

Christ Church United Methodist

September 29, 2024

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

Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Jubilate Ringers
Mark Benz, conductor

arr. Lloyd Larson

INVOCATION

Rev. Amy Chapman

*HYMN OF PRAISE

O Church of God, United
O church of God, united
to serve one common Lord,
proclaim to all one message,
with hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us;
we follow day by day
with strong and eager footsteps
along the upward way.

Hymn 547

From every land and nation
the ordered ranks appear;
to serve one valiant leader
they come from far and near.
They chant their one confession,
they praise one living Lord,
and place their sure dependence
upon his saving word.

Though creeds and tongues may differ,
they speak, O Christ, of thee;
and in thy loving spirit
we shall one people be.
Lord, may our faithful service
and singleness of aim
proclaim to all the power
of thy redeeming name.

May thy great prayer be answered
that we may all be one,
close bound, by love united
in thee, God's blessed Son:
to bring a single witness,
to make the pathway bright,
that souls which grope in darkness
may find the one true light.

*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

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Hymn 79

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name thee,
though in essence only one; undivided God we claim thee,
and adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO PRAYER

Spirit of the Living God

Hymn 393

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.

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.

MOMENT OF MINISTRY: Leaving Your Legacy

(9:00) George Thacker
(11:15) Dana Faulkner

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

◇ 9:00

With a Voice of Singing
Chapel Choir

Martin Shaw

‡ 11:15

All That Hath Life and Breath Praise Ye the Lord
Chancel Choir

René Clausen

*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

Nehemiah 12:27-30

(9:00) Bill Higgs
(11:15) Karen Lovett

SERMON

Be the Church

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

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought
He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Hymn 128

Refrain:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be,

for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. [Refrain]

Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. [Refrain]

And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me. [Refrain]

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. Wilbur Held

◇ Mark Benz, conductor; Matthew Vanover, organ

‡ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

This Morning

The altar flowers today are honoring the 40th anniversary of Louisville's Ronald McDonald House. Given anonymously.

Our Church Family

Christian sympathy is extended to

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. Childcare is available upon request by October 21 to gina@ccum.net.

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

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.

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:

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

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/keepthefaitb.

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 2, join us at Anchorage Trail!**

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.

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.

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!