

Christ Church United Methodist

March 19, 2023

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer with As the Deer
Shawn Dawson, organ

Susan Caudill

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

People: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

Leader: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

People: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

ALL: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

How Can We Sinners Know

Hymn 372

How can we sinners know our sins on earth forgiven?
How can my gracious Savior show my name inscribed in heaven?

What we have felt and seen, with confidence we tell,
and publish to the ends of earth the signs infallible.

We who in Christ believe that he for us hath died,
we all his unknown peace receive and feel his blood applied.

We by his Spirit prove and know the things of God,
the things which freely of his love he hath on us bestowed.

The meek and lowly heart that in our Savior was,
to us that Spirit doth impart and signs us with his cross.

Our nature's turned, our mind transformed in all its powers,
And both the witnesses are joined, the Spirit of God with ours.

***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:

All: 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 our example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth,
Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Gloria Patri

Hymn 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

(11:15) Kathleen Ruth Walton (6/9/2022) daughter of Anna and Matt Walton

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include
Kathleen 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 her with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may
grow in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she 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
Kathleen, whom we this day recognize as a member of
the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that she 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 Kathleen, 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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19

Psalter; page 750; Response 1

Sung Response: The law of God is just, reviving the soul.

Leader: The heavens are telling the Glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

All: Day to day pours forth speech,

and night to night declares knowledge.

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

**All: yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

Leader: In them God has set a tent for the sun,
which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and runs its course with joy like a strong man.

**All: Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and there is nothing hid from its heat. (Response)**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;

**All: the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;**

Leader: the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;

**All: the commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: the fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring for ever;

**All: the ordinances of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.**

Leader: More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

**All: sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb. (Response)**

Leader: Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

**All: But who can understand one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.**

Leader: Also keep your servant from the insolent;
let them not have dominion over me!

**All: Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.**

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. (Response)**

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer
Jody Gravatte, solo
Daniel Light, piano

Albert Hay Malotte

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

‡ 9:00

Psalm 91
Chancel Choir
Suzie Kinman, flute

Craig Courtney

*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.**

SCRIPTUREMatthew 6:7-15*

(9:00) Trudy Wheeler
(11:15) Ken Anderson

SERMON*Reconciled*

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP***CLOSING HYMN***Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

Hymn 390

**"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught to us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.**

**How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?**

**In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.**

SENDING FORTH**POSTLUDE**

Our Father in Heaven, BuxWV 219
Shawn Dawson, organ

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

** *Announcements are located on the following pages*

THIS MORNING

The flowers on the altar today are in loving and inspiring memory of Rosella and Norman Leach by their granddaughter, Jennifer Leach Colon. Norm and Rosella loved the Lord, this church, and their family beyond measure.

Connecting with God: Lent 2023

ccum.net/Lent

This Lent is all about connecting our souls with God through spiritual practices.

We ask that God will guide us to places of love and forgiveness.

LENTEN CLASSES

Register at ccum.net/Lent

Walking with Jesus

with Liz Curtis Higgs

Mondays, February 27 – April 3

10 am in Room 158

OR 7 pm | Facebook Live or ccum.net/Lent

The Enneagram Journey

with Liz Matney and Kate Crandell

Thursdays, February 23 – April 20

Zoom | 7 pm

WEEKLY LENTEN DINNERS

Wednesdays in Lent: March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 | Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Service 6:30 - 7 pm | Fellowship Hall

Register at ccum.net/Lent by 12 pm on Monday prior to the dinner

MARCH 15 MENU

Adult Meal: Salad bar with chicken salad, potato salad, fruit salad, heritage lettuce mix (toppings: grape tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, carrots, croutons, bacon bits, shredded cheddar cheese), peach cobbler

Kids Meal: Pigs in a blanket, tater tots, applesauce, sugar cookie

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sermon Series on Forgiveness: *Reconciled*

Sundays at 9 and 11:15 am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 22 - April 9 | Fellowship Hall

FAMILY EVENT

Building Easter Kindness Kits

Saturday, March 25

10 - 11:30 am | Fellowship Hall

HOLY WEEK

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

MONDAYS

Walking with Jesus Class

TUESDAYS

Hymns with Dr. Dan Blosser

3 pm Facebook Live and

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WEDNESDAYS

Lenten Dinners

THURSDAYS

Let's Pray! with Liz Curtis Higgs

12 pm Facebook Live and

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FRIDAYS

Engage with Scripture

Social Media and ccum.net/Lent

SATURDAYS

"My Spiritual Practice"

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Palm Sunday, April 2
Maundy Thursday, April 6
Good Friday, April 7
Easter Sunday, April 9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Easter Kindness Kit Event | Saturday, March 25 | 10 am | Fellowship Hall

Holy Week and Easter Sunday overlap with Spring Break this year, so **INSTEAD of an Easter Egg Hunt**, we are creating Family Easter Kindness Kits **designed to strengthen your faith and your relationships as a family**. We will have pictures with the Easter bunny, work together to build your kit and enjoy music and refreshments. No matter where you spend Spring Break, celebrate Holy Week as a family!

March SAM Outing | March 29 | Merton Center at Bellarmine University

Have you seen the historical marker at the corner of 4th and Muhammad Ali? If so, did you wonder who Thomas Merton was and why his “revelation” is marked at that location? We’ll see items from his life at the Abbey of Gethsemani, items from the archive, as well as his artwork. The Director will greet us and will be available for questions. The **cost is \$10 and we’ll stop for lunch at Dundee Tavern, paid on your own**. Register at ccum.net/sam by March 25.

Easter Lilies and Maundy Thursday Outreach (Easter Lily Orders Close Today!)

This year you may **purchase a lily that will be used to decorate the church** for Easter. Your lily purchase can be made “In Honor of” or “In Memory of” loved ones. **Lilies are \$15** and you may take your lily home after the 11:15 am Easter Sunday service. **You may also choose to give a gift to help provide transportation and dinner for The Bridge and Healing Place communities for our Maundy Thursday service**. To purchase a lily or make a Maundy Thursday donation, please visit ccum.net/lilies2023. **The deadline for receiving orders is Sunday, March 19**. You can contact Katie at katie@ccum.net with any questions.

Sacred Worth (LGBTQIA Friends and Allies) will be sponsoring an **Art Exhibit the Sundays following Easter (April 16 and 23)**. We are inviting anyone in the congregation to submit original art (photos, paintings, poems, etc.) which **expresses the theme: “You are Beloved”** to the exhibit.

If you have art that you’d like to be included in the exhibit, contact Liz Matney at matney.elizabeth@gmail.com for details.

Women’s Ministry Spring Event: The Power of Stories | Saturday, April 15 | 10am - 12 pm | Youth Center

Join your Christ Church sisters for an exciting new season of ministry! Liz Curtis Higgs will help us see why sharing our stories is so important, and Karen Lovett will show us how we can put our life experiences into words. Finally, we’ll gather in small groups and listen to real stories from real women who are ready to take a leap of faith and share their journeys with us. This is a morning you won’t want to miss! Register at ccum.net/women.

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.

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

Jesus prayed at the temple...but he also prayed when he fished, was on a mountain, was in the desert, and even under a tree! Living a prayer-filled life reduces our stress, helps us become more resilient and best of all - helps us to live our best lives. 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.

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!

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.