Christ Church United Methodist

May 12, 2019 9:00 and 11:15 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter Order of Worship

Please silence your cell phone and other electronic devices.

PRELUDE This Joyful Eastertide arr. Ron Mallory

Celebration Ringers

*HYMN OF PRAISE For the Beauty of the Earth Hymn 92

Stanzas 1, 4, 5 and 6

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. George Strunk

We belong to God, creator of all that is and all that is to come, abundant provider of the gifts in this life and the gifts in our own hearts. It is God alone who gives life, who is generous beyond measure with grace and blessing.

We follow Christ, whom God sent to teach and heal, to show us a new way of living, with love and trust and courage, with joy and generosity. In this faith Jesus gave of himself, even his very life. He was crucified and buried; yet God raised him from death, and he lives among us, and grants his spirit to us.

We live by that Holy Spirit, and entrust ourselves to its guidance and empowerment. As members of the church, the Body of Christ, we devote ourselves to lives of love, rejoicing in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Hymn 139

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Robert Graham Luckett, (7/31/2017), son of Meredith and Tyler Luckett

11:15 Mary Ruth North (9/8/2018), daughter of Katherine and Chip North Cooper Dean Fell (7/10/2018), son of Michelle and Brian Fell

Pastor: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care (9:00) Graham (11:15) Mary Ruth and Cooper, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that they may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior

Iesus Christ?

People: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that (9:00) Graham, (11:15) Mary Ruth and Cooper, 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. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

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 (*Please sign the attendance pad as it is passed down the pew.*)

9:00 God is Our Refuge Allen Pote

Laudate

11:15 James Mulholland Psalm 103

Chancel Choir Tenors and Basses

*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

Children Kindergarten through Second Grade may follow the banner out the side door of the Sanctuary for Children's Chapel in Room 132.

SCRIPTURE Genesis 29:31-35 Page 25 (OT) in the pew Bible 9:00 Jodi Holley

11:15 Sharon Perkins

MESSAGE The God Who Sees Us Liz Curtis Higgs

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN Great is Thy Faithfulness Hymn 140

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune David N. Johnson

David Catlett, trumpet

*indicates standing as you are able.

Announcements

Hymn 609

Hymn 393

Encounter Christ Church May 15 at 6:00 pm in Room 158. This gathering is for people who are interested in learning how to get connected to the mission and ministries of this church and membership. Visit *cum/net/encounter* to register or contact Leigh Ray at lray@ccum.net or 502-893-2201 x222.

Senior Adult Ministries May 22, join SAM for a special outing to the Kentucky History Museum and Josephine Park in Frankfort, KY. Cost is \$18, and lunch is on your own. Please make your reservation by May 16 by calling 893-2201 x 328, online at ccum.net/SAM, or email lisa@ccum.net. SAM events are open to individuals of all ages and throughout the community. Come and bring a friend!

The church building will close at 2 pm on Saturday, May 18.

Wesley Bell Ringers in Concert at Christ Church This youth and young adult bell choir joins us in concert from Christ United Methodist Church, Salt Lake City, Utah. They will present a concert Monday, June 10 at 7:30 pm in our Sanctuary. This bell choir has celebrated 56 years of history. Please join us! Childcare will be available.

This Morning

Mother's Day flowers are placed on the altar today in loving memory of Martha Hoggard by her daughter and grandsons, Anita, Scott, Greg and Todd Kuvin.

Large-print hymnals, bulletins, hearing devices and loops are available. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

Our Church Family (as of Wednesday, May 8)

Hospital or Rehab: Bob Trabue [Good Samaritan]; Diane Norwood [Sam Swope Center]

Christian sympathy is extended to Ray and Lynn Ihlenburg on the death of Ray's mother, Tania Ihlenburg, who died April 29; Amy Masesy on the death of her father, Gary Tabb, who died May 2; family and friends of Bill Hindman who died May 2; Brandon and Katie Dirks and family on the death of Brandon's mother, Zona Dirks, who died May 7.

Presence and Gifts (as of Sunday, May 5)

Worship - 977 Sunday Prepare Groups - 357

New Faith Communities - 155

April Participants in Small Groups, Short-Term Classes and Studies: 483 Contributions Received Week Ending May 5, 2019: \$ 51,796 Budgeted Contributions through April 30, 2019: \$1,074,503 Actual Contributions Received through April 30, 2019:

Christ Church's 2019 Congregational Daily Prayer

\$1,031,785

God of all, you have joined us to be one body at Christ Church and have given us a mission to fulfill. Bring us together in community around your mission, to partner with your Holy Spirit, and to share your love, one person at a time. Keep us working toward your vision for this community. Help us to heal divides as your Spirit focuses our minds on what binds us. Through our gifts, make each of us to be a blessing in your church, community and world. In the grace and mercy of our Lord we pray. Amen.



Welcome Guests!

We are honored to worship with you today. No matter where you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here.

We are pursuing a mission of *becoming living proof of God's love*, *one person at a time*. We walk together on this journey of discovering a different kind of life – the life we were created for – life in God's love.

All are invited to participate in Communion here. We welcome children of all ages into the service and to participate; later in the service children are dismissed for their own time of worship and community.*

Connect With Us

- Fill out the Connect Card and drop it in the offering plate during the service.
- Take home the Guest Information Card in the pew.
- Stop by the Guest Information Area in the Gathering Hall.

*Children's Activities are provided during all services 8 am to 12:15 pm in the Education Wing. See the Guest Services Desks for more information.



8:30 am Communion: Prayer Room

9 am: Sanctuary 10:05 am: Chapel 11:15 am: Sanctuary



Men's Meet & Meat with John Boel - a gathering of all men who make time for everything else except yourself! See special information table in gathering hall this morning! Register at the info table or online for the lunch on June 2 from 12:15-2pm. Cost \$12. More information at *ccum.net*.

Slightly Bad Girls Women's Summer Study Wednesdays, June 5 - July 31 from 6:15 - 7:45 pm in Fellowship Hall. Every woman deserves a group who will walk with them in a life of faith! Gather this summer with women of all ages to explore five strong-willed women from Genesis who show how abundantly God loves all his daughters, flaws and all. Experience the amazing teaching of Liz Curtis Higgs via video and heart-lifting discussions with fellow sisters of faith, and you may just discover some new friends in this journey of faith long after the summer is over! Liz Curtis Higgs will kick off the event on June 5 and close the study on July 31. The cost of the event is \$12, and it includes the book *Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible*. Pick up your books at church or at the promotional table this morning. Childcare is provided for pre-registrants, and activities are also available for children and youth.



ATTENTION GOLFERS: The Wesley Manor Golf Scramble will be Monday, May 20, at Woodhaven Country Club. You can sign up for a foursome or register as an individual. Plan to join us and help raise money for the Wesley Manor Charitable Care ministry!

Annual Conference this year, the Kentucky Conference is teaming to put together Health Kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). The various Districts in the conference are providing different parts of the kit; the Heartland District, including Christ Church, is asked to provide toothbrushes (adult size, in individual packaging.

OUR MISSION

Becoming living proof of God's love, one person at a time.

OUR VISION

Healing Divides as we:



ENGAGE IN SMALL GROUPS

Becoming who God is calling you to be by experiencing the power and presence of Christ in a spiritually authentic small group.



PLANT NEW FAITH COMMUNITIES

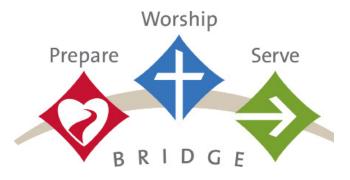
Supporting fresh ways to bring the light of God to new communities of people.



BLESS CHILDREN

Meeting the basic needs of food, shelter, education, hope and love for Louisville's children and adolescents.

OUR STRATEGY



THE FOUR QUESTIONS

WHERE have you seen God's love at work this week?

HOW are you growing in God's love this week?

WHO has God placed in your path that needs to experience God's love this week?

HOW have you demonstrated God's love this week?





Finding Life. In God's Love.

