

Christ Church United Methodist

September 29, 2024

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

World Communion Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Fantasia on Easter Hymn
Matthew Vanover, organ

William Harris

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Karen Kidd Lovett

Leader: We gather today as people of God, a community of Christ followers.

All: We gather to share Word and Sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service.

Leader: Where in the world shall we serve our God?

All: At home and school, in businesses and in communities, throughout every land.

Leader: How in the world shall we serve our God?

**All: By working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort
where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred.**

Leader: Why in the world shall we serve our God?

All: Because the Spirit beckons us, and Jesus calls us to enact our faith.

Let us now worship the One who calls us!

by Ana & Tod Gobledale, Global Ministries Associates serving in United Kingdom

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Lift High the Cross

Hymn 159

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine. [Refrain]**

**Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. [Refrain]**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. [Refrain]**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]**

*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: Almighty and all-loving God,
through your Son Jesus Christ
you have reconciled the world to yourself.
Help us now to be reconciled with one another,
that again we might dwell in the warmth of your love.
Inspire us with your Holy Spirit
to put aside the cloak of pride and put on Christ,
that we might forgive and be forgiven;
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

Esto les digo
Chancel Choir

Kinley Lange

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."
Matthew 18:20

◇ 11:15

Halleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona
One Voice and Laudate

traditional

Reese Walton, Alex MacDonald and James Chapman, percussion
*"Halleluya! We sing your praises! All our hearts are filled with gladness.
Christ the Lord said to us: I am wine, I am bread,
Give to all who thirst and hunger."*

***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.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 119:2; Acts 2:43-47

SERMON

Free Us For Joyful Obedience

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Morgan Goselin, piano

arr. Wendy Stevens

Amazing Grace
Brooklyn Goselin, piano

arr. Wendy Stevens

Sicilienne
Paul Detterman, organ; Suzie Kinman, flute

tr. Charles Callahan

Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore
Eric Ruppel, Reese Walton and Matt Walton
**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name.**
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side, I will seek other seas.

Hymn 344

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymn 618
st. 1-3

Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

March
Matthew Vanover, organ

A. Guilmant

◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

This Morning

The flowers have been placed on the altar this morning in loving memory and gratitude for their parents, Sammie and Frances Lee and Jim and Paula Burgess, by Dan and Cyndy Burgess.

Our Church Family

Christian sympathy is extended to Bill Huff on the death of his wife, Allys Huff, who died September 24.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A **special word of thanksgiving** for those who have shared in worship today - Ogedi Omenyimah, María Aten and Juan & Heather (Cruz & Luka) Casa del Valle.

Administrative Council-Charge Conference | October 28, 2024 | 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 is available upon request by October 21 to gina@ccum.net.

Please join us for our **New Member Gathering** on **Sunday, October 13 at 10:15 am** in the Café on the 2nd floor. If you would like to learn more about our membership process at Christ Church, please plan to join Pastor Amy. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

College-age? Young adult? Wondering where you fit? Visit **Dwell!**

Led by Sarah Patton and Jennifer Goselin, this **brand new gathering** is for **young adults** age 18 - 35 (single or married, no children) and begins **October 20** in Room 150b on **Sunday mornings from 10 - 10:45 am**. The first gathering will include some classic Autumn-themed treats and beverages. Invite a friend and come to Dwell.

Parking Lot Caution: From time to time, cars are broken into in the church parking lot, even during well-attended events, during daylight, and when the car is parked for a short amount of time. External cameras are mounted around the building, but not all areas of the parking lot are visible. Please be sure not to leave any valuable items visible in your car when parking.

NEW NUMBER! REACH ON-CALL PASTORS | (502) 893-7774

Call or text (502) 893-7774 to connect with a pastor in case of a pastoral emergency (like at emergency room, admitted to the hospital, scheduled for surgery, actively dying, a recent death, suicidal, active family conflict, a move from or to a rehab or nursing facility or some other crisis). A pastor will answer, or you can leave a message and a pastor will return your call shortly. Out of respect, please do not use any individual staff cell phone numbers, no matter how well you

know them, so they can truly be off when they are off. All of our pastors care greatly about the congregation members and want to offer care when you need us. Please help us by adding this number to your phone contacts!

FELLOWSHIP

Called to Learning and Action – Listening Session | Wednesday, October 9, 5:30 – 6:15 pm | Fellowship Hall
What's next for Christ Church United Methodist as we **love** like Jesus, **act** for justice and **unite** in hope among our neighbors? What are our **next steps** in the focus areas of housing, homeless families, food insecurity and Black maternal/infant health? Come to **share your reactions** to our recent Wednesday evening series and bring along a friend or two. Register at ccum.net/classes.

October Learning Sessions! | Register at ccum.net/classes

Sign up to join us on **Wednesday evenings** in October from 6:15 - 7:15 pm.

The sessions include:

One Pastor's Journey | Four Sessions, October 9 - 30

An in-depth exploration of scripture, and how one can be both Biblical and inclusive in light of our denomination's decision to fully include LGBTQ people in the life of the church. These sessions will be led by Pastor Eric Bryant and Dr. Bill Higgs (Bible scholar) and will use personal experiences and wisdom from their own Biblical journeys.

Rising Kindergarten Q & A - Unraveling Kindergarten Registration One Session on October 16

Parents with rising Kindergartners—this session is for you! A small panel of educational experts will share their personal and professional experiences of the various local options, posing questions for you to consider in determining the best fit for your family. We'll also host families from a number of local schools to answer any questions you might have about their school communities.

Called to Write: A Monthly Workshop | Thursday, October 17 | 6:30 - 8 pm | Youth Center |

Join author Liz Curtis Higgs, as she shares publishing options for those ready to take the next step. Bring any writing project you're working on or start one while we're together. All writers, from aspiring to accomplished, are invited to join us for this free workshop! New to our group? Register at ccum.net/write

SENIOR ADULTS

Keep the Faith! Gather around God's Word in the **Chapel** on **Tuesday** mornings this October and consider four vital steps we're called to take as we mature: Keep Believing, Keep Praying, Keep Serving, and Keep Loving. Taught by Liz Curtis Higgs, this **Senior Adult Bible Study** begins at **10 am** on **October 8, 15, 22 and 29**. Invite your friends and register at ccum.net/keepthefaith.

October SAM Luncheon | Monday, October 14 | 11:30 am | Fellowship Hall

In her role as a "marketplace minister," **Elizabeth Jeffries** has been challenging, encouraging, and coaching executives for two decades, working with CEOs, vice presidents, directors and managers across the country. A Certified Speaking Professional, she has presented more than 4,000+ programs, and is the author of *The Heart of Leadership*. **Dedicated to helping people hear God's call** in all seasons of their lives, Elizabeth will share *For Such a Time as This: Saying Yes When God Says Go!* Everyone is invited to this **FREE** event! If you'd like to stay for a yummy **\$15 box lunch** from Gracious Plenty, register at ccum.net/SAM by 12 pm Friday, October 11.

Walk on Wednesday this Fall with SAM | 10 am

Take a step toward fitness that's **free, safe, and fun!** Put on your walking shoes and join us for a **30-minute walk each week** through one of seven of Louisville's nicest parks. Details and registration: ccum.net/SAM. This Wednesday, **October 9, join us at Des Pres Park!**

YOUTH/CHILDREN

Trunk or Treat and Community Fun Night!

We hope you'll join us for our annual fun and festive event on **Friday, October 25 from 6 - 7:30 pm**. Food and games will begin at 5:30 pm. We are inviting the entire community, so **we're asking for your help to make it a success!**

We need **30 Halloween-themed Decorated Car Trunks**, so sign your car up early to get a great spot for all the action! People of all ages and stages are welcome to compete for the Best Trunk 2024 bragging rights! We will supply the candy. Register at ccum.net/children.

We need candy! Please **drop off individually wrapped candy** to collection bins at the Christ Church School entrance at Door 8 and in the Gathering Hall **by October 20**.

Hey Mommas! Are you **home with your littles** on Friday mornings? Want somewhere to **explore** (and help get their wiggles out)? Want your kiddos to play with friends, or get to know the moms of kids they know from class, Children's Worship, PSALM Kids or Faith Formation? **Join other upLIFT moms for Pray & Playdates on Fridays at 10 am**. We explore fun spots all around Louisville and get to know each other while our littles do their thing! Register for locations and weather-related updates at ccum.net/uplift.

SERVE

Have you wondered what it's like to **volunteer at the front desk** during the week? We'd love for you to **join our group!** For information, contact Gina Perry at 882-9685 or gina@ccum.net.

Help People Worship at Home

Each week there are 100+ people who worship with us live even though they are unable to be present with us on Brownsboro Road. It takes a **team of five each week** to deliver this high quality worship experience. Please **consider serving once a month** on this important team. **No experience necessary and training is provided**. Ages 14 and up are welcome! Email help@ccum.net or stop by the balcony any Sunday morning to learn more.

WOMEN

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, October 10 in Room 156 at 12 pm** to discuss *Becoming Madam Secretary* by Stephanie Dray.

MEN

Men's Breakfast | Saturday, October 12 | 8 am | Fellowship Hall

Men of all ages are invited monthly for breakfast, fellowship and guest speakers. This month's speaker is **Liz Curtis Higgs**, Director of Senior Adult Ministry, who will share some key points from her October Bible study, helping us say it like we mean it, "I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7. Come and bring a friend!