

Christ Church United Methodist

August 25, 2019

9:00 and 11:15 am

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Order of Worship

Please silence your cell phone and other electronic devices.

PRELUDE *All Things Bright and Beautiful* arr. Robertson
Louisa Woodson, harp

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Brandon Dirks

Pastor Let us worship God who knows where we are and calls to us.

People **There is no height nor depth where we can escape the presence of God.**

Pastor Jesus calls to us, wherever we are, no matter what we were doing.

People **Your past does not matter. Jesus invites all.**

Pastor We come to celebrate good news today!

People **Let us joyfully worship God who has a place for you and for me.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Hymn 139

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare.

People: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

*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!

BAPTISMAL COVENANT (9:00)

Kathryn Mary Thatcher (1/25/2013) and Caroline Sue Thatcher (4/14/2016),
daughters of Jessie and Brian Thatcher

Pastor: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care
Kathryn and Caroline, whom we this day recognize as members of the
family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that they 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 Kathryn and Caroline, 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 9:00 *Jesus Loves Me* John Ferguson
Chancel Choir

11:15 *Be Not Afraid* Craig Courtney
One Voice and Laudaté

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 *(Please sign the attendance pad as it is passed down the pew.)*
Alleluia, Suscipe et Gratia Catherine McMichael
Carillon Ringers
Louisa Woodson, harp Ben Williams, oboe
Donna Vaughn, director

*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

*Children Kindergarten through Second Grade may follow the banner out the
side door of the Sanctuary for Children's Chapel in Room 132.*

SCRIPTURE *Luke 19:1-10* Page 77 (NT) in the pew Bible
9:00 Kay Wyssbrod
11:15 John Koch

SERMON *The Great Invitation: Come on Down!* Rev. Becki Curry

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN *The Summons* See insert

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord* LOBE DEN HERREN
from *Stralsund Gesangbuch*

*indicates standing as you are able.

Announcements

Today's Bell Music was commissioned to the glory of God and in honor of
Melanie Williams-Sublett and her 30 years of handbell ministry leadership at
Christ Church United Methodist. A reception with the composer will take place
following the 11:15 am worship service in the Blair Handbell Room.

Children's Ministry Today We are having our Safety and Healthy Sunday this
morning at 10:05 am. We will be having a fire drill and inviting doctors to come
and talk about simple things all kids can do to stay healthy! We will be leaving the
building for the drill at about 10:15 am and return about 10:25am.

Acolyte Training September 8 at 10:05 am in the Sanctuary for all 4th graders
and any interested 5th grader. Parents are encouraged to attend but not required.
Make-up date is September 22. Contact Heather Pennell at crnaheather@gmail.com
for more information.

Who's New at Christ Church? Join us at the Senior Adult Ministries Lunch on
Monday, September 9 at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Come and meet Rev. Becki
Curry, Rev. Jacob Cogman, and Cassie Kiser, our Director of Digital Media.
Lunch is \$10. Reservations are due by noon on September 5, and can be made by
calling 893-2201 ex 328 or at ccum.net/sam.

Our Bridge at Norton Commons worshipping community is looking for
volunteer musicians to assist with the music for the 5:30 pm worship service on
Saturdays. This is a casual worship service accommodating both contemporary
and traditional music styles. For more information, contact Tori Brown at
toribrown40031@yahoo.com.

Christ Church's 2019 Congregational Daily Prayer

*God of all, you have joined us to be one body at Christ Church and have given
us a mission to fulfill. Bring us together in community around your mission, to
partner with your Holy Spirit, and to share your love, one person at a time. Keep
us working toward your vision for this community. Help us to heal divides as your
Spirit focuses our minds on what binds us. Through our gifts, make each of us to
be a blessing in your church, community and world. In the grace and mercy of our
Lord we pray. Amen.*

This Morning

Today's altar flowers are lovingly dedicated to the memory of **Neil Kuvin** by his
wife, **Anita**, and sons **Scott, Greg and Todd Kuvin**. The rose banner this morning
honors the birth of **Auftin Elizabeth Sells**, daughter of **Colt and Ali Sells**, who was
born August 21.

Our Church Family (as of Wednesday, August 21)

Hospital or Rehab: **Debbie Brinson** [Baptist]; **Lynne Clinkscales** [Norton Women
& Children's]; **Pat Grayson** [Forest Springs Rehab]

Presence and Gifts (as of Sunday, August 18)

Worship - 970 Sunday Prepare Groups - 499

New Faith Communities - 175

July Participants in Small Groups, Short-Term Classes and Studies: 743

Contributions Received Week Ending August 18, 2019: \$ 43,096

Budgeted Contributions through July 31, 2019: \$ 1,828,785

Actual Contributions Received through July 31, 2019: \$ 1,796,321



Becoming living proof of God's love, one person at a time.

Welcome Guests!

We are honored to worship with you today. No matter where you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here.


We are pursuing a mission of *becoming living proof of God's love, one person at a time*. We walk together on this journey of discovering a different kind of life – the life we were created for – life in God's love.

All are invited to participate in Communion here. We welcome children of all ages into the service and to participate; later in the service children are dismissed for their own time of worship and community.*

Connect With Us

- Fill out the Connect Card and drop it in the offering plate during the service.
- Take home the Guest Information Card in the pew.
- Stop by the Guest Information Area in the Gathering Hall.

*Children's Activities are provided during all services 8 am to 12:15 pm in the Education Wing. See the Guest Services Desks for more information.

 **Worship** 8:30 am Communion: Prayer Room
9 am: Sanctuary
10:05 am: Chapel
11:15 am: Sanctuary

 **Prepare**

Dementia Support Forum September 28, 9 am to 12 pm in Fellowship Hall. Join us for education, resources and support in coping with dementia of all types including Alzheimer's. Many organizations in the area will also be present with resource information at tables. To register, please visit ccum.elixio.church/forms/alzheimers-and-dementia-seminar.

Hope and Healing Service for caregivers, those with long-term illnesses and those grieving from loved ones who died of long-term illnesses will be on Sunday, September 29, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Chapel.

 **Serve**

Worship Ministry Help Needed

- Volunteers needed to help with wedding ceremonies - no experience needed. Contact Julie Minnic at julieminnic@gmail.com or 502-802-8216.
- Videographers needed to help videotape worship services. Contact David Williams at david.williams2@twc.com.
- Are you interested in ushering? Sunday morning help needed. Contact Pat Isaacs at pandlisaacs@live.com.

Join **Portland Promise Center** for a breakfast fundraiser catered by Wild Eggs on Wednesday, September 11 from 7 to 8:30 am at Christ Church in our Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$25 per person. RSVP to Michael Matala at mmatala@portlandpromise.org.

We are partnering with Dare to Care to support their **Backpack Buddy** program, which provides backpacks full of kid-friendly, nutritious food each Friday to children at risk of hunger. Your \$130 donation will feed a needy child for the year! Visit the Gathering Hall to find a Buddy to feed and pray for this year. You can sponsor a child from your phone by texting "CCUMBackpack" and your donation amount to 30131.

OUR MISSION

Becoming living proof of God's love, one person at a time.

OUR VISION

Healing Divides as we:

◆ ENGAGE IN SMALL GROUPS

Becoming who God is calling you to be by experiencing the power and presence of Christ in a spiritually authentic small group.

◆ PLANT NEW FAITH COMMUNITIES

Supporting fresh ways to bring the light of God to new communities of people.

◆ BLESS CHILDREN

Meeting the basic needs of food, shelter, education, hope and love for Louisville's children and adolescents.

OUR STRATEGY



THE FOUR QUESTIONS

WHERE have you seen God's love at work this week?

HOW are you growing in God's love this week?

WHO has God placed in your path that needs to experience God's love this week?

HOW have you demonstrated God's love this week?



The Great Invitation

"Come On Down!"

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