

Christ Church United Methodist

October 29, 2023

(in - person) 9:00 am
(live-streamed & in - person) 11:15 am

22nd Sunday after Pentecost Commitment Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Morning Grace
Celebration Ringers; Shawn Dawson, conductor

arr. Linda Scholes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

Leader: Eternal God, Today we hold space in this finite life for others to discover their place in your infinite kingdom.

People: Lord Jesus, build us into a spiritual house for those seeking refuge.

Leader: As a people who received your mercy, may we extend mercy to our neighbors. Prepare our hearts to bear your light in this community:

People: To receive your children, To be a sanctuary, To proclaim your mighty acts of salvation;

All: For you alone can bring mortal beings out of darkness and into your marvelous light.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Hymn 559

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today!
With thy faithful loving-kindness hear thy people as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Come, Thou Almighty King
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!

Hymn 61

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO PRAYER

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Hymn 420

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.

OFFERING

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OFFERING MUSIC

‡ 9:00

Be Thou My Vision
Daniel and Susan Blosser, soloists

Brenda Portman

◇ 11:15

Amazing Grace
One Voice, Laudate and Chancel Choir

Marianne Forman

*DOXOLOGY

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.

Hymn 95

*SCRIPTURE *1 Peter 2:4-10* (9:00) Ronald Scherzinger
(11:15) Elizabeth Gibbs

SERMON *This Old House* Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRESENTATION OF COMMITMENT CARDS ccum.net/generations

Anthem Paul Halley
Daniel Light, piano; Shawn Dawson, organ

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Hymn 400

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Bryan Holten
Shawn Dawson, organ

‡ Daniel Light, piano

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

** *Announcements are located on the following pages*

THIS MORNING

The flowers on the altar this morning are given in loving memory of our brothers, Michael Kraft and Steve Houser by Eddie and Sharon Kraft.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christian sympathy is extended to Gene and Diane Price on the death of Gene's father, Harold Price, who died October 8.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fifth Sunday Offering

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.

Guest Speaker - Optimal Aging Journey | Monday, November 6 | 3 pm | Room 158

Christ Church is pleased to welcome special guest speaker, Dr. Christian Furman, who will be giving a presentation titled *Optimal Aging*. She is the **Medical Director for the Trager Institute/Optimal Aging Clinic at UofL**. Dr. Furman specializes in geriatric and palliative care. All are welcome to attend and special thanks to the Caregiver Support Group for sponsoring this event!

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. We meet the 2nd Thursday of every month in **Room 156 at 12 pm**—bring a lunch, if you wish, and join us! The **next meeting is Thursday, November 9**, discussing *Hill Women* by Cassie Chambers. Our list of future books can be found at ccum.net/women.

Support for the Holidays Grief Group | Wednesdays at 11 am through November 22 | Room 159

Many of us face the holidays with nervous anticipation. While the rest of society is focused on decorations, gatherings and food, you may be focused on survival and do not feel like preparing at all. You are **welcome to join us** for a support group on grief and loss and the holidays. We can **find care and support when we gather to listen and share with one another**. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, email Rev. Melissa Head at melissa@ccum.net. Registration is not required and you are welcome to drop in any week.

Charge Conference | November 20, 2023 | 6:30 pm | Room 158

All Administrative Council members are asked to attend and all church members are invited to attend this annual church business meeting. Childcare will be available.

Join us **Wednesday, November 1** for a special **Senior Adult Ministry outing!** Beginning at 9:30 am, we'll enjoy a scrumptious Wild Eggs brunch at Christ Church, then ride a spacious TARC bus to **Dare to Care**, the leading nonprofit social service agency addressing the hunger needs of Kentuckiana. Register at ccum.net/SAM or fill out a form at the Reception Desk and drop it in the SAM box no later than Monday, October 30 at 12 pm.

The **All Things New** Sunday morning class would like to **welcome any families with littles** to a **pizza party** in the Youth Center **Sunday, November 5 at 11:15 am**. Get to know some other Christ Church families with small kids! Please RSVP at signup.com/go/VYgGUTM.

Honor Our Veterans Reception | Sunday, November 12 at 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. Contact Mike Porter, at mike@ccum.net, with any questions.

SAM Lunch | Monday, November 13 | 11:30 am

Join us for our November SAM lunch and program! **On the heels of Veteran's Day, Aaron Wellman offers first-hand knowledge about military service in a post 9/11 world**. Lunch is \$12 and will immediately follow. Register at ccum.net/SAM or fill out a form at the Reception Desk and drop it in the SAM box no later than Friday, November 10 at 12 pm.

Pointing the Way | An Advent Study with Liz Curtis Higgs | Tuesdays, November 28 and December 5 | 10 am | Room 158

Prepare your heart for the **joyous coming of the Christ Child**, as we consider the many Old Testament prophecies pointing toward the long-awaited Messiah. This **two-week study is open to everyone!** Register at ccum.net/classes

College Aged/ Young Adult Contact Information

If you have a loved one who has taken their first steps into adulthood, whether that be attending college or trade school, entering the workforce, or taking time for themselves, **we want to stay in contact with them** as they transition into becoming adults. Please fill out the information form at ccum.net/youngadults so we can ensure those who are adapting to a new chapter in their lives **feel God's love** through Christ Church.

Hey mommas of littles! Now that the school year is underway, we hope you'll join us for some morning adventures! We've started a **small group + Bible study on Tuesdays at 9:15 am**. No homework, just time to rest and connect.

Pray & Playdates are Fridays at 10 am. Visit ccum.net/women to find more information and to register!

Jonathan Harrison, one of our custodians, was in a very serious car accident on July 21. His injuries are numerous and his recovery will take months, if not years. Jonathan's family has setup a GoFundMe to help cover Jonathan's medical expenses. You may learn more and donate at bit.ly/help-jonathan.

Men's Ministry: Just for Men | Wednesdays at 7:30 am via Zoom

Join Rev. Mike Porter, Director of Men's Ministries and Discipleship, as he shares scripture and discussion for men during these trying times. Drop-in to our weekly gathering. If interested, please email katie@ccum.net to be sent the Zoom link.

Men's Morning Coffee | Tuesdays | 7 - 8 am | Fellowship Hall

We invite you to come join other men on Tuesday mornings anytime between 7 - 8 am. Stop in grab a coffee and donut, connect/reconnect with old and new friends and listen to a short devotional.

