

Christ Church United Methodist

March 24, 2024

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

Palm Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Crown Him With Many Crowns
Carillon Ringers
Donna Vaughn, conductor

arr. Raney/Sherman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley

Leader: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

People: We come with praise, with joy on our lips.

Leader: Jesus leads us through this week and we will follow.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Hymn 280

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. [Refrain]

The company of angels are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. [Refrain]

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present. [Refrain]

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. [Refrain]

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. [Refrain]

*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

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hymn 278

“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 118

Psalter; page 839-840

Sung Response: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my power; the Lord has become my salvation.

All: There are joyous songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

Leader: “The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, the right hand of the Lord is exalted,

All: the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

All: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but has not given me over to death.

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

All: This is the gates of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

(Response)

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

All: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Leader: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

(Response)

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord is God, who has given us light.

All: Lead the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar!

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

All: O give thanks to the lord, who is good; for God’s steadfast love endures for ever!

(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

Rejoice, the Lord is King
Chapel Choir

Vicki Hancock

◇ 11:15

Ride on King Jesus
Chancel Choir

Moses Hogan

*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

Mark 11:1-11

(9:00) Dale Salyers
(11:15) Anita Kuvin

SERMON

Fans and Followers

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Hymn 213

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in us reveal.

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame be offered, Savior, to thy name!

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

**Announcements are located on the following pages

THIS MORNING

The flowers on the altar this morning have been placed In loving memory of my dear parents, Gary and Diane Richmond by Ricki Ashkettle, along with Lynn Ashkettle (son-in-law) and their beloved grandchildren, Logan and Elise, Graham and Clairissa, and Grace Ashkettle.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The rose banner honors the birth of Callum David King, born January 16. He is the son of Rob and Cammie King little brother to Shepherd.

Christian sympathy is extended to Richard Fauber on the death of his wife, Janet Fauber, who died March 19. Christian sympathy is also extended to daughter Rachel (BJ) Lepping and grandchildren, Riley and Sophia.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE | MARCH 24 - 31

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sanctuary Series Concert | Tonight, March 24 | 7 pm | Sanctuary

Join us this evening for the **Chancel Choir and orchestra's performance of the Mozart Requiem**. Admission is free, and an offering will be collected to support Breckenridge-Franklin Elementary School.

Holiday Closure

Our church offices and building will be closed, in observance of Easter:

- Easter Sunday, March 31 at 2 pm
- Easter Monday, April 1

"You Are Beloved" Art Exhibit, sponsored by Sacred Worth

Exhibit dates: April 7 - 21 | Memorial Hall

Submission dates: March 24, April 5 and April 6 | 9 am - 12:30 pm

All are welcome to view and participate in an art exhibit, sponsored by Sacred Worth (LGBTQIA Friends and Allies.) Please visit ccum.net/awe for more information.

How to Study the Bible | Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:45 am | April 9, 16, 23 | Room 251 *"Open my eyes so I can examine the wonders of your Instruction."* Psalm 119:18 CEB If you've ever wanted to study the Bible on your own, but weren't sure how or where to start, join Deborah Fillebrown for an **eye-opening 3-week class** that will provide the tools and direction you need to dig in with confidence! Please register at ccum.net/classes

Senior Blessing Sunday | Sunday, April 14 | 9 and 11:15 am worship services

Senior year is a special time of endings and beginnings, and **your Christ Church family wants to recognize and celebrate** this important milestone event with you. We will be recognizing our High School Seniors and their parents with a special blessing during both services. If you'd like to participate in this blessing, please sign up at ccum.net/youthb.

April SAM Concert and Luncheon | Monday, April 8 | 11:30 am | Sanctuary

Christ Church **Sanctuary Series** welcomes the **University of Louisville Cardinal Singers**, under the direction of Dr. Kent Hatteberg, for a **free midday concert**. This renowned collegiate ensemble has a rich history of performance and choral competition—locally, nationally, and internationally in Europe, Africa, and the Far East. After the concert, **join the singers and SAM in Fellowship Hall for lively conversations and a lovely box lunch** from Gracious Plenty. \$12.00 due April 5. Register at ccum.net/SAM.

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.

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 God's 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.

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.