

Christ Church United Methodist

May 3, 2026

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

Communion Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

How Great Thou Art
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

Leader: Rid yourselves of all malice, insincerity, and of all slander. Let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

People: **We have been given a fresh start as a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and as God's own people.**

Leader: Proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

People: **Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; one we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy. Hallelujah!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

God is Here

Hymn 660

God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

***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

Be Not Afraid
Susan and Daniel Blosser, soloists

Taylor Davis

‡ 11:15

Assurance
Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck

*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 14:1-4

HOMILY

Room for You

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

All Creatures of our God and King
Jack Meisburg, Eric Ruppel, Matt Walton and Reese Walton

Spirit of the Living God
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Hymn 393

The Water Is Wide
Gabe Porter, horn

arr. Brant Adams

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN

How Great Thou Art

Hymn 77
st. 1, 3, 4

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the *worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Postlude
Matthew Vanover, organ

Douglas Wagner

◇ Daniel Light, piano

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

*indicates standing as you are able

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:

Brenna Roth and John (Holly) Freville on the death of their mother, Jan Scarbrough, who died April 26. Christian sympathy is also extended to grandchildren, Cora, Liam, Caleb and Devin.

The Benz Family on the death of Ashley's grandmother, Mary Grawemeyer, who died April 26.

Announcements

Walk on Wednesday with SAM! Grab your walking shoes and join your Senior Adult Ministry friends, as we **explore four local walking paths in May**. We'll meet each Wednesday just before **10 am** at the designated point, then walk as long as we want. Set your own pace and pause when you like. You'll find both the company and the conversation upbeat. Register at ccum.net/sam.

Grief Support Group | Wednesdays, May 6 - 27 | 10 - 11:30 am | Room 159

Experiencing the death of a loved one is something **you do not have to walk through alone**. As you are grieving, transitioning, and coping, we invite you to attend our **weekly Grief Support Group**, facilitated by Jane Myers, Pastoral Counselor and Rev. Amy Chapman, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care. Join us for a time of sharing, learning about the tasks of grief, and holding one another up with care. Register at ccum.net/care.

Muffins with Mom | May 10 | Anytime between 9:30 - 11:00 am | Fellowship Hall Join us on Mother's Day as we celebrate and give thanks for all who mother and nurture in our lives. Come enjoy a sweet time of connection and fellowship as we honor the many ways love and care are shared among us.

Men's Breakfast | Saturday, May 9 | 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 **Mark Coile** about CCUM's Welcome Ministry. He will also update us on Christ Church hosting the KYUMC Annual Conference and what volunteer needs will be.

SAM Lunch and Program | Monday, May 11 | 11:30 am | Fellowship Hall

Second Chances Wildlife Center will visit us with some special ambassador friends. **Brigette Brouillard**, a state and federally permitted wildlife rehabilitator, is the Founder and Director of Second Chances Wildlife Center. After the program we'll enjoy a tasty boxed lunch. **Register for lunch** at ccum.net/sam by 12 pm on May 8.

Booked For Lunch | Thursday, May 14 | 12 pm | Room 156

Monthly **book club for women** of all ages who believe novels provide a powerful avenue for thinking more deeply about God and the world. This month's book is *An Unfinished Love Story* by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Bring a lunch, if you like, and join us. Visit ccum.net/women for more information.

Senior Blessing Sunday | Sunday, May 17

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 10.

Handbell Showcase | Sunday, May 17 | 12:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

Celebrate the Semiquincentennial Year of the USA along with the Christ Church Handbell Ministry! Join us as our High School Ringers and all of our Adult Handbell groups present a program of music to **honor and celebrate** our nation's birth. You will hear patriotic favorites and hymn tunes that reflect our faith and theological heritage. A picnic style lunch will be provided. Sign up at ccum.net/showcase.

Living Proof Showcase | Pentecost Sunday, May 24

Come celebrate the many ways that Christ Church lives out its faith! On **Pentecost Sunday**, we'll gather for **one combined worship service at 10 am** (don't forget to wear red), followed by a **churchwide lunch** and a vibrant, interactive **showcase of our ministries**. From building projects and creative arts to care teams and outreach efforts, you'll see how lives are being touched every day—and how you can jump in and be part of it. Food, fellowship and purpose—all in one place! Please register at ccum.net/livingproof.