

Christ Church United Methodist

March 17, 2024

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

5th Sunday in Lent Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Passacaglia
Middle School Handbells
Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor

Hal Hopson

CALL TO WORSHIP

I Am a Promise
PreK PSALM Kids
Jodi Holley, conductor

Bill and Gloria Gaither

Come with a Grateful Heart
PSALM Kids K-5 Choir
Shelah Woodruff, flute; Deanna Catlett, piano
James Chapman, Alex MacDonald, Reese Walton, percussion
Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor

Bailey/Mayo

*HYMN OF PRAISE

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.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Liz Curtis Higgs

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**

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

Hymn 163

This is that great thing I know; this delights and stirs me so:
faith in him who died to save, him who triumphed o'er the grave:
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 103

Psalter; page 824-825

Sung Response: As far as the east is from the west, so far the Lord removes our sins from us.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul! and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits,

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

All: who redeems your life from the pit. Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

(Response)

Leader: The Lord, who works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed, has made known God's ways to Moses, God's acts to the people of Israel.

All: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: The Lord will not always chide, nor harbor anger for ever. The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is the Lord's steadfast love toward the faithful;

All: as far as the east is from the west, so far does the Lord remove our transgressions from us,

Leader: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to the faithful.

All: For the Lord knows our frame, and remembers that we are dust.

(Response)

Leader: As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

All: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon the faithful, and the righteousness of the Lord to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

(Response)

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.

OFFERING MUSIC

‡ 9:00

Benedictus
Laudate

Brian Lewis

◇ 11:15

Lacrymosa (from Requiem)
Chancel Choir

W.A. Mozart

*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

Luke 12:13-21

(9:00) Georgia Ann McHagan
(11:15) Court Sorrels

SERMON

Called to Abundant Life

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

Hymn 577

God of grace and God of glory, on the people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT (9:00)

Kevin Doll (7/25/1997)

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 Kevin 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 Kevin with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he 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 Kevin, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that he 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 Kevin, 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!

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress in Our God
Matthew Vanover, organ

Helmut Walcha

† Ben Williams, conductor; Daniel Light piano

◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Matthew Vanover, piano

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

THIS MORNING

The flowers on the altar today are in loving and inspiring memory of Rosella and Norman Leach by their granddaughter, Jennifer Leach Colon. Norm and Rosella loved the Lord, this church, and their family beyond measure.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The rose banner honors the birth of Ella Maren Thompson, born March 15. She is the daughter of Lane and Cassie Thompson little sister to Ezra Francis.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE | MARCH 24 - 31

Palm Sunday Services

9 and 11:15* am | Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Services

7* pm | Sanctuary

Offsite Dinner (5:30) and Service (6:30) | Fourth Avenue UMC
with our Bridge Communities and Friends from the Healing Place

Good Friday Services

12 and 7* pm | Sanctuary

Easter Services

7 am | Zachary Taylor Cemetery

8, 9:30 and 11:15* am | Sanctuary

**livestreamed service*

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

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

PSALM Kids Sharing Night is this **Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 pm** in the **Chapel**.

Come hear our children sing the songs and share memory verses they have been learning this season.

SAM Outing | Wednesday, March 20 | 10am-1pm

Come celebrate spring as we take a spacious TARC bus downtown to **The Cabbage Patch Settlement House** on S. 6th Street, where **Exec. Dir. Rev. Dr. Corey Miller** will share the extraordinary mission of The Patch and take us on a tour.

Then we'll gather for a **delicious hot lunch** catered by **A Full Plate**. **Register at ccum.net/SAM by March 18 at 12pm.**

UofL Wesley Foundation Desserts and Stories | April 11 | 6:30 pm

You're invited to St. Matthews UMC to hear students share their experiences at the Wesley Foundation and how it is helping shape their lives. **Come and enjoy** delicious desserts, ice cream, root beer and see what God is doing at UofL.

This informal event is free, but please be prepared to give generously!

Special Service for the Homebound | April 17 at 11:30 am | Sanctuary

Family and friends, please bring your loved ones to a special worship service intended **for those who find it difficult to attend Sunday morning worship**. The service will offer Communion, followed by brunch in Fellowship Hall with CCUM staff and the SAM team. Please RSVP to melissa@ccum.net by Friday, April 12.

Sanctuary Series Concert | Sunday, 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.

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.

"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.

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.