

Christ Church United Methodist

August 22, 2021

11:15 am

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Chris Hughes

PRELUDE

Here I Am, Lord
Benjamin Carter, piano

arr. Benjamin Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has given us this day for praise!

People: Praise be to God for this most generous gift!

Leader: God has given his Son to us that we might learn ways of peace and mercy.

People: Let the words of God's own Son, Jesus, enter our hearts and transform our lives!

Leader: Come, let us worship this great God of abundant mercy and love!

People: Let our songs, our words, and our thoughts reflect God's healing and restoring love. AMEN.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Hymn 126

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn 139

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

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.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

Come Thou Fount
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

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.

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 24:12-18

Andrew Blosser

SERMON

Enter the Cloud

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

CLOSING HYMN

How Great Thou Art

Hymn 77

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Carillon (Longpont), Op. 31, No. 21
Dr. Shawn Dawson, organ

Louis Vierne

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

THIS MORNING

The rose banner honors the birth of Cooper Joseph Pino, born August 13. He is the son of Barbara and Matt Pino, little brother to Elliott and Nola, grandson of Betsy Gibbs, and great-grandson of Robert and Sharon Pfeiffer.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY (as of Thursday, August 119)

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Rev. William Raymond Jennings, “Billy Ray”, (retired), who died August 14. He was our pastor here at Christ Church from 1993-2001. Visitation will take place on Saturday, August 28 from 10 am - 12 pm at Southern Hills United Methodist Church in Lexington, with a memorial service at 12 pm. The Jennings address is 3373 Malone Drive, Lexington, KY 40513. Kerr Brothers Funeral Home in Lexington is handling the arrangements. <http://www.kerrbrothersfuneralhome.com/obituaries.php?view=detail&id=15656>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrative Council Meeting Scheduled All Ad Council members are asked to attend our next Ad Council meeting scheduled for Monday, August 23 at 6:30 pm. All church members are welcome to attend.

Vases Needed!

Our **Petal Pushers Ministry recycles the fresh altar flowers** each week, creating new beautiful arrangements to **deliver to homebound church members**. Any vases you can donate would be greatly appreciated! Please drop them off at the front desk. For more information, please contact Myra Stinnett at mrya.stinnett@gmail.com

Registration for Children and Youth Music is now open!

PSALM Kids | Pre-K - 5th Grade | register at www.ccum.net/psalmkids

- Begins Wednesday, September 15 from 6 - 7:15 pm
- Contact Shawn at shawn@ccum.net with any questions

Laudate & One Voice | Grades 6-12 | register at www.ccum.net/youthmusic

- Youth Music Opening Night | Sunday, August 29th at 5 pm | Parents and Youth
- Rehearsals begin Sunday, September 12
- Contact Dan at dan@ccum.net with any questions

Thin Places: Walking the Celtic Way in Ireland: A Pilgrimage with Jennie Weeks and Robin Jennings

April 18 - 29, 2022

On the day after Easter, Christ Church parishioners are **invited to participate in a pilgrimage to Ireland**, the land of Saints and Scholars. It is here we will immerse ourselves in “Celtic Spirituality” a Christian form of devotion that is known for the presence of Christ found in the blessings that surround us every day. Join us in becoming an “Anam Cara” (soul friend) by experiencing the thin places between heaven and earth. Contact: Jennie Weeks (jennierut@gmail.com) or Robin Jennings (robintjennings@gmail.com) for more information.

Early Bird Discount, if a deposit of \$500 is received by October 1, 2021.

SAM Luncheon | Monday, September 13 at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

This month's topic is **Meet the Staff!** Please join us as we hear from our special guest, **Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant**. Lunch will immediately follow the program at 12:15 pm. Cost is \$15 for lunch, program is free.

Register at ccum.net/sam

Fall Women's Conference at Christ Church | Saturday, October 23

Join with sisters from all over Louisville and beyond as we gather to celebrate **A Morning of Hope** with Sheila Walsh! Registration will be required. For more information, please visit ccum.net/women.

Save the Date! Adult Bible Study | Tuesdays, October 5 - November 9.

This Fall, join Liz Curtis Higgs on a **spirited stroll through the book of Ruth**. We'll follow Naomi and her faith-filled daughter-in-law, Ruth, as they travel from Moab to Bethlehem, uncertain of their future. And meet Boaz, their kinsman-redeemer, who saves the day and points the way to our own Redeemer. Join us **Tuesday mornings at 10 or evenings at 7**. Our six-week study is **free and open to all adults**, so invite your family members, neighbors, coworkers, and friends. The only book needed is a Bible. Handouts will be provided for taking notes, including questions to prompt a lively discussion around your tables. Registration coming soon.

Attention Men: IronMan is Back!

Tuesdays in August from 7 – 8 am | Fellowship Hall

Stop in grab a coffee and donut, connect/reconnect with old and new friends, and listen to a short devotional.

Fresh Altar flowers are back! If you have a standing annual reservation, you will be contacted to confirm your date and order. If you are **interested in sponsoring an arrangement**, please contact Debbie Yackey at debbie.yackey@gmail.com for available dates.

SOLO Class for Women | Sunday Mornings at 10:05 am in Room 150 B

If you attend church on your own—whether you are single, never married, widowed, divorced, or the man in your life doesn't attend church with you—consider SOLO your **safe place to land**. **This season**, Liz Curtis Higgs is walking us through the book of Ephesians, **“to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.”** Ephesians 1:6. Register at ccum.net/women.

Pass It On Kids Sale | September 17, 9 am -2 pm and 5:30-7:30 pm | September 18, 9 am - noon

The semi-annual Pass it On Kids Sale is back with 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 contact Sarah Aten at s.e.o.aten@gmail.com.

Faith Formation is offered to Children 6 weeks through 5th Grade during the 9 & 11:15 am worship services! No registration required.

- Children grades K-5 will leave the worship service and spend time in the Tabernacle (the big white tent) outside.
- Children ages Infants through Pre-K should be dropped off and picked up before and after the 9 and 11:15 am worship services in the following rooms:

Children ages 3 - 5 | Room 108

Children age 2 years old | Room 111

Children ages 6 weeks through Toddlers | Room 115

Men's Ministry: Just for Men | Wednesdays at 7:30 am or Thursdays at 7 pm via Zoom

Join Rev. Mike Porter, Director of Men's Ministries and Discipleship, as he shares scripture and discussion for men during these trying times. Drop-in to either of our weekly gatherings. If interested, please email katie@ccum.net and specify which session you are interested in to be sent the Zoom link.

Moms with kids at home: Our lives are **wonderful and crazy, hectic and full**, and more often than not we need a few minutes to ourselves to **find peace and joy in the midst of it all**. We hope you'll **join upLIFT**, our new Facebook community, where we hope to interrupt the busy-ness for a moment, and **connect mommas to God** and each other. We hope you find yourselves upLIFTed [here!](#)

Youth Breakfast Club | Sunday mornings

Youth are invited to sit together in the balcony for either the 9 am or 11:15 am worship service. During the last hymn, we'll head to the Cafe for donuts! Youth can meet their parents immediately after the service.



*For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God,
which is in you... I Timothy 6a*

Refuel. Rekindle. Reignite.

Mark your calendars for this **CHURCH-WIDE** weekend of events to recognize where we've been and to **move forward with joy and celebration!**

Saturday, September 11 at 5 pm

Memorial Service | Sanctuary & Livestream

Sunday, September 12

Special Worship Services | 9 & 11:15 am | Sanctuary

Church Picnic | 12:15 - 2 pm | Church Backyard & Parking Lot

Food by Pepperwood BBQ

hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken legs, sides | \$15 per person

KIDS UNDER 12 FREE!

Please register at ccum.net/fantheblade

Children's Ministry

We are delighted to kick-off the fall at our *Fan the Flame* Worship Services by celebrating **two important milestones** for our children! On Sunday, September 12 we will:

- **Bless our Kindergartners**, welcome them into worship and invite them to begin leaving the service early and learning about worship at our Children's Worship!
- **Present 3rd Grade Bibles** and invite our 3rd graders to begin sitting through worship with their parents.

Registration is required and there will be a rehearsal in the Sanctuary on Saturday, September 11 at **9 am for 3rd Graders** and **10 am for Kindergartners** (siblings are welcome at both). Register at ccum.net/children.