

Christ Church United Methodist

September 15, 2024

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

Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Adagio
Daniel Light, piano

Péter Wolf

INVOCATION

Rev. Mike Porter

*HYMN OF PRAISE

God Is Here

Hymn 660

God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

***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**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hymn 278

“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

BAPTISMAL COVENANT (9 am)

Callum David King (1/16/2024) son of Cammie and Rob King

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
Callum 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 Callum with a community of love and forgiveness, that he
may grow in his 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
Callum, 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 Callum, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the
faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

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

Hymn 609

Alleluia! Alleluia!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO PRAYER

Spirit of the Living God
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Hymn 393

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

Spirit Divine
Chancel Choir
Jenny Hollenkamp, solo

Nancy Ruth Durance

‡ 11:15

I Surrender All
Susan and Daniel Blosser, soloists

Amy Tate Williams

*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

Nehemiah 1:1-4; 11

(9:00) Kristie Goodwin
(11:15) John Maynard

SERMON

Be the Church: Voices from Home

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Wesley Covenant Prayer

*CLOSING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Hymn 451

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso
Matthew Vanover, organ

F. Mendelssohn

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

‡ Daniel Light, piano

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

This Morning

The flowers in the Chancel area are in memory of Don Hanscom, 1925-2016, beloved husband, father and grandfather.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Job Openings at Christ Church School

Two classroom teacher openings (one full-time and one part-time) are available. Inquiries may be sent to jobs@ccum.net or call the school at 897-3657.

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

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.

Sacred Worth Meeting

Sacred Worth, a ministry of LGBTQIA members and allies, will **meet today** after the 11:15 am worship service in **room 001**. Feel free to bring your lunch. Everyone is welcome!

Called to Write: A Monthly Workshop | Thursday, September 19 | 6:30 - 8 pm | Youth Center

Join author Liz Curtis Higgs, as she shares how to **observe the world like a writer** and incorporate what you see. 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

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:

Living the Words and Stories of the Bible | Four Sessions, October 9 - 30

Join professional directors/trainers Karen Kidd Lovett and Marilee Miller as they explore options for enriching your spoken presentations of the words of the Bible. Whatever your level of experience, you'll discover ways that you can bring deeper understanding and enthusiasm to your listeners.

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.

SENIOR ADULTS

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, **September 18, join us at Cherokee Park!**

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.

YOUTH/CHILDREN

Save the Date!

Trunk or Treat Community Fun Night | October 25 from 6 - 7:30 pm

Pass It On Kids Sale | Fellowship Hall | September 20, 9 am - 2 pm & 5:30 - 7:30 pm | September 21, 9 am - 12 pm
The semi-annual Pass it On Kids Sale is this week! Come shop **hundreds of items**, including **clothing, toys, books, shoes, furniture, equipment, maternity clothes and more!** Visit ccum.net/passiton to **sign up to volunteer or consign**.

For questions and more information **text** Whitney Fontaine at (502) 797-7175.

upLIFT Books & Bible | Tuesdays at 9:30 am | Room 001

Come **join other mommas** for a **weekly conversation** about books, the Bible and our journey of *becoming living proof of God's love, one person at a time*. More details and registration is at ccum.net/uplift.

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.

Roll up your sleeve and join us for the next **Red Cross Blood Drive** on **Tuesday, October 1** from 1- 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please schedule an appointment by contacting Kim Brice at (502) 727-2581. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Are you an **amateur photographer, videographer, reporter or story-teller**? We're looking for several people to **help us** capture and share the stories of Christ Church Cares Day. If you're interested, please email or text Kim Keller at kimkeller@ccum.net or 502.882-9697.

Christ Church Cares Day is Saturday, September 21

We will spend the day serving our neighbors at multiple sites across our city. For **more information and to register** visit ccum.net/cares.

Diaper and Baby Wipes Drive to Support Mama to Mama and Zora's Cradle!

Did you know? A mother making **minimum wage works 5 hours to buy a box of diapers with 174 diapers per box**. Would you consider buying one instead? We've collected 5,000 diapers! We only need 173 people buying a box of 174 diapers to get us to our goal. Bins are in the Gathering Hall, Preschool and outside under the portico. You can also donate to the purchase of diapers and wipes at ccum.net/diapers. Thank you for your generosity!

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.