

Christ Church United Methodist

September 19, 2021

11:15 am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Melissa Head

PRELUDE

Bless This House
Carol Wellman, handbells
Dr. Shawn Dawson, piano

May H. Brahe
arr. Roy Ringwald

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls the small and helps them do great things. God calls the weak and reveals their hidden gifts.

People: God calls us all and opens our eyes to our worth.

Leader: Let us worship together, old and young, small and great, to dream God's dreams, receive God's power, and do God's deeds.

People: Here we are Lord. Shine the light of your love through us.

Leader: Kindle your Spirit within us and work your redeeming will in us,

ALL: That all the world may be made new through the power of your love. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn 89

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

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

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Hymn 160

Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Margot Laniah Fontaine (9/18/2020) child of Whitney and Matt Fontaine.

Pastor: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care Margot, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that she may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

People: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Margot, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

Hymn 609

You have put on Christ, in Christ you have been baptized.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

CALL TO PRAYER

They'll Know We Are Christians

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We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
One Voice

Mark Miller

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

1 Kings 18:30-39

Gary Schooler

SERMON

Ignite! Fiery Days

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

CLOSING HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Hymn 173

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart,
cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Processional of Joy
Dr. Shawn Dawson, organ

arr. Hal H. Hopson

◇ Daniel Blosser, conductor; Daniel Light, accompanist

**Announcements are located on the following pages

OUR CHURCH FAMILY (as of Thursday, September 16)

Christian sympathy is extended to Mark and Kimberly Jackson and their children, Kendall, Hadley and Henry, on the death of Mark's father.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Looking for a place to be at 10am on Sundays? Join us for **Coffee & Community** in Fellowship Hall to relax and visit with each other.

Blood Drive

We are hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Tuesday, September 21 from 2 to 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please schedule an appointment by contacting Kim Brice at (502) 727-2581.

Used Greeting Cards Needed!

Our **Card Ministry Team** recycles old greeting cards, using them to create new ones to send to those in need of sympathy, encouragement or just a note to know that they are loved. **Any used cards you can donate would be greatly appreciated!** Please drop them off in the bin in the Pickup Closet near the front desk.

Sanctuary Series is pleased to announce the beginning of the 2021-2022 season with a **concert on September 26 at 7 pm** titled **"Sing to the Lord a New Song."** The Concert will include a congregational hymn and feature Christ Church Music Staff and Friends with vocal, oboe, piano and organ music.

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.

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.

SAM September Outing | Thursday, September 23

Join us as we tour Louisville's Waterfront Botanical Gardens. Meet at the church at 9:30 am. We'll tour at 10 am and then have lunch at The Café. Register at ccum.net/sam.

Fall Adult Discipleship Class - Ancient Words and Why They Matter

Wednesdays at 6 pm | September 22, 29, October 6 | Room 156

Join **Bill Higgs** for a fascinating and insightful **4-week class** on **how our Bible came to be** and the place it holds in Christian thought, including a deep dive into **contemporary questions** about inerrancy, infallibility, and reliability. Bill's PhD in Old Testament Languages and deep love for Scripture will provide a solid foundation for this **lively, interactive study**. For adults of all ages. Register at ccum.net/classes

Please help our Christ Church family find joy in these challenging times leading to Christmas! **Christ Church is planning an Advent booklet** to help us celebrate, and **invites everyone**, adults and children, to submit a personal story, devotional message or original artwork about joy in our lives. Let us all experience the joy of expectation in exciting and creative ways! Details at: ccum.net/journal

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. Register at ccum.net/classes.

Attention Men: Join Us for Coffee!
Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall | 7 am

We would like to invite you to come join other men on **Tuesday mornings anytime between 7 - 8 am**. Stop in grab a coffee and donut, connect/reconnect with old and new friends, and listen to a short devotional.

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.

Sunday Faith Formation Schedule

Children ages 3 years through Pre-K may be dropped off and picked up in Room #108 for the 9 am service, 10 am Sunday School and the 11:15 am service.

Children K - 5th Grades will meet at 10 am outside near the lower back parking lot:

- The Tabernacle (tent) for **K-3rd graders**
- Under the large tree for **4th and 5th graders**

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 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!](#)