over to ccum.net/vbs for more information about waking up to Gods voice!
"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" 1 Samuel 3:9

Become a VBS Volunteer! We have opportunities for **adults and youth** (entering 6th - 12th grade in the fall) to help us make VBS a wonderful experience this summer! The nursery will be provided for infants and toddlers of our volunteers. Sign up at ccum.net/vbsvolunteer.

Lent is a season of preparation for Easter that lasts 40 days (not counting Sundays) that spans from Ash Wednesday until Easter each year. For Lent 2024, our **guiding scripture** is Exodus 33:14 – The Lord replied, "My presence will go with you and I will give you rest." **You are Called To a Lenten season of simplicity, unity and rest.** Invite the Holy Spirit to be present and guide you throughout Lent. To assist with this, **you may sign-up for daily texts or pick up a set of Reflection Cards** (available in the Gathering Hall). You can also **gather each Wednesday of Lent** in the Chapel from 6:15 - 7 pm for a time with Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard to "*Unclutter Your Soul*" as we listen to the word of God. You can sign up to join her at ccum.net/lent. The first Sunday of Lent is February 18.

Pass It On Kids Sale is this week! | Fellowship Hall | March 8, 9 am - 2 pm & 5:30 - 7:30 pm | March 9, 9 am - 12 pm
The semi-annual Pass it On Kids Sale is coming up with **hundreds of items**, including **clothing, toys, books, shoes, furniture, equipment, maternity clothes and more!** Visit ccum.net/passiton for more information or to **sign up to volunteer or consign**. For questions and more information **text** Whitney Fontaine at (502) 797-7175.

Many **volunteers are especially needed** for the Saturday, March 9 breakdown shift from 12-2:30pm.
Please sign up online at ccum.net/passiton or by contacting Camille Burgard at camilleburgard@gmail.com or 502-500-9661. Volunteers and consignors receive an early access pass to shop the sale in advance on Thursday, March 7.

"You Are Beloved" Art Exhibit, sponsored by Sacred Worth | Exhibit dates: April 7 - 21 | Memorial Hall
CCUM Members and Friends are invited to submit **one piece of original art** they have created, including photographs, poetry, drawings and paintings that fits the exhibit theme of "*You Are Beloved*." Please visit ccum.net/art for submission dates, guidelines and more information.

Sanctuary Series Concert - Save the Date! | March 24 | 7 pm | Sanctuary

Join us in the evening on Palm Sunday for the **Chancel Choir and orchestra's performance of the Mozart Requiem.**

Come and experience Holy Week through the beauty and poignancy of this incredible work. Admission is free, and an offering will be collected to support Breckenridge-Franklin Elementary School.

SAM Luncheon | Monday, March 11 | 11:30 am - 1 pm

Steve Wiser returns to tell us about **Legacy Houses of St. Matthews**, including the homes of Zachary Taylor, Dr. Chenoweth, Theodore Brown and others, followed by lunch from Gracious Plenty. Register [at ccum.net/SAM](http://ccum.net/SAM) by March 8.

Our **Called to Write Workshop** is **SOLD OUT**, with **150** people from **10** states coming to Christ Church on **March 15-16!** Some seats are still available to hear best-selling author **Silas House**, Kentucky's Poet Laureate, speak in **Fellowship Hall** on **Saturday, March 16** at **10 am**. Silas's presentation is **free**, but seating is **limited**. Register at ccum.net/silas!

Weekly Fitness Classes

Looking to improve your fitness while having fun? We have 2 types of classes every week in the Gym, open to all ages and fitness levels, and they're **free**!

- REFIT® combines movement and positive music for a cardio-based workout that is challenging, effective and fun for everybody. Classes are Mondays at 6:15 pm and Saturdays at 9 am.
- REV+FLOW® is a low impact, high intensity workout focused on building strength, balance, flexibility and mobility. Classes are Tuesdays at 6:15 pm.

College Aged/ Young Adult Contact Information

If you have a loved one who has taken their first steps into adulthood, whether that be attending college or trade school, entering the workforce, or taking time for themselves, **we want to stay in contact with them** as they transition into becoming adults. Please fill out the information form at ccum.net/youngadults so we can ensure those who are adapting to a new chapter in their lives **feel God's love** through Christ Church.

Men's Ministry: Just for Men | Wednesdays at 7:30 am via Zoom

Join Rev. Mike Porter, Director of Men's Ministries and Discipleship, as he shares scripture and discussion for men during these trying times. Drop-in to our weekly gathering. If interested, please email katie@ccum.net to be sent the Zoom link.