

Christ Church United Methodist

May 5, 2024

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

Communion Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune in D
David Catlett, trumpet
Matthew Vanover, organ

David N. Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mike Porter

Leader: Arise! Shine! Christ's Church has gathered!

People: We are one body, with Christ as our head.

Leader: What kind of body are we all called?

People: The Body of Christ, brought together not by human flesh, but by the sovereign Lord.

Leader: And who does Christ call us to be?

**People: A people who look not to their own interests, but to the interests
of others. Those who proclaim the goodness of their Lord.**

All: Let us worship as one Lord as one united body.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Hymn 66

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress;
praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.

Father-like, God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame God knows;
mother-like, God gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.

Angels in the heights, adoring, you behold God face to face;
saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

*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 MUSIC

◇ 9:00

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
Chancel Choir

Harold Friedell

‡ 11:15

True Light
Jessica Vanover, Lindy Ebbs,
Daniel Blosser and Nick Peak

Keith Hampton

*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

Ephesians 4:25-32

SERMON

All Call – Let's Go!

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (*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

How Beautiful
Laura Worth, soloist; Daniel Blosser, piano

Twila Paris

Air in B Flat Major
Sarah Catlett, piano

G.F. Handel

Shall We Gather at the River
Andrew Blosser, clarinet

arr. Charles Callahan

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart
**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
And make me love thee as I ought to love.**

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Hymn 400

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on a Well Known Tune
Matthew Vanover, organ

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

‡ Matthew Vanover, piano

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

General Conference Information

April 23 – May 3 | Charlotte, NC

For up-to-date information about all things General Conference, visit our website or ccum.net/umcgc.

General Conference Pastoral Gathering at CCUM | Fellowship Hall | Post-General Conference | Tonight, May 5 | 4 - 5 pm
At this gathering, we will receive news about important topics that were addressed and voted on at General Conference (April 23 – May 3) and what these things mean for us at Christ Church. No registration necessary.

This Morning

The flowers in the chancel area are given in loving memory of Jane Boyer, by her husband, Chuck.

Our Church Family

Christian sympathy is extended to Allison and James Spurgeon on the death of Allison's father, T.J. McAfee, who died April 27. Christian sympathy is also extended to grandchildren, Shelby (Franklin), Todd and Miranda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULTS

Men's Breakfast | Saturday, May 11 | 8 am | Fellowship Hall

Men of all ages are invited to join us monthly for **breakfast, fellowship and a guest speaker**. This month we'll welcome **Ross Johnson** who will be presenting on Scouts and the connection to Men's Ministry. Come and bring a friend!

SAM Luncheon | Monday, May 13 | 11:30 am

For our **final SAM Luncheon of the season**, our own Music Man, **Dr. Daniel Blosser**, will share **Hymn Stories in word and song**, focusing on one of our tradition's most prolific and remarkable hymnists, Charles Wesley. Dan's enthusiasm for music ministry and his deep love for God will be a joy to behold. Then, we'll share yummy box lunches from Gracious Plenty. \$12.00 due May 10. Register at ccum.net/SAM.

WoW: Walk on Wednesday with SAM | Beginning May 1 | 12 pm | 30 minutes

Put on your walking shoes, **meet under Portico** and let's walk together! Senior adults are welcome to join us on a **30-minute walk** around our CCUM neighborhood. If it's raining, we'll walk inside the church building. No registration required for **WoW**, just a simple release form to sign. Since leashes can be a safety hazard, we ask that all pets be left at home. Contact liz@ccum.net with any questions.

YOUTH/CHILDREN

VBS 2024: "Wake up, Samuel!" #Godiscalling | July 8 - 11 | 9 am - 12 pm

Meet the young boy, Samuel, this summer as he is called by God and helps us learn how to HEAR God. Registration is at capacity for PreK's and K's - but there are **still spots left for 1st - 5th graders, as well as for volunteers**. Sign up at ccum.net/vbs.

WOMEN

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, May 9**, discussing *The Women of Chateau Lafayette* by Stephanie Dray. Find our list of Spring 2024 books at ccum.net/women.

Women's Ministry Spring Gathering: Gather to Share

Saturday, May 11 | 10 am - 12 pm | Youth Center

Sisters, we are **moving our gatherings back to Saturday morning** and back to the Youth Center! Join us for coffee, cookies, and meaningful conversation, as Trudy Wheeler, creator of our Sterling Service Tea Ministry and former President of the Woman's Club of Louisville, shares her spiritual journey, showing us how we can **create our own spiritual timelines**. Bring your mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts and friends for a free, fun morning! Register at ccum.net/women through May 9.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Christ Church United Methodist is **seeking a Music Associate for Handbells** to help facilitate the church's mission of *becoming living proof of God's love, one person at a time*. This position will conduct 2-3 handbell ensembles and **provide leadership and visioning** to the handbell ministry of Christ Church, equipping ringers to contribute to the worship experience and empowering them to become lay ministers in the community. Visit ccum.net/jobs for more information and to apply.

NOTEWORTHY

Vendors wanted! Join us for the inaugural summer **Twilight Market** featuring farmers, artists, live music, food, and activities! Registration and more information at ccum.net/vendor.

College Graduate Recognition | Sunday, June 2

Christ Church would like to recognize our recent college graduates in the bulletin on Sunday, June 2. Please provide your information at ccum.net/collegegrad. Deadline is May 26.

College-Age Young Adults | Sunday, May 19 | 12:30 pm | Youth Center

We are hosting a gathering for college-age young adults to **relax, catch up with friends and kick off the summer!** Whether you're home from college or trade school, taking a gap year, or have already joined the work force, please join us! For more information, please contact Logan Ashkettle at logan@ccum.net.

SERVE

Next Sunday, May 12, is "**Have a Heart for Seniors**" Sunday. 100% of your tax deductible donation will go to the **Wesley Manor Charitable Care ministry**. We ask you to prayerfully consider your gift, which will allow residents who have outlived their resources to remain in their loving, Christian home at Wesley Manor.
