

# Christ Church United Methodist

April 30, 2023

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

## Fourth Sunday of Easter Confirmation Sunday

### Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley

PRELUDE

*Préambule*  
Shawn Dawson, organ

Louis Vierne

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We come together before our God who resurrects and offers new life.

**People: We are grateful for the ways Christ gives us strength and abundant life here and now.**

Pastor: We come to find hope and clarity among the confusion and dismay of this life.

**People: As we sing, pray, and listen to the Good News, may Christ meet us here.**

**All: And may Christ send us forth in joy to share God's life-giving love with all!**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Abide with Me*

Hymn 700

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: This is the good news which we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

People: Christ died for our sins,  
was buried,  
was raised on the third day,  
and appeared first to the women,  
then to Peter and the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe Jesus is the Christ,  
the Anointed One of God,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
in whom all things hold together,  
in whom the fullness of God  
was pleased to dwell  
by the power of the Spirit.  
Christ is the head of the body, the church,  
and by the blood of the cross  
reconciles all things to God. Amen.

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*To God Be the Glory*

Hymn 98

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

## 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.

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## 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 MUSIC

*I Thank My God*

J. Aaron McDermid

‡ 9:00

Chapel Choir

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*SCRIPTURE

*Luke 24:25-35*

(9:00) Michael Allen  
(11:15) Sarah Catlett

SERMON

*What Do We Do Now?*

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

CONFIRMATION (11:15)

*Parents, family members, Confirmation leaders and friends of each confirmand are invited to stand when their student kneels for prayer. Following each confirmation prayer, the congregation is invited to respond by saying "AMEN!"*

\*CLOSING HYMN

*He Lives*

Hymn 310

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need him, he's always near.

Refrain:

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see his loving care,  
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;  
the day of his appearing will come at last. (Refrain)

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujas to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;  
none other is so loving, so good and kind. (Refrain)

BAPTISM AND RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS (11:15)

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (11:15)

We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this  
congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our  
covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church  
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness,  
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND SENDING FORTH

### POSTLUDE

*Carillon de Westminster*  
Shawn Dawson, organ

Louis Vierne

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

*\*\*Announcements are located on the following pages*

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## THIS MORNING

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Dale and Vicki Salyers in memory of their beloved son, Jason Salyers.

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# Spiritual Practice: Hearing God's Word

## Weekly Sermon Companion

Sunday, April 30

Luke 24:25-35

### HIGHLIGHTED VERSES

*Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.* Luke 24:27 (NRSV)

*“Jesus then explained everything written about himself in the*

*Scriptures, beginning with the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets.”* (CEV)

*“Then he started at the beginning, with the Books of Moses, and*

*went on through all the Prophets, pointing out everything in the Scriptures that referred to him.”* (MSG)

*Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.* Luke 24:31 (NRSV)

- *“And then, they were allowed to recognize Jesus. But when they saw who he was, he disappeared.”* (EXB)

- *“And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he became invisible to them.”* (LEB)

*They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”* Luke 24:32 (NRSV)

- *“They said to each other, ‘It was like a fire burning in our hearts when he talked to us on the road and told us the meaning of the holy writings!’”* (WE)

- *“So they said to each other, ‘Weren’t our hearts ablaze within us while He was talking with us on the road and explaining the Scriptures to us?’”* (HCSB)

### NOTES

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

# Weekly Bible Study

Week of April 30 - May 6

## DAILY PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, open my eyes, my mind, and my heart, so I may clearly see you today, not only in your holy Word, but also in my own life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Monday, May 1

*"Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"* Luke 24:26

When Jesus lived among his disciples, he repeatedly told them he was going to be "mocked and flogged and crucified" (Matthew 20:19), but they refused to believe it. Why was the Lord's suffering necessary? How have you come to accept the necessity of his suffering on your behalf?

Tuesday, May 2

*As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us..."* Luke 24:28-29

Though the two men had yet to identify him, they were drawn to this stranger and wanted more time with him. What is it about Jesus that makes him appealing to you? How does time spent studying his Word and worshiping him impact your life?

Wednesday, May 3

*When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.* Luke 24:30

Every time we celebrate communion, we acknowledge the presence of the Lord in our midst. In the same way, when we pray before a meal, we are inviting him to dine with us. How might you be more intentional about including him at your table?

Thursday, May 4

*Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him...* Luke 24:31

Why do you think the two men didn't realize who Jesus was until that moment? Were they dim-witted? Spiritually blind? Or might Jesus have kept his identity hidden for a reason? What benefit might there have been in this slow reveal?

Friday, May 5

*Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.* Luke 24:35

The familiar way in which Jesus blessed the bread and broke it was the "aha!" moment for his followers. How and when does the Lord become real to you during our time of communion?

Saturday, May 6

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.

John 14:1-14

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Senior Blessing Sunday is May 21** | 9 and 11:15 am worship services

Senior year is an exciting time of endings and beginnings! Your Christ Church family wants to **recognize and celebrate** this important life event with you. During the we will recognize our high school seniors and their parents for a Senior Blessing. If you'd like to participate, please sign up at [ccum.net/youth](http://ccum.net/youth).

### **Honoring Lisa Watkins' Service**

Throughout her 14 years of dedicated ministry on staff, as well as many more as a volunteer, Lisa has faithfully served Christ Church and touched many lives with her generous and caring spirit. Join us as we show our appreciation for Lisa and wish her well in retirement:

- Reception on Sunday, May 21 at 12:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
- Love Offering through [ccum.net/give](http://ccum.net/give) or via check with "Lisa Watkins love Offering" in the memo
  - o Deadline Wednesday, May 31

### **Sanctuary Series Concert** | Sunday, April 30 | 7 pm

Come hear the brilliant sounds of the Brown Memorial Organ in a **recital given by our own Dr. Shawn Dawson**. The evening will include organ masterworks, hymn singing and a special appearance by the Chancel Choir. **Admission is free!** More information can be found at [ccum.net/ministries/music](http://ccum.net/ministries/music).

### **Christ Church Connect** | May 10, 17 and 24 | 6 - 7:30 pm | Room 156

Led by Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant, this **three-week, in person class** is **for anyone who is interested in learning more about Christ Church** and how you can **get connected to the people and ministries**. This class is **open to everyone**, but is most appropriate for those considering membership or who have joined in recent years. Registration is requested, [ccum.net/connectclass](http://ccum.net/connectclass), and childcare is available upon request.

### **College Graduate Recognition | Sunday, June 4**

Christ Church would like to recognize our recent college graduates in the bulletin on Sunday, June 4. Please provide your information at [ccum.net/collegegrad](http://ccum.net/collegegrad). Deadline is May 28.

**Praying with Jesus:** Summer Adult Study with Liz Curtis Higgs | Tuesdays June 13, 20, and 27 | 10 - 11 am | Room 158  
Since our VBS kids will spend a week in July learning all the places Jesus prayed, we'll spend **three Tuesday mornings in June on our own prayer adventure with the Lord**, discovering where, when, and how spoke with his heavenly Father. Register at [ccum.net/classes](http://ccum.net/classes).

### **Choir Tour 2023 registration is now OPEN!**

One Voice and HS Handbells will be singing, ringing and serving in Asheville and Nashville June 7 - 11. This tour is **open to all youth, 8-12th grades**. Sign-up now at [www.ccum.net/youthmusic](http://www.ccum.net/youthmusic)!

CCUM's ministry partner **Go Ministries** is looking for **volunteers to help at the 149 Kentucky Derby**. Every year, they have the opportunity to partner with Fanatics, the official merchandiser of the Kentucky Derby, to sell t-shirts and other souvenirs at Churchill Downs the week of the Derby. **Funds from the Derby go directly towards helping us empower local leaders to make disciples**. For more information and to sign up, visit [www.gomin.org/derby](http://www.gomin.org/derby).

### **VBS 2023: Praying Every Day, Everywhere** | July 10 - 13 | 9 am - 12 pm

Join us this summer as we search for Jesus and discover how to live a prayer-filled life along the way! **Registration is now open for children, ages 3 & 1/2 years through 5th grade, as well as for volunteers**. Sign up at [ccum.net/vbs](http://ccum.net/vbs).

### **SAM Lunch and Program: Lost Louisville** | May 8 | 11:30 am

Join us for our last SAM luncheon and program of the spring as we welcome **guest speaker, Steve Wiser**, from the Louisville Historical League. Steve's program, *Lost Louisville*, will highlight many of the beautiful Louisville landmarks and examine why they were demolished and what replaced them. The program is free and lunch is \$10 and will immediately follow. Register at [ccum.net/sam](http://ccum.net/sam).

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.

**Youth Sponsored Summer Mission Trip** | June 21 - 25

This summer we will be **heading to Eastern Kentucky** to help with the long-term flood recovery and rebuilding efforts. The trip will be coordinated through UMCOR and a recovery group of the Kentucky Conference. This **intergenerational mission trip** is open to all ages! The cost is \$75 per person. For more information, please contact Mike Porter. Register at [ccum.net/mission23](http://ccum.net/mission23).

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