

# Christ Church United Methodist

October 27, 2024

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

## Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

*Bwana Asifiwe!*  
*Praise the Lord!*  
High School Handbells  
Ben Williams, conductor

Cathy Moglebust

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Amy Chapman

Leader: We gather today as the body of Christ, not confined to walls but set free by the Spirit.

**People: We are the Church—called, equipped, and unleashed to bring light to the world.**

Leader: God has empowered us with His love and given us the mission to carry the Gospel to the world.

**People: We are the Church—bold in faith, unwavering in hope, and abounding in love.**

Leader: As we worship today, may we open our hearts to the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen! Let us worship the God who calls us to worship and sends us out to love others!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*O Worship the King*

Hymn 73

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 stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

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

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**

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Hymn 126

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;  
let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:  
To God all praise and glory.

**BAPTISMAL COVENANT (9:00)**

Arthur Cason Rudy (2/21/24) son of Rachael and Mark Rudy

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin  
and your commitment to Christ?

**People: We do.**

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include  
Arthur now before you in your care?

**People: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according  
to the example of Christ. We will surround him with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may  
grow in service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that  
leads to life.**

Pastor: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care  
Arthur, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that he  
may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

**People: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ  
that Arthur, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened  
in the way that leads to life eternal.**

**BAPTISMAL RESPONSE**

Hymn 609

You have put on Christ, in Christ you have been baptized.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO PRAYER

*O Lord Hear My Prayer*

Taizé

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

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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

OFFERING MUSIC

◇ 9:00

*Be Not Afraid*

One Voice

Taylor Davis

‡ 11:15

*The Great Commission*

Chancel Choir

Dan Goeller

\*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

*Acts 8:26-39*

(9:00) Shawn Woodruff  
(11:15) Shannon McConnell

SERMON

*Church Unleashed: Widening Circles of Grace*

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

"Go make of all disciples," we hear the call, O Lord.  
that comes from thee, our Father, in thy eternal Word.  
Inspire our ways of learning through earnest fervent prayer,  
and let our daily living reveal thee everywhere.

"Go make of all disciples," baptizing in the name  
Of Father, Son, and Spirit, from age to age the same.  
We call each new disciple to follow thee, O Lord  
redeeming soul and body by water and the Word.

"Go, make of all disciples," we at thy feet would stay  
until each life's vocation Accents thy holy way.  
We cultivate the nature God plants in every heart,  
revealing in our witness the master teacher's art.

"Go make of all disciples," we welcome thy command.  
"Lo, I am with you always." We take thy guiding hand.  
The task looms large before us; we follow without fear;  
in heaven and earth thy power shall bring God's Kingdom here.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Toccata in D Minor, BWV 565*  
Matthew Vanover, organ

J.S. Bach

◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Kathy Kicklighter, piano

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*\*\*Announcements are located on the following pages*

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## **This Morning**

The flowers in the chancel area are given by Carolyn and Dale Dodrill in loving memory of their son, David Meredith Dodrill.

## **Our Church Family**

Christian sympathy is extended to Lisa and Colin Osborn on the death of their son, Michael Osborn, who died October 13.

Christian sympathy is extended to John and Linda Ballerstedt on the death of John's brother, Eric Ballerstedt, who died October 11.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

### **Love Unleashed Bags!** | Gathering Hall

In the same way Philip met an Ethiopian eunuch on the road and provided the good news he needed, you can give a **brown lunch bag** full of helpful and healthy goodies to someone you see by the road who is in need. Made by SAM on Christ Church Cares Day, these **Love Unleashed Bags** are waiting for you in the Gathering Hall **today**. **Please take one** to keep in your car and you'll be ready to share God's love when the opportunity arises!

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) in Room 150b on **Sunday mornings from 10 - 10:45 am**. 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**

**Honoring Our Veterans** | Sunday November 10 | 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.

**A.W.E. Workshop** | November 2 | 10 am – 12 pm | A.W.E. Studio

Join our community of artists—both experienced and novice—for a **morning of printmaking** together. \$15 cost covers all materials for the workshop. We have a number of instructors ready to help each step of the way. Be prepared to use cutting tools and messy inks! Please visit [ccum.net/awe](http://ccum.net/awe) to register!

**Sacred Worth**, a ministry of LGBTQIA members and allies, **will meet on Sunday, October 20**, in Room 001 at 12:30 pm. Feel free to bring your lunch. Everyone is welcome!

Calling all **flute players!** The Christ Church Flute Choir would love for you to join them! Any players at a 7th grade level or beyond are welcome! If interested, please **text** Suzie Kinman at (502) 376-0661.

### **WOMEN**

**Women's Ministry | Called to Serve** | Saturday, November 16 | 10 am – 1:30 pm First, we'll **gather in the Youth Center** for coffee, pumpkin donuts and prayer. Then we'll carpool to **The Healing Place**, taking a **potluck lunch to share** with more than **sixty women!** Join us for this hands-on expression of God's love—sisters to sisters. We need just **20 women** to each bring a **side dish that feeds 4-6** people. Register today at [ccum.net/women](http://ccum.net/women).

### **SERVE**

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is **providing support** to people impacted by the recent hurricanes. You may donate in one of three ways:

- Make an **online donation** at [ccum.net/give](http://ccum.net/give) and select the UMCOR - Hurricane Relief.

- Write a **check** to CCUM with UMCOR in the memo.
- **Donate directly** to UMCOR at [umcmmission.org/umcor/](http://umcmmission.org/umcor/)

### **Children's Ministry Seeking Adults Willing to Serve.**

The Children's Ministry has about 90 active Sunday participants and we **need loving Sunday morning leaders, mentors and subs**. We are seeking folks willing to serve **at least one Sunday a month**. If being a "last minute" sub works for your schedule, great! Let us know that. You may serve during the 10 am Faith Formation hour or during the 9 or 11:15 am Children's Worship Time. Please visit [ccum.net/ccumkids](http://ccum.net/ccumkids) to indicate your interest or reach out to Max Childers at [max@ccum.net](mailto:max@ccum.net).

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](mailto: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](mailto:help@ccum.net) or stop by the balcony any Sunday morning to learn more.