

Christ Church United Methodist

June 25, 2023

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

4th Sunday after Pentecost Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

PRELUDE

Romance I

Robert Schumann

Kim Cabrera, saxophone; Daniel Light, piano

Transcribed by Frederick Hemke

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus calls you and me to follow him and serve one another. Yet he does not say that discipleship is easy.

People: Jesus calls you, me and all who will follow. Yet we often feel unable or unworthy to serve and shrink away from his call.

Leader: Jesus calls us—the community of His church. And we come bringing our hopes and fears, strengths and weaknesses, humility and compassion.

People: Loving God, give us renewed courage, strength and willing spirits for the world to know your love and calling. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Take Up Thy Cross

Hymn 415

"Take up thy cross," the Savior said, "if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me."

Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
thy Lord for thee the cross endured, to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

*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**

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

Hymn 163

**This is that great thing I know; this delights and stirs me so:
faith in him who died to save, him who triumphed o'er the grave:
Jesus Christ, the crucified.**

BAPTISMAL COVENANT (11:15)

Rhodes Walker Fontaine (12/14/2022) son of Whitney and Matt Fontaine

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

People: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Rhodes now before you in your care?

**People: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according
to the example of Christ. We will surround him with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may
grow in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way
that leads to life.**

Pastor: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care
Rhodes, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God.
Will you endeavor so to live that he 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 Rhodes, 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!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO PRAYER

Bless the Lord

Taizé

**Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.**

Used by permission One License A 702340

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

◇ 9:00

Sometimes a Light Surprises
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

‡ 11:15

Open Thou Mine Eyes
Chapel Choir

Benjamin Harlan

*During the Doxology, K-2nd grade are invited to attend Children's Worship.
Children will be returned to the Sanctuary during the closing hymn.*

*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

Matthew 10:24-39

(9:00) Elizabeth Gibbs
(11:15) Gary Schooler

SERMON

Real Life

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

Hymn 529

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Toccata on “How Firm A Foundation”
Shawn Dawson, organ

Gordon Young

◇ Shawn Dawson, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

‡ Ben Williams, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

** *Announcements are located on the following pages*

THIS MORNING

The flowers in the chancel area this morning are given by Lou and Julian Watkins in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Sheehan and Mr. and Mrs. Garlan Watkins and brothers Gregory Sheehan, Jr. and Glenn Watkins.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christian sympathy is extended to Diane Norwood on the death of her husband, Hal Norwood, who died June 20.

Spiritual Practice: Hearing God's Word

Weekly Sermon Companion

Sunday, June 25

Matthew 10:24-39

HIGHLIGHTED VERSES

A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master;

Matthew 10:24 (NRSV)

- *“a follower is not greater than his teacher. A servant who is owned by someone is not greater than his owner” (NLV)*
- *“a student doesn’t get a better desk than her teacher. A laborer doesn’t make more money than his boss” (MSG)*

Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will

acknowledge before my Father in heaven, Matthew 10:32 (NRSV)

- *“if you tell others you belong to me, I will tell my Father in heaven you are my followers” (CEV)*
- *“all those who stand before others and say they believe in me, I will say before my Father in heaven that they belong to me” (EXB)*

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake

will find it. Matthew 10:39 (NRSV)

- *“those who try to keep the life they have will lose it. But those who give up their life for me will find true life” (ERV)*
- *“to find your life, you must lose your life—and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it” (VOICE)*

NOTES

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME THROUGH TODAY'S MESSAGE?

Weekly Bible Study

Week of June 25 - July 1

DAILY PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, you gave your life for me. Now you are asking me to give my life for you. Show me how to lay down my worldly desires and embrace your heavenly ones. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Monday, June 26

Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Matthew 10:28

When Jesus sent forth his followers, he made it clear they would face adversity. Even so, he told them, “don’t be afraid of people” (ICB); instead, “the only one you should fear is God” (ERV). Why do we often fear what others may think of us, rather than seeking God’s opinion? If that’s an issue for you, how might you develop a healthy fear of the Lord, “who holds your entire life—body and soul—in his hands” (MSG)?

Tuesday, June 27

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Matthew 10:29, 31

On those days when you can’t imagine being of any use to God, let this passage comfort and assure you. If he keeps his eye on two little sparrows, which are “sold for next to nothing” (CJB) he will certainly keep his eye on you, who are “more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows” (NLT). How might God’s deep and tender regard for you influence the way you measure your own value?

Wednesday, June 28

... whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Matthew 10:33

Our commitment to Christ is meant to withstand all the slings and arrows life throws at us. Hence, Jesus cautioned his followers: “if you stand before others and say you do not believe in me, then I will tell my Father in heaven that you do not belong to me” (ERV). Think of an instance when you found it easier to remain silent than to proclaim your faith. How might you handle that differently today?

Thursday, June 29

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, Matthew 10:37

Elsewhere in Scripture, we’re called to honor our parents and cherish our children. Here, we’re challenged to love Christ even more than we love our families. What is your response to that expectation? How might putting the Lord first in your life deepen and strengthen your earthly relationships?

Friday, June 30

and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Matthew 10:38

Though we may never physically lift a cross, Jesus does ask us to follow his example “in living and, if need be, in dying also” (AMPC). Otherwise, he says, “you are not fit to be my disciples” (CEV). Why is Christ worthy of such devotion? How important is it to you to be counted among his faithful followers?

Saturday, July 1

Pray first, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you and teach you, then read tomorrow’s Scripture passage in preparation for Sunday’s worship service.

Mark 1:35-39

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrative Council Meeting | Today, June 25 | 12:30 pm | Room 158

All Ad Council members are asked to attend our next Ad Council meeting on June 25. All church members are welcome to attend.

VBS Volunteer Orientation | Today, Sunday, June 25 | 12:30 - 2 pm | Fellowship Hall. We will provide you with all the information you need for our theme *Pray Every Day! Everywhere!* so you will know how the days will flow and to ensure we all have a relaxed and fun time!

Red Bird Mission Food Collection | June 2023

The Red Bird Mission, founded by United Methodist Women in 1921, serves and ministers to 3 counties in southeastern Kentucky. CCUM's Pioneer Class has coordinated an **annual food collection** for the past decade to help alleviate the food insecurity in that area. The collection will **take place for the entire month of June**. The list of non-perishable food items can be found [here](#), or at the front desk in Gathering Hall. Please place all donations in the bin outside Door #1 under the Portico, beginning June 1.

In celebration of summer, Christ Church will be **worshiping in the Chapel for the month of July!** Worship times and Sunday school will proceed as normal. We look forward to praising the Lord with you there!

SAVE THE DATE! The Raleigh Ringers | Sunday, July 9 | 4 pm | Sanctuary

Christ Church United Methodist **Sanctuary Concert Series** is excited to welcome The Raleigh Ringers. Founded in 1990, The Raleigh Ringers is an Emmy-nominated, internationally **acclaimed concert handbell choir** based in Raleigh, North Carolina. The group entertains audiences with **unique interpretations of sacred, secular, and popular music** (including renditions of familiar rock-'n'-roll tunes), in addition to original compositions. Admission to the concert is free.

"I have a question..." | Monday, July 12, 19 and 26 | 6 – 7:30 pm

Have you ever read the Bible and thought, "I have a question..."? Maybe you've wondered: *Why is there so much violence? How is God both wrathful and righteous? Why did Jesus tell people not to talk about his miracles? What's Paul's problem with women?* If so, join Sarah Aten and Shelah Woodruff for **meaningful conversations** about **what the Bible has to say and how we make sense** out of its more challenging passages. Register at ccum.net/classes. Childcare available upon registration.

Moms Night Out at Payne Street Pottery! | Friday, July 14 | 6:30 - 8:30pm

Join us for a fun night throwing pottery on a wheel! Register at ccum.net/women. \$60 for materials and teacher fee. Contact Shelah Woodruff with any questions or concerns at shelah@ccum.net.

VBS needs your help! Please consider donating snacks to fuel our kids (and helpers!) at Vacation Bible School this summer. Please sign up at ccum.net/VBSSnacks and drop donated items off Sunday, July 9 at the bin at the Front Desk.

VBS 2023: UPDATE! | July 10 - 13 | 9 am - 12 pm

We are a month away from VBS and are thrilled to announce that we only **need 2 teachers for the preschoolers** and we have all slots filled! Are you the one we need? If so, contact Linda Hess at lhess@ccum.net. Come join the fun and change the lives of our little ones!

Christ Church School Class Openings! There is limited availability in our 3's, 4's and JK/K classes. Contact Kim Washle at (502) 882-9963 or visit ccum.net/ccs for details.

Members of the Racial Justice Team are **sharing books** from prior book discussions as well as books from their personal collections. **Visit the "Just Reads" shelf in the CCUM Library** to explore titles that may be of interest to you. These books **will be available for your use until June 30** and then will be returned to their respective owners.

Men's Morning Coffee | Tuesdays | 7 - 8 am | Fellowship Hall

We 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.

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.