

Christ Church United Methodist

May 10, 2026

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

Mother's Day Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mike Porter

Leader: All believers draw near and listen. Hear what God has done for us!

People: If we had been cozy with evil, the Lord would never have listened.

But God most certainly did listen and has heard our prayers!

Leader: Blessed be our God who did not turn a deaf ear but stayed with us.

People: Blessed be our God who gave us a fresh start and remains loyal in steadfast love for us!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

O Worship the King

Hymn 73
st. 1-3, 5

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son
 is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Come, Thou Almighty King

Hymn 61

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
 help us to praise! Father all glorious,
 o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Come, Thou Almighty King

Hymn 61

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be,
 hence, evermore. Thy sovereign majesty
 may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore!

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

◇ 9:00

Every Valley
 Chapel Choir

John Ness Beck

11:15

Be Thou My Vision
 Chancel Choir Tenors and Basses
 Ben Williams, oboe
 Andrew Chapman, guitar

J. Harold Moyer

*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 14:15-21

(9:00) Jef Connor
(11:15) Grace Maynard Gilbert

SERMON

Not Orphans

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

CALL TO PRAYER

The Gift of Love

Hymn 408

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Hymn 384

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;

suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

◇ Mark Benz, conductor; Daniel Light, piano
*indicates standing as you are able

Have a Heart for Seniors Love Offering

Today there is a special love offering for the **Charitable Care Ministry of Wesley Manor**. We ask that you prayerfully consider your gift, which allows residents who have outlived their resources to remain there. Please make checks to CCUM and write Wesley Manor in the memo line. You can also donate online at ccum.net/give and choose the “*Have a Heart for Seniors*” fund.

This Morning

The flowers in the chancel area are given by Sally Taylor in honor of all mothers.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the following church members:

Friends and family of Carmen Malone, who died April 5.

Announcements

Muffins with Mom | **Today**, 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. We encourage you to pause for a photo in front of the Christ Church Friendship Quilt and capture this meaningful memory with the work of mothers that came before.

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

Second Chances Wildlife Center will visit us with some special ambassador friends. **Brigitte Brouillard**, a state and federally permitted wildlife rehabilitator, is the Founder and Director of Second Chances Wildlife Center. Lunch Registration is closed but the program is free.

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 today, 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.

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, through May 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.

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.

The Pastor's Pick - May | Tuesday, May 26 | 10 - 11:30 am | Room 250

Join Pastor Eric for next month's installment of The Pastor's Pick! May's book, *Mattering: The Secret to a Life of Deep Connection and Purpose* by Jennifer Breheny Wallace explores the **fundamental human need to feel valued** and to add value, arguing that this is crucial for well-being and even helps combat the feelings of loneliness, burnout, and lack of purpose. Visit ccum.net/classes to register and to order the book.

CCUM is hosting the **Annual Conference** of the Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church from **May 31 - June 3**. We are expecting 400+ attendees this year, and **we need a LOT of volunteers** to make this a success! If you have any availability during this time frame, please contact Mark Coile at mark@ccum.net.

Kentucky Shakespeare | Friday, June 5 | Central Park (1340 South Fourth Street)

CCUM is kicking off summer with a special Shakespeare outing! Join us for Kentucky Shakespeare's **free production** of *As You Like It*. The show begins at **8 pm**, but we'll enjoy a **special behind-the-scenes tour** with Producing Artistic Director Matt Wallace at **6:45 pm**.