

Christ Church United Methodist

September 7, 2025

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

Communion Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Amy Chapman

PRELUDE

Air
Suzie Kinman, flute; Daniel Light, piano

François Couperin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

Leader: Goodness cannot be forced. Virtue cannot be squeezed out of a person.

People: May we never forget our former life, so far from the heart of God.

Leader: No amount of pressure can develop a person's life of faith in Christ.

People: Help us to relive the grace and goodness the Lord has showered onto us.

Leader: Remind us, Lord Jesus, of the way you met us in that distant country
and how you graciously led us home.

**People: For such a time as this, O Lord, help us to respond with grace to
all those making their way home to you; one timid, uncertain step at a time.**

***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.

***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: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
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

For the Beauty of the Earth
Jody Gravatte and Erin Cornett, soloists

John Rutter

‡ 11:15

He Never Failed Me Yet
Chancel Choir
Susan Blosser, solo

Robert Ray

*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

Philemon 1-21

SERMON

Howdy, Partner!

Rev. Amy Chapman

*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (*page 24 in the hymnal*)

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

Wade in the Water
Sarah Catlett, piano

arr. Wayne Bucknor

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
Steve Keene, soloist; Daniel Blosser, piano

Mark Hayes

Meditation
Suzie Kinman, flute

Kevin Weed

In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful
In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices: the Lord is near,
lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

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PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other

Hymn 560

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.

Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

EIN FESTE BURG IST UNSER GOTT
Matthew Vanover, organ

Michael Praetorius

◇ Daniel Light, piano

‡ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Matthew Vanover, piano

This Morning

The flowers in the Chancel area are given in loving memory of Tom Cooke by his wife, Marion and Jennifer and Victor Gomez and family.

Announcements

Calling all needlepointers or 'wish to be' needlepointers!

Join a small group to **create new Chrismons** for the Sanctuary Chrismon tree. Everything you need will be provided except your time and talent! There will be a **one-time meeting** at **Stitch Needlepoint Shop** on Chenoweth Lane on **Thursday, October 9, 11 am**. Sally Jackson will be available to help us choose a kit and direct us in the use of decorative stitches and embellishments. If you are interested, **contact Debbie Yackey** at 502-594-2873 or at debbie.yackey@gmail.com.

Sacred Worth, a ministry of LGBTQIA members and allies, **will meet on Sunday, September 21**, in Room 001 at 12:30 pm. Feel free to bring your lunch. Everyone is welcome!

Open Chord: CCUM Music Ministry | 6 - 7:30 pm | Room 002 | **every other Wednesday**

Whether you have never picked up an instrument before, or you're a professional looking to rekindle the simple joy of making music with others, this group is for you. We will foster a fun and supportive community together as a biweekly jam session playing hymns, blues, rock, bluegrass, and beyond. Open to anyone, **10th grade through retired**. If you can't bring your own instrument, we will have extras on hand. Register at ccum.net/openchord.

SERVE

Christ Church Cares Day | Saturday, September 13

Join us as we spend the day serving our neighbors at multiple sites across our city. We'll have offsite and onsite opportunities for all ages to serve. For more information and to register, please visit ccum.net/cccd!

Travel Sized Toiletry Items Needed! We'll be making **Healthy Care Bags** on Christ Church Cares Day and hope to fill 100 – 150 gallon-size Ziplock bags. Find the list of **new, travel-size items** needed at ccum.net/cccd. Donations can be dropped off through September 7 in Gathering Hall.

Diaper Drive | August 24 - September 12

We are collecting **diapers of all sizes** to benefit Mama to Mama and Play Cousins Collective. These worthy organizations work to promote the health of Louisville's pregnant black mothers and their families. Collection bins are located in the Gathering Hall and under the portico.

Medical • Security • Disaster Response

Join a Team at Christ Church! We are forming **3 new teams** to help care for, protect, and serve our church family and community. Whether through providing medical assistance, supporting church security, or responding to disasters, your skills and heart for service can **make a difference**. To learn more and find the team that fits you, visit ccum.net/prepared.

Weekday Desk Volunteers needed! We would love to have you join our incredible weekday crew! For more information, contact Gina Perry at <mailto:gina@ccum.net> or 502-882-9685.

Children's Ministry is growing, and we invite you to be a part of it! We're looking for **4-6 leaders to serve during the 10 am hour** at least one hour a month. Fill out our interest form to get started at ccum.net/cmlead.

SENIOR ADULTS

SAM Program | Monday, September 8 | 11:30 am

For our first fall luncheon, **Chef Teresa White** from **Dare to Care Food Bank** will teach us how the community around Louisville works together to develop means for ending hunger in our area. Lunch registration is closed, but the **program is free** and **all are invited!**

ADULT

Rising Kindergarten Q & A - Unraveling Kindergarten Registration

One Session on September 17 | 6 - 8 pm

Parents with rising Kindergartners—this session is for you! A small panel of educational experts and host families will share their personal and professional experiences of the various local options. Register at ccum.net/adultclasses

The Church on Mission: A Study in Acts

Begins tonight, September 7 at 6 pm | Room 003/004

Join **Mike Porter** to journey through the book of Acts and discover the church's call to mission. Explore how the early believers lived out Christ's command and how we can continue that mission today. Register at ccum.net/adultclasses.

Combining the study aspect of a class and the fellowship of a small group, **Christian Practices**, led by John Derr, provides love, hope, spiritual guidance and encouragement for those who are struggling or searching for answers. The group meets **Wednesdays at 6 pm** in Room 260. For more information, contact John Derr at jderrmd@gmail.com.

Looking for a **new activity this fall**? Try your hand at ringing in a class designed just for you! Join Donna Vaughn, Director of Adult Handbells, for **Handbells 101** in the **Chapel** on Mondays, September 8 - 29 from 6:15 - 7:15 pm. No ringing experience required. Please sign up at ccum.net/handbells101, so that bells are available for everyone.

WOMEN

Booked For Lunch | Thursday, September 11 | 12 pm | Room 156

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 wish, and join them! At the next meeting they'll be discussing *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn.

YOUTH/CHILDREN

Pass It On Kids Sale

September 12, 9 am - 2 pm & 5:30 - 7:30 pm | September 13, 9 am - 12 pm

Our semi-annual kids' consignment sale begins soon! Shop hundreds of items! For questions and more information **text Whitney Fontaine** at (502) 797-7175. Consignor and volunteer **registration** at ccum.net/passiton!

Acolyte Training | Sunday, September 14 | 10 - 11 am | Sanctuary

Acolyte training is open to all **4th and 5th graders**, including current acolytes. If you are interested in learning about this special ministry, come join us! Contact Elizabeth Powell with questions: egolden0@hotmail.com.