

# Christ Church United Methodist

August 21, 2022

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

## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Order of Worship

WELCOME

Liz Curtis Higgs

PRELUDE

*Beach Spring*  
Dr. Shawn Dawson, organ

Wilbur Held

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Hymn 92

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light; (Refrain)

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight; (Refrain)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)

For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love; (Refrain)

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven: (Refrain)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Melissa Head

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, the source  
of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example  
and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for  
comfort, and for strength. Amen.

A TIME OF BLESSING

Rev. Melissa Head  
Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley  
Rev. Mike Porter  
Liz Curtis Higgs  
Dr. Daniel Blosser  
Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Hymn 61

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence, evermore.  
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore!

BLESSING OF THE KINDERGARTNERS

CALL TO PRAYER

*The Gift of Love*

Hymn 408

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Melissa Head

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OFFERING MUSIC

9:00

*Nearer, My God, to Thee*

arr. James L. Stevens

Tenor Leaven

Daniel Blosser, soloist

In articulo mortis	<i>At the moment of death</i>
Cealitus mihi vires	<i>My strength is from Heaven.</i>
Deo adjuvantes	<i>With God's help,</i>
Non timendum in perpetuum	<i>Nothing is feared forever.</i>
Dirige nos domine	<i>Guide us, oh Lord,</i>
Ad augusta per angusta	<i>Through adversity to splendor</i>
Sic itur ad astra	<i>Such as the path to the stars</i>
Excelsior, Excelsior	<i>Ever higher. Ever higher.</i>

This performance is dedicated in memory of Melanie Williams Sublett,  
who always supported and encouraged us, and who recommended this piece.  
-Tenor Leaven

‡ 11:15

*How Great Thou Art*

Dan Forrest

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.

PRESENTATION OF THIRD GRADE BIBLES

SCRIPTURE

*Genesis 26:2-4*

*Children K - 2nd Grade are now invited to leave the worship service for a Bible story.  
Children will be returned to the Sanctuary during the closing hymn.*

SERMON

*Yes to Best*

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

Hymn 584

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community.  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood."  
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that the world around us share your children's liberty.  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society.  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend  
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Finale (Symphony No. 1)*  
Dr. Shawn Dawson, organ

Louis Vierne

‡ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Dr. Shawn Dawson, organ

\*\*Announcements are located on the following pages

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Youth Music Opening Night is tonight!

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](mailto:mike@ccum.net).

### Youth Group Kickoff Cookout | August 28 at 6 pm | Youth Center

All youth are invited to join us as we kickoff the fall with a cookout. We will have **food, activities, and games.** Come connect with old friends and meet some new ones!

### Men's Ministry Meeting | Thursday, August 25 at 7 pm | Parlor

### August is National Black Business Month and Louisville is ready!

Our Christ Church Steering Committee on racial justice is **celebrating its first official activity by going out to dinner at Tha Drippin Crab**, a Black-owned restaurant, on **Sunday, August 28 after the 11:15 service.** We will be carpooling for anyone who wants to join us, or you can meet us there. RSVP by Saturday, August 27, to Wenda Fischer at [wenda.fischer@gmail.com](mailto:wenda.fischer@gmail.com).

### All Things New | Sundays at 10:05 am | Room 002 | Beginning August 21

Finally, a **Sunday morning class** just for parents of littles! Led by couples from the **First Things First** class, **All Things New** will offer relational, spiritual and practical encouragement for moms and dads with **children from newborn through age five.** Join your peers for coffee and conversation, for the joy of laughing together and praying together, for the chance to let go of parenting guilt and celebrate the good stuff.

### 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](http://ccum.net/donations).** Donations can be dropped off in the large blue bin under the portico.

### Children's Ministry fall Sunday morning schedule begins today!

- **During the 9 and 11:15 am worship services,** K - 2nd grades will begin in worship with their families and leave for Children's Worship. They will return to the Sanctuary during the closing hymn. Please note they will remain in worship on Communion Sundays.
- **Faith Formation resumes at 10:05 am!** We are excited to spend time praying, playing and learning Bible Stories with your children. Plus, we are focusing on building friendships this year so we have added extra playtime to each session!

### Pass It On Kids Sale | Fellowship Hall

September 16, 9 am - 2 pm & 5:30 - 7:30 pm | September 17, 9 am - 12 pm

The semi-annual Pass it On Kids Sale is coming up with **hundreds of items**, including **clothing, toys, books, shoes, furniture, equipment, maternity clothes and more!** Visit [ccum.net/passiton](http://ccum.net/passiton) to sign up to volunteer or consign. For questions and more information contact Whitney Fontaine at [whitney.fontaine@gmail.com](mailto:whitney.fontaine@gmail.com).

**Grief Support Group** | Wednesdays at 11:30 am | Room 154

Experiencing the death of a loved one is something you do not have to walk through alone. As you are grieving, transitioning and coping there are ways to get support and encouragement. We invite you to attend our **weekly Grief Support Group, beginning August 24**, for a time of sharing, learning about the tasks of grief and holding one another up with care. **Even if you cannot be there every week, come as often as possible.** No registration is needed. Contact Rev. Melissa Head ([melissa@ccum.net](mailto:melissa@ccum.net)) with any questions.

**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 2 pm.** Register at [ccum.net/sam](http://ccum.net/sam)!

**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](http://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.

**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](mailto:katie@ccum.net) to be sent the Zoom link.