

# Christ Church United Methodist

September 14, 2025

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

## Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

*Meditation*  
Matthew Vanover, organ

Douglas Wagner

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

Leader: Lord Jesus, you take in sinners and eat with them, treating them like old friends.

**People: With urgency and expectancy, God turns toward the lost soul.**

Leader: There is much joy in heaven over a sinner's rescued life!

**People: For such a time as this, O Lord, we celebrate every time one lost soul turns to God!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Christ for the World We Sing*  
Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal;  
the poor, and them that mourn,  
the faint and overborne,  
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,  
whom Christ doth heal.

Hymn 568

Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer;  
the wayward and the lost,  
by restless passions tossed,  
redeemed at countless cost,  
from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring, with one accord;  
with us the work to share,  
with us reproach to dare,  
with us the cross to bear,  
for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song;  
the newborn souls, whose days,  
reclaimed from error's ways,  
inspired with hope and praise,  
to Christ belong.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Hymn 715

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

MUSICAL RESPONSE

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Hymn 715

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

◇ 9:00

*Creation of Peace*  
One Voice and Laudate

Mark Miller

‡ 11:15

*Christ Has Made the Sure Foundation*  
Chancel Choir

Dale Wood

\*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

*Luke 15:1-10*

(9:00) Todd Maynard  
(11:15) Frances Tucker

SERMON

*All the Sinners Were Gathered*

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

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.

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*Gather Us In*

FWS 2236  
st. 1,2,4

Here in this place new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young our lives are a mystery,  
we are the old who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of building confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away,  
but here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

### SENDING FORTH

### POSTLUDE

*Te Deum*  
Matthew Vanover, organ

Jean Langlais

◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Mark Benz, piano

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# Companion Litany to Our UMC Social Creed



*Sermon Series: For Such a Time as This  
September 2025*



God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ,  
calls us by grace  
**to be renewed in the image of our Creator,  
that we may be one  
in divine love for the world.**

Today is the day  
God cares for the integrity of creation,  
wills the healing and wholeness of all life,  
weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.  
**And so shall we.**

Today is the day  
God embraces all hues of humanity,  
delights in diversity and difference,  
favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.  
**And so shall we.**

Today is the day  
God cries with the masses of starving people,  
despises growing disparity between rich and poor,  
demands justice for workers in the marketplace.  
**And so shall we.**

Today is the day  
God deplores violence in our homes and streets,  
rebukes the world's warring madness,  
humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.  
**And so shall we.**

Today is the day  
God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace,  
celebrates where justice and mercy embrace,  
exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.  
**And so shall we.**

Today is the day  
God brings good news to the poor,  
proclaims release to the captives,  
gives sight to the blind, and  
sets the oppressed free.  
**And so shall we.**

## This Morning

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by David and Deanna Catlett in memory of our mothers, Marilyn Catlett and Marlene Shipley.

## Christian Sympathy is extended to the following church members:

Glenda Dangremond on the death of her husband, Bob Dangremond, who died September 3.

Justin Williamson on the death of his mother, Patty Williamson, who died September 7.

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## Announcements

**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!

### SERVE

Roll up your sleeve and join us for the next **Red Cross Blood Drive** on **Tuesday, September 30** from 1 - 6 pm in Fellowship Hall! Please schedule an appointment by contacting Kim Brice at (502) 727-2581. **Walk-ins are also welcome.**

### 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](http://ccum.net/prepared).

### 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](http://ccum.net/adultclasses)

#### Called to Write: A Monthly Workshop | Thursday, September 18 | 6:30 pm

Wherever you are on your writing journey, join us as we put into practice what we've learned about **critique groups**! Bring **one page** of your work-in-progress to share with our safe and welcoming circle of writers, so we can offer encouragement and helpful feedback. If you're new to our group, register at [ccum.net/write](http://ccum.net/write)!

### 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 24 from 6 - 7:30 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**, to bless our community with fun, creativity and connection. Whether your trunk is spooky, silly, or storybook-inspired, your participation will **light up the night** for local families! Sign up your car at [ccum.net/children](http://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 19**.

## SAVE THE DATE

### **Wednesday Dinners and Classes**

Wednesdays: October 8 - 29 | Registration for dinner and classes coming soon!

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

Class 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

### **CCUM: Fall Church-Wide Overnight Retreat**

November 14 - 15 | Camp Loucon | Registration coming soon!