

Christ Church United Methodist

August 7, 2022

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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Order of Worship

WELCOME

Liz Curtis Higgs

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557
Dr. Shawn Dawson, organ

Bach Circle

***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: In the humble act of foot washing, our Lord shines light on His sacrificial love.

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

God Is Here

Hymn 660

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

***INVITATION**

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live
in peace with one another.

Therefore let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

People: Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Let us all pray silently and confess our sins to God.
(All pray in silence)

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Now hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.
That proves God's love for us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace

Mary McDonald

◇ 9:00

Chapel Choir

◇ 11:15

Chancel Choir

***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**

John 13:3-17

(9:00) Camille Burgard
(11:15) Emmet Meyer

SERMON

Stories of Light

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Rêverie Claude Debussy
Cindy Watson, viola
Deanna Catlett, piano

Amazing Grace arr. Daniel Light
Deanna Catlett and Daniel Light, piano

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful Taizé
In the Lord I'll be ever thankful. In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

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PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

Pastor: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* CLOSING HYMN

Jesu, Jesu Hymn 432
**Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**
**Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)**
**Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are near and far away. (Refrain)**
**These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)**
**Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)**
**Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)**

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Aria from Cantata No. 1
David Catlett, trumpet
Dr. Shawn Dawson, organ

J.S. Bach

◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christian sympathy is extended to Judy Copeland on the death of her husband, Jim Copeland, who died July 27.

Christian sympathy is extended to Bill Johnson on the death of his wife, Barbara Johnson, who died July 29.

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.**

Backside Ministry Collection

Help us show our Christ Church love to the **Kentucky Racetrack Chaplaincy!** Durring the **month of August**, we will be **collecting specific items** that will be helpful to track workers who will return to Churchill Downs in September. **Stop by the reception desk for a list of helpful donations, or visit ccum.net/donations.** Donations can be dropped off in the large blue bin under the portico.

Flood Buckets for Eastern Kentucky

The **Kentucky Conference's Disaster Response** is working with UMCOR, the Red Cross and several organizations to provide **relief for the flood victims in Eastern Kentucky.** There is an **immediate need for 'flood buckets' that aid in initial clean-up.** Assembled buckets may be returned to the table in the Gathering Hall. Visit umcmmission.org/umcor-cleaning-kit, for instructions on building a flood bucket. You may also donate to the flood recovery efforts by writing a check payable to CCUM with "E KY Flood Relief" in the memo line or by visiting ccum.net/give. Please keep our Kentucky neighbors in your prayers.

SAM Outing | Tuesday, August 23 | State Fair

Sign up for our first outing of the fall - **Senior Day at the Kentucky State Fair!** Join us as we experience this unique festival that celebrates local and statewide heritage through blue ribbon competition, concerts, special exhibits and more! **We'll meet at the church at 9:30 am and return around 3 pm.**

Register at ccum.net/sam!

Booked For Lunch is a **monthly book club for women** of all ages! We believe fiction stories provide a powerful avenue for thinking more deeply about God and the world. We **meet the 2nd Thursday of every month at noon--** bring a lunch and join us! The **next meeting is this Thursday, August 11.** We will be reading *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristen Harmel. The list of future books can be found at ccum.net/adults.

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!**

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 Music Opening Night is coming up on August 21!

This is the **fall kickoff event for youth music at Christ Church**, and we are inviting teens, parents, and volunteers to attend. **Whether you have sung or rung with us for years, or you are brand new to youth music, this event is for you.** No registration required, and no experience necessary! Come join us on August 21 at **5 pm in the choir room!**

Ice Cream Social and Open House | Sunday, August 21 | 6 pm | Youth Center

When you are finished with the music kickoff, come and join us in Youth Center for ice cream and fellowship. You can **meet some new friends, eat some ice cream and play some games.** If you have any questions, contact Mike Porter at mike@ccum.net.

Bible Land Exploration | Trip dates: January 16 - 25, 2023

It's not too late to **join Pastor Eric Bryant and Liz Curtis Higgs on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure!** We'll be following the footsteps of Jesus as we experience all that Israel has to offer—from Bethlehem to Bethsaida, from Jericho to Jerusalem, from the Dead Sea to the Sea of Galilee. **You will never read the Bible the same way again!** If you are interested in the trip, you can pick up a brochure at the front desk or visit ccum.net/adults for more information.

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

We took a break during July, but **beginning again on August 2**, 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.

Celebrating Children's Ministry Milestones

We are delighted to kick-off the fall by celebrating two important milestones for our children! On **Sunday, August 21** 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 Bibles to our 3rd Graders** and invite them to begin sitting through worship with their parents.

Registration is required and there will be a rehearsal for both groups in the Sanctuary on Saturday, August 20 at 9 am. (Siblings are welcome at both.) Please register by _____ at ccum.net/children.

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.

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.