

Christ Church United Methodist

July 24, 2022

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

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Mike Porter

PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Jubilate Ringers
Dr. Shawn Dawson, conductor

Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. Arnold Sherman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,

People: "Let there be light!"

Leader: In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,

People: "I am the Light of the world."

Leader: As the good shepherd, Jesus gives light to each lost soul.

ALL: We worship You, Lord, for our Light – the reflection of Your light – to shine for all to see!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymn 400

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God,
the creator of all things,
the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
born Emmanuel, God with us,
baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God;
he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself,
suffering for us, dying for us and being raised from the dead
for our sake and for the sake of all the world.
We believe that he will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
continually poured out refreshing our lives,
leading us into a new day,
ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world.
This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth
reminding us of the gift of faith,
the ever presence of God
and the promise of eternal life.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Hymn 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO PRAYER

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Hymn 349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely
dim in the light of his glory and grace.

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Daniel Blosser

Daniel Blosser, tenor; Andrew Blosser, clarinet
Daniel Light, piano

*Children K - 5th Grade are invited to leave the worship service
to go outdoors for the lesson. In case of rain, we will go to the gym.
After the service, parents please pick up your children downstairs in classroom 005.*

*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 15:1-7

(9:00) Ben Blosser
(11:15) Gary Schooler

SERMON

Stories of Light: The Good Shepherd

Liz Curtis Higgs

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Hymn 381

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary
Jake Mitchell, trumpet
Dr. Shawn Dawson, organ

John Stanley

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christian sympathy is extended to Colleen and Greg Pittman on the death of Colleen's father, Jim Pearl, who died July 13. Christian sympathy is also extended to grandchildren, Cameron and Hannah.

Christian sympathy is extended to Lisa and Wade Watkins on the death of Lisa's brother, Mike Mansfield, who died July 19. Christian sympathy is also extended to Lisa and Wade's children [Charis (Chris) Woodall, Tembre (Michael) Holland and Aria (Caleb) McDaniel] and grandchildren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church-Wide Lunch! | Sunday, August 14 after 11:15 am service | Fellowship Hall

Celebrate the conclusion of our *Summer of Connecting* by gathering with your church family and friends for a boxed sandwich lunch from McAlister's. **Bring a nut-free dessert to share!** Enjoy catching up with each other on how you've spent your summer and hear from Pastor Eric as he shares his vision for Christ Church for the rest of the year. Let us know you're coming by registering at ccum.net/connecting.

Please note: there will be **NO 9 AM SERVICE ON AUGUST 14.**

Hands on Handbells | July 31

The **Handbell Ministry** invites everyone to stop by **Fellowship Hall** on July 31 **after either the 9 or 11:15 am worship services** to meet a Handbell Ringer and find out how we do what we do, why we love it, and how you can be a part of this wonderful area of ministry. No experience needed. **Joy guaranteed!**

July Building Hours: For the month of July, the building will close at 2 pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Backpacks for Lighthouse Academy | Sundays, July 24

Christ Church is once again supporting our friends at Lighthouse Academy at Newburg by providing backpacks filled with basic school supplies to get their students off to a good start this school year! **Thanks to such a great response last Sunday, there are only a few left to claim in the Gathering Hall.** Please fill these backpacks and **return to the church by July 31.** For more information on Lighthouse, contact Bobbie Allison at bwallison7@icloud.com.

Christ Church Connect | Three-week class: August 3, 10 & 17 | In-person & via Zoom

Led by Senior Pastor Eric Bryant, Christ Church Connect is for **anyone who is interested in learning more about Christ Church** and how you can get connected to the people and ministries. This class is **open to everyone**, but is most appropriate for those considering membership or who have joined in recent years. Light snacks will be provided, and childcare is available upon request. Registration is requested, ccum.net/connectclass.

PSALM Kids Registration is Here!

Parents, registration is now open for PSALM Kids, our **Children's Music Program** here at Christ Church. Kids in **grades Pre-K through 5th grade** experience God's love and develop musical and other skills through singing, ringing, games, activities and leading in worship. They meet weekly on **Wednesdays from 6 - 7:15 pm, beginning August 24.** Register at ccum.net/children/music.

Youth Ministry - Parent Meeting | Tuesday, July 26 | 7 pm | Youth Center

Please join us for a parents meeting as we look ahead and discuss the future of Youth Ministry at Christ Church. If you have any questions please email Mike Porter at mike@ccum.net or (502) 671-9146.

Women's Wellness Morning: SOCIAL WELLNESS | Saturday, August 13 | 10:30 am-12 pm | Youth Center

Join your Women's Ministry Team for another fabulous, fast-paced 90 minutes, as we explore the joys and benefits of Social Wellness. This event is open to all women 18+ and it's FREE! Register at ccum.net/women/wellness.

Planning a memorial can be a tremendous burden for family and friends who have just lost a loved one. You can offer those you leave behind an incredible gift by **planning your memorial wishes now** so those details will be ready when

the time comes. Schedule an appointment this summer with Rev. Melissa Head (502) 893-2201 ext. 263 or melissa@ccum.net to take this first step.

TriFreedom! | Tuesdays | 8 am | Facebook

You're invited to join Pastor Eric on his **physical and spiritual journey** as he prepares for the **Iron Man competition** this November. He's **raising money for the KY UMC Children's Home**, so click [here](#) to support this worthy cause. Join him on Facebook @ChristChurchLouisville every Tuesday morning for messages titled TriFreedom!

Hello, my name is....

In an effort to connect this summer, we are **encouraging folks to wear a nametag on Sunday mornings**. We'll have blank nametags on tables outside the Sanctuary. If there is a nametag you wear in your everyday life, bring it with you!

Thin Places - Walking the Celtic Way in Ireland | Trip dates: September 19 - 30, 2022

We still have a few **spaces open for our pilgrimage to Ireland in the fall**. If interested and more information, contact trip leaders: Robin Jennings: (502) 741-1017, robintjennings@gmail.com, or Jennie Weeks (502) 762-4705, jennierut@gmail.com.

Hi Moms! Are you looking for a chance to let your kids play and connect with some other moms this summer?

Explore Louisville with us this summer on a **Pray & Playdate!** We'll let our kiddos play together, enjoy some grown up conversation, and pray for our families and our lives. **Weekly Tuesday and Wednesday groups, and monthly Saturday meet ups**. Contact our upLIFT Moms Ministry Leader, Shelah Woodruff, at shelah@ccum.net to join a group!

Kids Connecting by Building Relationships | Sunday Faith Formation Schedule for Summer

Faith Formation for our K – 5th grades during the 9 and 11:15 worship services Children will begin with their family in worship. Please complete your child's name badge sticker located on a table in Gathering Hall, just outside of the Sanctuary. **They will be dismissed during the Doxology and go outdoors for the lesson**. In case of rain, we will go to the Gym. After the service, parents will pick up their children downstairs in classroom 005. **All children are encouraged to wear play clothes to church during summer!**

***Please note:** K- 5th Grade children **will remain in the service with their families** on July 3, July 10 & August 7.

Childcare for K - 5th grades will be provided in room 005 during the 10 am hour for any parents or grandparents needing it.

Nursery and Faith Formation for infants and toddlers will be available as usual at all three hours (9, 10, and 11:15 am).

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is raising funds to provide direct assistance to the

humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. If you would like to contribute, UMCOR is accepting donations on their website at umcmmission.org, by phone at 888-252-6174, or by check made to Global Ministries/UMCOR with Advance #982450-Ukraine in the memo, mailed to their address at PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068. **One hundred percent** of the contributions go toward this effort.

Men's Ministry: Just for Men | Wednesdays at 7:30 am 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 our weekly gathering. If interested, please email katie@ccum.net to be sent the Zoom link.