Christ Church United Methodist

March 8, 2026 *(in-person) 9 am*
(live-streamed & in - person) 11:15 am

Third Sunday in Lent
Order of Worship

WELCOME — Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE — *Jubilance* — Kevin McChesney
Middle School Handbells
Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor

*CALL TO WORSHIP — Rev. Amy Chapman

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

People: And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Leader: For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly.

People: This is what Jesus does: while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of Jesus. Surely, having been reconciled, we will be saved by his life.

*HYMN OF PRAISE — *And Can It Be that I Should Gain* — Hymn 363 st. 1, 3, 5

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died he for me? who caused his pain!
For me? who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!
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for O my God, it found out me!

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th' eternal throne,

and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
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and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

*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 *My Hope is Built* Hymn 368

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

MUSICAL RESPONSE *Bless the Lord* Taizé

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

◊ 9:00 *Send Down The Fire* Marty Haugen

Laudate
Hannah Benz, Julian Burgard, Sterling Burgard,
Leah Catlett, Eli Denley, Kat Tzanetos, soloists

Call us to witness Your kingdom, give us the presence of Christ;
May Your holy light keep us shining bright,
ever shine with the presence of Christ.

Send down the fire of your justice, send down the rains of your love.
Come send down the Spirit, breathe life in Your people,
and make us the people of God.

‡ 11:15 | *O Love* | Elaine Hagenberg
Chancel Choir

*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 | *John 4:5-30* | (9:00) Christina Pfeifer
(11:15) Terry Worley

SERMON | *Thirsty* | 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 | *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* | Hymn 465

Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, Love divine,
glow within this heart of mine;
kindle every high desire;
perish self in thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, Power divine,
fill and nerve this will of mine;
grant that I may strongly live,
bravely bear, and nobly strive.

Holy Spirit, Right divine,
King within my conscience reign;
be my Lord, and I shall be
firmly bound, forever free.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Choral Song* S. S. Wesley
Paul Detterman, organ

*indicates standing as you are able
◊ Ben Williams, conductor; Mark Benz, piano
‡ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

Order of Worship Notations:
Call to Worship: *Inspired by Romans 5: 1 – 11*

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 and Jill Vanderwerp.

The rose banner is hung in honor of:

Bennett Wesley Coile, born February 28. Bennett is the son of Alex and Abbey Coile, grandson of Mark and Lynn Coile and nephew of Kayla.

Evelynn Grace Bryant born March 2. Evelyn is the daughter of Jacob and Haley Bryant and granddaughter of Eric and Kathy Bryant.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the following church members:

Bobbi Allison on the death of her husband, Dave Allison, who died February 26.

Friends and family of our former Associate Pastor Rev. John Jones, who died February 3.

Matthew and Jessica Vanover on the death of Matthew's step-father, Glover Myles, who died March 4. Christian sympathy is also extended to grandson, Charles.

Lenten Study | Through April 1 | Tuesdays at 10 am **OR** Wednesdays at 6 pm | Room 250
Join **Pastor Eric** for this **weekly** Lenten Study, using Adam Hamilton's latest book, *Why Did Jesus Have to Die.*
Register at *ccum.net/classes*.

Prayer Labyrinth | Prayer Room
Walk our prayer labyrinth anytime the building is open.

Create Your Own W.D.J.D. Bracelet | Sundays during Lent | Fellowship Hall

Congregants of **all ages are invited** to make and take a bracelet as a reminder to ask the question throughout this Lenten season, "**What Does Jesus Do**?"! We hope that you will stop by!

Easter Lilies

Honor a loved one, past or present, by purchasing a $15 lily that will decorate our church for Easter. Visit *ccum.net/lent* to purchase by Sunday, March 22 or contact Katie Banas at *katie@ccum.net* with questions.

Community Easter Event | March 28 | 10 am - 12 pm

All ages are invited to join the fun, as we move from the slow walk of Lent into the sprint of Holy Week to the empty tomb of Easter! Put on your best running shoes and **come ready to participate** in races with your friends or hop over to the special pre-K obstacle course challenge. Want to come but don't feel up to running? No problem! Make a floral "Resurrection bouquet", enjoy the sweetness of new life at Farmer Steve's traveling petting zoo and meet the Easter bunny! See you at the starting line! Ready? Set? Go!

JOB OPENINGS

We're Hiring! Christ Church is seeking a **Digital Content Creator and Ministry Support** and a **Care Ministries Assistant**. If you or someone you know may be a good fit and has a heart for ministry, visit *ccum.net/jobs* for more details and to apply.

Christ Church School is looking for an **Office Manager** for the 2026 - 2027 school year. If you or someone you know may be interested, visit *ccum.net/jobs* for more information and to apply.

STAFF UPDATE

We are excited to share that **Rev. Amy Chapman** will be transitioning from her current role as Associate Pastor for Faith Formation and Engagement into the role of **Associate Pastor for Care Ministries**. We are grateful for her faithful leadership and look forward to the compassion and care she will continue to share with our church family in this new role. A personal note from Pastor Amy can be read at *ccum.net/carepastor*.

Announcements

SPECIAL ADVISORY

The scammers are at it again! Please know that staff will NEVER email you asking for gift cards, money or access to church directory information. If you have a question about an email you receive actually being from Christ Church staff, simply double check the email address (it should end in *ccum.net*). You can also call the church office at (502) 897-6421 to verify.

Pastor Eric's Fall 2026 River Rhine Journey | Trip dates: October 25 – November 1, 2026

Pastor Eric Bryant invites you on this unique opportunity for Christian community, spiritual growth, and shared exploration on this **Classical Rhine River Cruise**. Sailing through the breathtaking scenery of the Rhine Valley, you will have the privilege of traveling with **Tod Bolsinger**, noted author of *Canoeing the Mountains* and *Tempered Resilience*, who will share insight about **leadership**, **faith**, and **navigating change** in today's world. If you are interested in the trip, you can pick up an informational brochure at the front desk or contact Katie Banas, at *katie@ccum.net*, for a digital copy.

Vacation Bible School - **Rainforest Falls** | June 15 - 18 | 9 am - 12 pm

Kids will plunge into a **lifelong adventure** of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. To **register or volunteer**, visit *ccum.net/vbs*.

Welcome Ministry Volunteers

We are looking to significantly **increase our welcoming presence** on Sundays and during special events, and we need you! Please consider becoming a part of this important ministry - you can **sign up to learn more** at *ccum.net/welcometeam*. There will be a kickoff luncheon in March, so stay tuned for more details!

SAM Program | Monday, March 9 | 11:30 am | Fellowship Hall
Rev. Robin Jennings will explore **how God speaks to us** personally and directly through the soul, drawing on themes from his latest book, *Expressions of the Soul: Celtic Christianity and Life with God*. Lunch registration is closed but **all are welcome to attend the program**.

Booked For Lunch | Thursday, March 12 | 12 pm | Room 156
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 wish, and join them! At the next meeting they'll be discussing *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans.

Men's Breakfast | Saturday, March 14 | 8 am | Fellowship Hall
Men of all ages are invited monthly for **breakfast**, **fellowship** and **guest speakers**. In March, we will welcome **Andrew Chapman**, MT-BC, UofL Music Therapy Clinic Coordinator (CCUM member, son of Rev. Amy Chapman). Bring a friend and come enjoy a meaningful morning together!

Scout Fundraiser - **Chili Cook-Off** | March 15 | After the 11:15 am Service
Enter your best recipe and compete - **All cooks are welcome**! **Prefer to taste-test**? For $5, you'll get unlimited samples, 3 votes to crown your favorites and a hearty lunch. Donations will be taken at the door. There are two ways to join the fun: **Register** to submit your chili at *ccum.net/chili* and/or register to attend lunch and the taste-testing at *ccum.net/scoutlunch*. Bring yournappetite, your competitive spirit and maybe a glass of milk - it's going to be deliciously spicy!

Pass It On Kids Sale | March 20 and 21
This semi-annual sale is coming soon! Shop for clothing, toys, books, shoes, furniture, equipment, maternity clothes and more! 40% of all proceeds are donated to mission projects selected by the PIOKS Committee. To sign up to **volunteer or consign**, visit *ccum.net/passiton*. Questions? Text Whitney Fontaine: 502-797-7175.

UofL Wesley Foundation Trivia Night | Monday, March 23 | Fellowship Hall
Grab some friends and build a team, or come on your own for a fun night of community and trivia - all for a great cause! $20 per person or $100 for a team (max of 6 people). All proceeds benefit UofL Wesley Foundation. **Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm and trivia begins at 6 pm**. Register at *ccum.net/trivia*.