

# Christ Church United Methodist

March 9, 2025

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

## Communion Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
Middle School Handbells  
Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor

arr. Sandra Eithun

INVOCATION

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*  
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.

Hymn 126

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.

**\*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.

**BAPTISMAL COVENANT (11:15)**

Kelly Starnes (4/7/1990)

John Coleman Starnes (10/25/2024) son of Sarah Hunt and Kelly Starnes

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  
Kelly and John 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 them with a community of love and forgiveness, that they  
may grow in service to others. We will pray for them, that they 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  
Kelly and John, whom we this day recognize as members of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live  
that they 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 Kelly and John, 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!

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

◇ 9:00

*What a Fellowship*  
Laudate

arr. David M. Cherwien

‡ 11:15

*Give Me Jesus*  
Chancel Choir

L.L. Fleming

\*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 4:1-13*

HOMILY

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

*Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*  
Sarah Catlett, piano

arr. Wendy Stevens

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Charles Gounod

Mark Benz, baritone; Daniel Light, piano

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

Taizé

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

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*Largo and Andante from Sonata in B Minor*

G.F. Handel

Suzie Kinman, flute

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

## \*CLOSING HYMN

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Hymn 269

Lord, who throughout these forty days  
for us didst fast and pray,  
teach us with thee to mourn our sins  
and close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend,  
and didst the victory win,  
O give us strength in thee to fight,  
in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,  
so teach us, gracious Lord,  
to die to self, and chiefly live  
by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence,  
and through thy passiontide,  
yea, evermore in life and death,  
Jesus, with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life  
of suffering over past,  
an Easter of unending joy  
we may attain at last.

## SENDING FORTH

## POSTLUDE

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*  
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. David Cherwein

◇ Ben Williams, conductor; Mark Benz, piano

‡ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor

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

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## This Morning

The flowers have been placed on the altar today in loving memory of our parents, John William and Milidean Reid Sawyer, and William Lewis Vanderwerp by Mark & Jill Vanderwerp.

## Christian Sympathy is extended to the following church members:

Scott and Karen Lutz on the death of Scott's brother, Stephen Lutz, who died February 28.

Elizabeth and Louis Straub on the death of Elizabeth's mother, Linda Bushong, who died March 4. Christian sympathy is also extended to granddaughters, Madeline and Anna Claire.

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE | April 20 - 27

Palm Sunday Services  
9 and 11:15\* am | Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Services  
12\* pm | Sanctuary  
Offsite Dinner (5 pm) and Service (6 pm) | Fourth Avenue UMC

Good Friday Services  
12 and 7\* pm | Sanctuary

Easter Services  
6:45 am | Zachary Taylor Cemetery  
9 and 11:15\* am | Sanctuary

*\*livestreamed service*

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Finding Awe | **Lent** | [ccum.net/lent2025](http://ccum.net/lent2025)

### AT HOME:

#### Reflecting on Scripture Weekly Podcast

Tune in to our Lenten Podcast Series, Reflecting on Scripture, with semi-weekly episodes beginning Friday, March 7 (available on all podcast platforms.)

#### Lent Devotional Guide

*The Hardest Part*, by Kate Bowler offers the opportunity to find ourselves on the same page of scripture and as recipients of the same blessings. You can download the free guide at [ccum.net/lent2025](http://ccum.net/lent2025) and go at your own pace.

#### Photo Scavenger Hunt

CCUM's Children and Youth Ministries invite you on a Photo Scavenger Hunt as we are Finding Awe this Lenten season! Join the photo-a-day challenge by sharing a daily photo that you think matches the word of the day - you can find the words at [ccum.net/lent](http://ccum.net/lent). Remember to tag CCUM on our social media accounts.

### AT CHURCH:

#### Rekindle Bible Study

Join Liz Curtis Higgs for a 7-week Bible study of 2 Timothy, a book filled with timeless wisdom and profound truth on Tuesdays at 10 am in the Chapel, through April 18. Register for this free study [ccum.net/rekindle](http://ccum.net/rekindle).

### **Called to Learning & Action: Displaced KY Families & the Foster Care System**

Wednesday evenings, March 12 and 19 at 6 pm in Room 250. Come learn about the the foster care system in KY - both the challenges and rewards, and discover opportunities for community service. Register at [ccum.net/foster](http://ccum.net/foster).

### **Stations of the Cross**

Follow the path Jesus did in his final days in this interactive experience beginning April 1.

### **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/lilies2025](http://ccum.net/lilies2025) to purchase by Sunday, April 6 or contact Katie Banas at [katie@ccum.net](mailto:katie@ccum.net) with questions.

## **Announcements**

### **FELLOWSHIP**

**SAM Luncheon** | Monday, March 10 at 11:30 am | Fellowship Hall

**Protecting Yourself from Fraud** is a much-needed message from **AARP Kentucky**, teaching us the psychology behind ID theft, fraud, and scams, and offering wise counsel on how we can avoid being a victim of fraud. Lunch registration is closed, but the program is free and all are invited!

**Sanctuary Series** presents **Freedom!** | Sunday, March 23 at 4 pm | Sanctuary **Louisville Youth Orchestra's Symphony** and **Repertory Ensembles** explore humanity's global aspiration of freedom for all people through repertoire including *Lyrics for Strings* by African American composer George Walker and *Lincoln Portrait* by Aaron Copland among other works. A freewill offering will benefit the Louisville Youth Orchestra's Tuition Assistance Fund.

**3rd Annual Art Exhibit** | Monday, April 7 - Saturday, April 26 | Memorial Hall

**Call for Art!** Sacred Worth and A.W.E. ministries are excited to present this year's art exhibit, *We are all the work of God's hand* (Isaiah 64:8). Congregation members and friends are invited to **submit one piece of original art** to be on display. Submission details and dates can be found at [ccum.net/awe](http://ccum.net/awe) and any questions can be directed to Kristie Goodwin at [sacred.worth.christchurch@gmail.com](mailto:sacred.worth.christchurch@gmail.com).

**Rekindle Bible Study** | Tuesdays, March 4 - April 15, 2025 | 10 am | Chapel

Join **Liz Curtis Higgs** for a **7-week** Bible study of **2 Timothy**, a book filled with timeless wisdom and profound truth. "*I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you...*" 2 Timothy 1:6. Register for this free study at [ccum.net/rekindle](http://ccum.net/rekindle).

### **YOUTH/CHILDREN**

**Save the Dates - March 14 and 15!** The semi-annual **Pass It On Kids Sale** this week with hundreds of items - including clothing, toys, books, shoes, furniture, equipment, maternity clothes and more! 40% of all proceeds are donated to mission projects selected by the POKS Committee. To sign up to **volunteer or consign**, visit [ccum.net/passiton](http://ccum.net/passiton). For questions and more information please text Whitney Fontaine: (502) 797-7175.

**VBS 2025 Registration is Now Open!** *Road Trip: On the Go with God!*

**June 16 - 19**, VBS Kids will experience twists, turns and excitement as they face new challenges and find strength in God's presence on this unforgettable trip! For more information and to register, visit [ccum.net/vbs](http://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. Bring a lunch, if you like, and join us **Thursday, March 13 in Room 156 at 12 pm** to discuss *After Annie* by Anna Quindlen.

## SERVE

### Disaster Relief

The Kentucky Annual Conference is **providing support** to fellow Kentuckians impacted by the recent flooding. To learn more, including ways you can help, visit Christ Church's homepage: [ccum.net](http://ccum.net).

### Snacks in Sacks

Full and overflowing! During our Six Stone Jars sermon series, we will be partnering with our Confirmation students to **fill up bags of food** for the Snacks in Sacks mission. You can learn more about the organization and find a list of items at [snacksinsacks.org](http://snacksinsacks.org) and [ccum.net/outreach](http://ccum.net/outreach). No need to schedule or organize, just **fill and seal** and bring to the collection bin in Gathering Hall through March 21. Let's **fill it to the brim!**

### Mission Connect

If you're **looking to be connected in service** to an organization or ministry in Louisville or beyond, new resources are available. Email [missions@ccum.net](mailto:missions@ccum.net) or call 502.893.2201, ext. 330 and leave a message.