

Christ Church United Methodist

May 4, 2025

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

Communion Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Fantasy on EASTER HYMN
Matthew Vanover, organ

William H. Harris

*INVOCATION

Rev. Amy Chapman

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Hymn 64

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

*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

OFFERING MUSIC

9:00

God Be In My Head
Portia Odette, Susan Blosser,
Daniel Blosser and Nick Peak, soloists

John Rutter

‡ 11:15

If Ye Love Me
Chancel Choir

Thomas Tallis

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the sources of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*SCRIPTURE

John 21:1-19

HOMILY

*Words for Troubled Hearts:
Come Have Breakfast With Me*

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

Children's Prayer
Cindy Watson, viola

Engelbert Humperdinck

Jesus Is All the World to Me
Daniel Blosser, soloist

arr. Daniel Blosser

Abide with Me
All Strings New
Andrew Chapman, Eric Ruppel, Matt Walton
and Reese Walton, with Eva Rouse

arr. All Strings New

Breath on Me, Breath of God
Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Hymn 420

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

The Summons

FWS 2130

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see If I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean In you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name?
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Postlude on LAUDA ANIMA
Matthew Vanover, organ

Don Hustad

‡ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor

This Morning

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

Christian Sympathy is extended to the following church members:

The friends and family of Carlita Canfield, who died April 22.

Announcements

College Graduate Recognition | Sunday, June 1

Christ Church would like to recognize our recent college graduates in the bulletin on Sunday, June 1. Please provide your information at ccum.net/collegegrad. Deadline is Sunday, May 25.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. We stand with individuals and communities across the nation striving to **break the stigma** surrounding mental health challenges. We are grateful for our **Pastoral Counselor, Jane Myers**, who has faithfully served our church for over 11 years. To schedule a time to meet with Jane, please call (502) 893-2201, ext. 230. You can also **support this vital ministry** by contributing to the Pastoral Counseling Fund at www.ccum.org/pastoralcare.

Special May Event: Join us on **Friday, May 16 at 11:00 am in Room 156** for a discussion of *Blessed Are the Crazy: Breaking the Silence About Mental Illness, Family, and Church* by Sarah Griffith Lund. As both a pastor and an author, Sarah offers deep insight into the intersection of faith and mental health.

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, May 11, 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.

Celebrate **Mother's Day** with a special photo! Throughout the morning, stop by one of our photo booths to capture a meaningful memory. We'll have a **fun booth with colorful balloons** in the Gathering Hall and a **more formal booth with greenery** in the Memorial Hall. No matter who you're with, family or someone who's like family, it's the perfect chance to take a photo together. You're also welcome to take a family picture to share with someone special. **Bring your phone or camera**—our friendly volunteers will be there to help take your pictures. And don't worry, we'll have photo booths available again on Father's Day, too!

JOB OPENINGS

We're Hiring! Christ Church is seeking a **Part-Time Senior Adult and Church Hospitality Coordinator** to support our Senior Adult Ministry and oversee our hospitality efforts on Sundays. If you or someone you know has strong communication and organizational skills and a heart for ministry, visit ccum.net/jobs for more details and to apply.

Children's Ministry is looking for **Sunday childcare workers** for Infants thru Pre-K. Must be 18 or older. Contact Gina Perry at 882-9685 or gina@ccum.net.

ACTIVITIES

Thank you to everyone for supporting Sacred Worth's **3rd Annual Art Exhibit**. If you submitted art, it is available for **pickup today in the Gathering Hall**. If you need to make other arrangements, please contact Kristie Goodwin at kristiegoodwinphd@gmail.com.

Concert: Collegiate Chorale of Bowling Green State University | Friday, May 9 | 7 pm | Sanctuary
BGSU's flag-ship choral ensemble, **The Collegiate Chorale**, tours annually to locations in North America and Europe with a wide-ranging repertoire spanning the **Renaissance period to the modern era**. The ensemble's mission is to engage audiences with authentic and conscientious performances of this varied repertoire. Members of the ensemble seek to connect with listeners and each other intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. Join us for what promises to be a special musical event!

Piano Recital: Fantasy, Spirituality, and Transcendence | Sunday, May 18 | 3 pm | Chapel
Join us for an afternoon of **beautiful music** as pianist **Gregory Partain** shares a solo recital featuring seven piano favorites. From the energy of Bach and Beethoven to the lyrical beauty of Schubert and Chopin, the program also includes selections by Liszt that **showcase both the power and sensitivity of the piano**. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a wide range of music performed by a talented artist—don't miss it!

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, May 8 in Room 156 at 12 pm**. Visit ccum.net/women for more information.

MEN

Men's Breakfast | Saturday, May 10 | 8 am | Fellowship Hall
Men of all ages are invited to join us monthly for **breakfast, fellowship** and a **guest speaker**. Don't miss this last gathering before we break for the summer as we hear from **Mike Porter and Scott Veazey** about Emergency Response Teams.

SENIOR ADULTS

SAM Luncheon and Program | Monday, May 12 | 11:30 am | Fellowship Hall Back by popular demand, **Dr. Daniel Blosser** will share more fascinating **Hymn Stories** in word and song! Our own Music Man since 2016, his passion for music ministry and exceptional talent as a soloist, his teaching skills held us spellbound last spring. Encore! After the program we'll enjoy a tasty boxed lunch. **Register for lunch** at ccum.net/sam by 12 pm on May 9.

YOUTH/CHILDREN

Senior Blessing Sunday, May 18

Senior year is an exciting time of endings and beginnings! Your Christ Church family wants to **recognize and celebrate** this important life event with you. During the 9 am and 11:15 am worship services, we will **recognize our high school seniors and their parents** in a Senior Blessing service. If you'd like to participate, please sign up at ccum.net/youth by Sunday, May 11.

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.

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, including non-singers! Register at ccum.net/youthmusic.

SERVE

Weekday Desk Volunteers are needed! Work as little or as much as you like! For information contact Gina Perry 882-9685 or gina@ccum.net. If you want to be **connected in service** to an organization or ministry in Louisville or beyond, new resources are available. Email missions@ccum.net or call 502.893.2201 x330 and leave a message.

Do You Need Help After the Flood?

If you have been impacted by the recent flooding, **we're here for you.** Please contact Mike Porter at mike@ccum.net or call 502-897-9290. We would love to see how so we can offer assistance and support.

Disaster Relief Effort - Let's Rally!

Christ Church is partnering with Scout Troop 317 to **support the United Methodist Committee on Relief** (UMCOR) by **assembling cleaning kits** (flood buckets) for those affected by recent disasters. You can help by donating items found at <https://umcmmission.org/umcor-cleaning-kit/>. **Please donate by Thursday, May 8.** The Scouts will assemble and prepare donated items for delivery. Let's come together to be living proof of God's love, one bucket at a time!