

# Christ Church United Methodist

March 16, 2025

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

## Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

*Seasons of the Heart*  
High School Handbells  
Ben Williams, conductor

Karen Lakey Buckwalter

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Melissa Head

Leader: Lord Jesus, you are the constant hope of every passing season.

People: We stand in awe of your steadfast love and grace.

Leader: In seasons of sorrow and days of fear, you offer us refuge.

People: Gather us now in the shadow of your wings.

All: Blessed is the who comes in the name of the Lord.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Lift High the Cross*

Hymn 159

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.  
The hosts of God in unity combine. [Refrain]

Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. [Refrain]

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. [Refrain]

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn 163

Ask ye what great thing I know, that delights and stirs me so?  
What the high reward I win? Whose the name I glory in?  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

**BAPTISMAL COVENANT (11:15)**

Adam Keith Neel (6/28/1978)  
Madison Rebecca Neel (12/19/2019) daughter of Daren and Adam Neel

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  
Adam and Madison 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  
Adam and Madison, 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 Adam and Madison, 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!

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

*Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*  
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.

Hymn 163

**OFFERING**

OFFERING MUSIC

◇ 9:00

*The Lord is My Light*  
One Voice

Craig Courtney

‡ 11:15

*Steal Away*  
Chancel Choir Tenors and Basses  
Kaitlin Callihan, clarinet

Howard Helvey

\*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 13:31-35*

(9:00) Wyatt Miles  
(11:15) Solomon Benz

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

CALL TO PRAYER

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Hymn 172

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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.

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Depth of Mercy*

Hymn 355

Depth of mercy! Can there be  
mercy still reserved for me?  
Can my God his wrath forbear,  
me, the chief of sinners, spare?

I have long withstood his grace,  
long provoked him to his face,  
would not hearken to his calls,  
grieved him by a thousand falls.

I my Master have denied,  
I afresh have crucified,  
oft profaned his hallowed name,

put him to an open shame.

There for me the Savior stands,  
shows his wounds and spreads his hands.  
God is love! I know, I feel;  
Jesus weeps and loves me still.

Now incline me to repent,  
let me now my sins lament,  
now my foul revolt deplore,  
weep, believe, and sin no more.

## SENDING FORTH

## POSTLUDE

*Largo from Praeludium in G Minor*  
Matthew Vanover, organ

D. Buxtehude

◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Kathy Kicklighter, piano

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

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

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## This Morning

The altar flowers this morning are given in honor of the Christ Church Music Ministry by Betsy and Elizabeth Gibbs.

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

Maxine Lutz on the death of her son, Stephen Lutz, who died February 28.

*(Please excuse our mistake printing this last week with only his brother and sister in law.)*

Priscilla Pash on the death of her sister, Bessie Hardin, who died March 6.

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE | April 13-20

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

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*

**AT HOME:**

**Reflecting on Scripture Weekly Podcast**

Tune in to our Lenten Podcast Series, Reflecting on Scripture, with semi-weekly episodes, available on all podcast platforms and on our website at [ccum.net/lent](http://ccum.net/lent).

**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 evening, March 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**

**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.

**Sacred Worth**, a ministry of LGBTQIA members and allies, will meet **today, March 16**, in Room 001 at **12:30 pm**. Feel free to bring your lunch. Everyone is welcome!

**Called to Write: A Monthly Workshop** | Thursday, March 20 | 6:30 pm | Youth Center

All writers, from aspiring to accomplished, are invited to join us for this **free workshop**. Bring your current work-in-progress, so we can encourage one another! If you're **new to our group**, please register at [ccum.net/write](http://ccum.net/write).

**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).

## YOUTH/CHILDREN

**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).

**Choir Tour 2025 registration is now OPEN!**

One Voice and the High School Handbells will be embarking on their annual choir tour on **June 3-June 8!** They will serve, sing and ring in **Chicago** and the surrounding area, partnering with the Gary City Life Center, the Northwest Indiana Food Bank, and Christ Cares Homeless Ministry. They'll also do some sightseeing in the city and make a lot of music together. All students, grades 8-12, are invited to attend. Non-singers are welcome to participate, too! You can register at [ccum.net/youthmusic](http://ccum.net/youthmusic).

## 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.