

Christ Church United Methodist

November 9, 2025

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

Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Largo from New World Symphony
Ben Williams, English horn; Matthew Vanover, organ

Antonín Dvořák

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mike Porter

Leader: The Lord, God took People right out of Egypt, to become the people
of his inheritance – and that is what you are this very day.

People: We know who we are! Heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ!

Leader: If we go through the hard times with Christ, then we are certainly
going to go through the good times with him.

People: Our shared inheritance is not a timid, grave-tending life!

All: Our shared inheritance is resurrection! It is Christ! Glory to God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

For the Beauty of the Earth

Hymn 92
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For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light; (Refrain)

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight; (Refrain)

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)

For thy church, that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love; (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**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Hymn 92

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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.

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OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

◇ 9:00

River in Judea

John Leavitt

Chapel Choir Sopranos and Altos

‡ 11:15

This Is My Father's World

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**

Psalms 24

(9:00) Peter Lovett

SERMON

The Earth Is the Lord's

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

CALL TO PRAYER

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Hymn 526

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

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

Lift High the Cross

arr. Wallace and Head

David Catlett, trumpet; Matthew Vanover, organ

◇ Mark Benz, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

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

This Morning

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Nancy and Jim Broadwater, Catherine and Laurence Long, Catherine Bell House and Sarah Broadwater, our parents and grandparents and sister by Jane, Craig, McLean and Ian Long.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the following church members:

John and Debra Stover on the death of John's brother, David Stover, who died October 22.

During this season, we contemplate our **Shared Inheritance** and the profound role we each play in stewarding the gifts God has given us. The annual Commitment Sunday is November 23.

To make your estimate of giving online, visit ccum.net/shared.



*Joyfully giving thanks to the Father,
who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.*

Colossians 1:12

Announcements

Mark Your Calendars – Living Proof Sunday

On **Sunday, November 16** there will be **one worship service at 10 am** (optional Adult Sunday School at 9 am; no Faith Formation for children and youth). We'll be blessed by a special multigenerational choir which will include our Chancel, High School and Middle School choirs, as well as hear from PSALM Kids, our children's choir!

Honoring Our Veterans | Today, November 9 | 10 am | Fellowship Hall

We invite all veterans and their families to join us for a **time of appreciation and fellowship**. Light refreshments will be served.

Hope for the Holidays Service | Tonight, November 9 | 5 pm | Chapel

Before the holiday season begins, we invite you to a **quiet, reflective service** designed to **bring comfort and renewed hope**. Hope for the Holidays offers space for those who may be waiting, grieving, or carrying burdens as the year draws to a close. Grounded in *Luke 20:27–38* and the message, *Something to Hold Onto*, this worship gathering reminds us that even in uncertain times, God's love is poured into our hearts, and **hope does not disappoint us**. Come and find a moment to breathe, to remember, and to hold onto hope.

Grief Support Group | Tuesdays, November 18 - December 23 | 11 am - 12 pm | Prayer Room

Experiencing the death of a loved one is something **you do not have to walk through alone**. Grieving, transitioning and coping cry out for added support and encouragement. Such **support is essential** to your wellbeing - spiritually,

mentally and physically. In response to these ongoing needs, we are offering a time of sharing, learning and supporting one another with care. If you cannot commit to being there every week, then come when you are able. If you have questions email Rev. Karen Lovett at kgklovett49@gmail.com.

CCUM Administrative Council Meeting | November 24 | 6:30 pm | Room 158

All Administrative Council members are asked to attend and all church members are invited to attend this church business meeting. Childcare is available upon request by November 16 to childcare@ccum.net.

YOUTH/CHILDREN

Save the Date! Scout Troop 317 **Christmas Tree and Greenery Stand** will open this year on Black Friday, November 28 at 12 pm! Come pick out your tree, wreath and garland, all of the highest quality at bargain prices, while supporting a great cause. The sale is in the church's front parking lot - come early for the best selection! **This morning is the last call to pre-order greenery** - visit the Scout's table in Gathering Hall!

Registration is now open for the **Laudate Winter Retreat!**

Join us **January 30 -31, 2026** for two days of food, fun, fellowship and opportunities to sing for several organizations around the Louisville metro area. This event is FREE! Questions? Contact Ben Williams at ben@ccum.net. Register at ccum.net/youthmusic.

SENIOR ADULTS

SAM Program | Monday, November 10 | 11:30 am | Fellowship Hall

Join us as we welcome Bryan Carter and Scott Veazey from the **Every Neighbor Housed, Fed and Healthy Initiative** who will share the many ways Christ Church is involving our members to support local organizations in caring for the basic needs of our neighbors. Lunch registration is closed, but the **program is free** and **all are invited!**

SERVE

Festival of Stars

It's time for our annual Festival of Stars, an opportunity to shop for a **Christmas gift** for a person in need in our community. You can select a star from the **trees in the Gathering Hall** or if you would prefer to donate toward the cost of gift cards being distributed to children at **Lighthouse Ministries** and residents of **the Healing Place** and **United Methodist Home for Children and Youth**, please visit ccum.net/give and select Festival of Stars from the fund menu. You may also write a check with Festival of Stars in the memo line. Please **drop off your donated gifts to the Gathering Hall by December 1**.

Help Feed our Neighbors for Thanksgiving! The **Every Neighbor Fed, Housed, and Healthy Initiative** is collecting ONLY the following household-sized canned food items through November 23: canned tomatoes, canned fruits, and canned soups. These are the items that are **most needed by our local food pantries**. Bring your offering of 5 cans (or more) to the collection bin in Gathering Hall. Our Children and Youth will be displaying "Canned Art" with your donations in Fellowship on November 16 and 23.

Christmas Concert Parking Volunteers

Our Christmas concerts are a highlight of the season, drawing guests from across our community. We're looking for volunteers to help create a warm, joyful experience for our guests while directing parking and traffic for each concert. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mike Porter at mike@ccum.net.