

# Christ Church United Methodist

March 29, 2026

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

## Palm Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*  
Carillon Ringers  
Donna Vaughn, conductor

arr. Sandra Eithun

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Amy Chapman

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**People: Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: Give thanks Christ for what he has done: he has answered us and has become our salvation.

**People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. Blessed is the one  
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**All: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*  
Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor,  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

Hymn 280

Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and Blessed One. [Refrain]

The company of angels  
are praising thee on high,  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply. [Refrain]

The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our prayer and praise and anthems  
before thee we present. [Refrain]

To thee, before thy passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. [Refrain]

Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,

who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King. [Refrain]

\*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

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Hymn 278

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Hymn 278

“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

◇ 9:00

*Soli Deo*  
Chapel Choir

David Waggoner

James Chapman and Reese Walton, percussion

‡ 11:15

*No Rocks A-Cryin’*  
Chancel Choir, One Voice and Laudate

Rollo Dillworth

*And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples."  
He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very rocks would cry out."  
Luke 19:39-40*

**\*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**

*Matthew 21:1-11*

(9:00) Camille Burgard  
(11:15) Ainesh Singh

**\*SERMON**

*Everyone Loves a Parade*

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

**CALL TO PRAYER**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Hymn 298

**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**

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Hymn 213

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
behold, the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, with us abide;  
our hearts to thee we open wide;  
let us thy inner presence feel;  
thy grace and love in us reveal.

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on  
until our glorious goal is won;  
eternal praise, eternal fame  
be offered, Savior, to thy name!

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Piece Heroique*  
Matthew Vanover, organ

Cesar Franck

\*indicates standing as you are able

◇ Mark Benz, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

‡ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Matthew Vanover, piano

*Order of Worship Notations:*

Call to Worship: *Psalm 118, selected verses*

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## **This Morning**

The altar flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Tim Hampton by his mother Kay Sams.

### **Fifth Sunday Offering | KY United Methodist Children's Home**

In the face of challenge, the Kentucky United Methodist Children's Home family has always continued to have a generous and compassionate heart for vulnerable Kentucky children. This offering represents 25% of critical income for the kids. They are dependent on these gifts to find healing. If donating by check, please write Fifth Sunday in the memo line, or you can give online at [ccum.net/give](http://ccum.net/give).

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

Belinda and David Yff on the death of Belinda's father, James Wilson, who died March 15.

Daniel and Susan Blosser on the death of Dan's mother, Lynn Blosser, who died March 25. Christian sympathy is also extended to grandsons, Andrew and Ben.

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## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE | March 30 - April 5**

### **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**

7 am | Zachary Taylor Cemetery

9 and 11:15\* am | Sanctuary

*No Sunday School*

## 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](mailto:ccum.net)). You can also call the church office at (502) 897-6421 to verify.

### Holiday Closure

Our church offices and building will be closed on Sunday, April 5 after the 11:15 am service and on Monday, April 6.

### Easter Is Coming - Help Us Welcome Everyone! | Sunday, April 5

We're anticipating a large in-person attendance this Easter, and we'd love your help creating a **warm, welcoming experience** for everyone who walks through our doors! Be part of the first impression by **greeting guests inside** the church or helping **direct parking outside**. You can **sign up to help** at [ccum.net/lent](http://ccum.net/lent). Parking volunteers arrive one hour early. Whether you have a few minutes or can arrive early, your presence makes a big difference!

### 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](http://ccum.net/vbs).

### SAM Luncheon and Program | Monday, April 13 | 11:30 am | Fellowship Hall

**Paul Troy, Senior Crime Victim Advocate with Jewish Family and Career Services** will speak on critical topics such as elder abuse and scam prevention. Paul has 20 years of experience in the field of victim advocacy. After the program, we'll enjoy a **boxed lunch** from Gracious Plenty. The program is free and lunch is \$15. Register at [ccum.net/sam](http://ccum.net/sam) by Friday, April 10 at 12 pm.

**Love Overflowing** | April 18, 8:30 am - 3 pm | Watkins UMC, 9800 Westport Rd. The Kentucky Commission on Religion and Race invites you to a day of **worship, workshops** and **fellowship** featuring guest presenter, Rev. Abra Lattany-Reed of Garden City UMC in Garden City, Georgia. For more information and to register for lunch, visit [ccum.net/rrconference](http://ccum.net/rrconference).

**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, April 9 in Room 156 at 12 pm** to discuss *The Last Carolina Girl* by Meagan Church.

Christ Church is hosting a **Diaper & Wipes Drive** from March 29 - April 17! We're partnering with the Louisville Coalition for Black Maternal Health in honor of **Black Maternal Health Week** (April 11-17). Donations can be **dropped off in the Gathering Hall**. Thank you for making a difference for local families in need!

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**Sacred Worth**, a ministry of LGBTQIA members and allies, **will meet on Sunday, April 19**, in Room 156 at 12:30 pm. Feel free to bring your lunch. Everyone is welcome!

**Sanctuary Concert Series: *The Creation*** | Sunday, April 26 | 7 pm

Sanctuary Series presents **Joseph Haydn's masterwork**, *The Creation*, featuring the Chancel Choir, orchestra, and soloists Emily Albrink, Jesse Donner and Jason Steigerwalt. Haydn's monumental work retells the story of creation from the book of Genesis, **celebrating God's power** to bring light out of darkness and order out of chaos. **Joyful and uplifting**, this masterpiece is as relevant today as it was at its premiere in 1798. A freewill offering will benefit Lighthouse Academy at Newburg.

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**We need VBS volunteers!** - We have opportunities for adults and teens to help us make VBS a wonderful experience this summer! From preparing snacks, to leading a group, to decorating classrooms, there's something for everyone. Sign up at [ccum.net/vbs](http://ccum.net/vbs).

**Open Chord** | Wednesdays | 6 pm | Room 002

Whether you have never picked up an instrument before, or you're a professional looking to rekindle the **simple joy of making music with others**, this group is for you. We foster a fun, supportive community together as a **weekly jam session**. Open to anyone, 10th grade through retired. If you are interested, please visit [ccum.net/openchord](http://ccum.net/openchord) for more information.