

Christ Church United Methodist

October 26, 2025

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

Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Celtic Dance on *Pleading Savior*
High School Handbells
Ben Williams, conductor
Suzie Kinman, flute; Reese Walton, percussion

Sondra K. Tucker

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Rev. Amy Chapman

Leader: Lord, we confess our day to day failure to be truly human.

People: Lord, we confess to you.

Leader: Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often
because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.

People: Lord, we confess to you.

Leader: Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division.

People: Lord we confess to you.

Leader: Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word

People: We have built up walls of prejudice.

Leader: Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy

People: We have stifled generosity and left little time for others.

(All pray in silence)

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us to listen to your word of forgiveness, for
we are very deaf. Come, fill this moment and free us from sin.

People: Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Come, Thou Almighty King
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!

Hymn 61

Come, thou incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend!
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear

in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

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!

***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**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Hymn 117

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

(9 am) Melissa Mae Bomar (1/15/2025) daughter of Hal and Kelsey Bomar

(11:15 am) Isabella Kait Astorino (3/26/2025) daughter of Kaitlin and Rob Astorino

(11:15 am) Annie James Hammond (7/10/2025) daughter of Joey and Heather Hammond

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
(9 am) Melissa (11:15 am) Isabella and Annie 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 her/them with a community of love and forgiveness, that
she/they may grow in her/their service to others. We will pray for her/them, that she/they 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 (9 am) Melissa (11:15 am) Isabella and
Annie, whom we this day recognize as (a) member(s) of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that
she/they 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 (9 am) Melissa (11:15 am) Isabella and Annie, 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

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

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God
One Voice; Gabe Porter, horn

Lloyd Larson

‡ 11:15

My Song in the Night
Chancel Choir
Given in loving memory of John H. Morton by his wife, Gwyneth.

Elaine Hagenberg

*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

Joel 2:23–32

(9:00) Mark Rosenthal
(11:15) Gary Schooler

SERMON

Restored and Renewed

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

CALL TO PRAYER

O Breath of Life

Hymn 543

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power.
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.
O Wind of God, come, bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need.
Then in your tenderness remake us;
revive, restore, for this we plead.

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn 140

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Suite Gothique
Matthew Vanover, organ

Leon Boellman

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

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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.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the following church members:

Charlie and Vicki Cunningham, Jr. on the death of Charlie's father, Charles Cunningham, Sr., who died October 16. Christian sympathy is also extended to grandchildren, Michael and Kathryn.

Announcements

Wednesday Dinners and Classes | Wednesdays through October 29

Fellowship meal for all ages, followed by our second round of fall classes.

Dinner | 5:15 - 6 pm | Fellowship Hall | \$8 adults and \$4 kids | Register at ccum.net/dinner

October 29 menu: Baked Pasta, salad, bread & dessert

Classes | 6 - 7:15 pm | You can still sign up at: ccum.net/classes

Options include:

Every Neighbor Housed: A Christian Call to End Homelessness

Led by: Joy Monsma and Betsy Gibbs

Book Study of, *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt

Led by: Rev. Amy Chapman and Dr. Bryan Carter

All Saint's Day | Next Sunday, November 2

Join us at the 9 am and 11:15 am worship services to honor the loved ones we have lost over the past year. Later that afternoon, you are invited to come back for **Blessing of the Animals** from 3 - 4 pm in front of the Chapel (door #4). All the pets near and dear to you are welcome!

Annual Charge Conference | November 3 | 6:30 pm | Crestwood UMC

The annual regional Charge Conference for the North Region will be held on Monday, November 3 at Crestwood UMC. The conference will be presided over by our District Superintendent and will be a joint meeting with other churches in our region.

CCUM: Fall Church-Wide Overnight Retreat | November 14 - 15 | Camp Loucon

Join us at Camp Loucon for a **Fall Discipleship Retreat for All Ages!** Singles, families, couples - all are invited! Enjoy worship, hayrides, free time and, of course - smores! The cost is \$75 per person and \$50 for each additional family member. Friday dinner, Saturday morning breakfast and Saturday lunch are included! Visit ccum.net/camploucon for more details and to register. Space is limited to 75.

All are invited on **Sunday, November 9 at 5 pm** in the Chapel for our **Hope for the Holidays Service**. This is a worship service designed as a gift of love and hope to those who may have experienced suffering or loss. In trying and painful times, we come to God and look to Christ's light for comfort and peace. The service will be live-streamed at ccum.net/live.

Hope for the Holidays Service | Sunday, 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.

Honoring Our Veterans | Sunday, 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.

AWE Ministry Bookbinding Workshop | Saturday, November 22 at 10 am | Art Studio Join us for an introduction to basic bookbinding! We will learn how to make a single signature memo book - the first stepping stone in creating your own

journals and sketchbooks at home. We will be cutting with exacto knives, so this class is more suited for ages 16 and up. The cost is \$20. Space is limited - register at ccum.net/awe.

SENIOR ADULTS

Walk on Wednesday this Fall with SAM | Wednesdays in October | 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 every Wednesday in October**. Details and registration: ccum.net/sam.

SAM Lunch | 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. After the program we'll enjoy lovely **boxed lunches** from Gracious Plenty. Register at ccum.net/sam by November 7 at 12 pm.

YOUTH/CHILDREN

High School Fall Retreat | Red River Gorge | November 7 – 9

High schoolers, join us for a **weekend of adventure, discipleship, and community** in the Red River Gorge! We'll explore Old Testament stories of people who answered God's call to "Go." Cost is \$150 and we will depart Friday at 5 pm, and return Sunday by 1 pm. **Limited spots available!** Visit ccum.net/youth to register.

SERVE

Seeking 10 am Faith Formation Leaders!

Our **Children's Ministry** is growing and we are **needing four to six** Faith Formation leaders to add another classroom to our 10 am hour. Please prayerfully consider signing up to serve as a Children's Ministry leader. For more information and to sign up, visit ccum.net/children. If you are unable to serve, please reach out to a friend and invite them to consider this opportunity."

Fall/Winter Items Needed for L.O.U.

Louisville Outreach for the Unsheltered (L.O.U.) is in **need of items** for the fall and winter seasons. Men's hiking boots, winter appropriate shoes and sneakers (sizes 10 - 12) and casual pants, jeans, sweat pants (size 30 - 34 waist) are especially needed. No dress shoes/dress pants, please. Donations can be dropped off in the bin in Gathering Hall through Friday, October 31.