

Christ Church United Methodist

July 31, 2022

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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Order of Worship

WELCOME

Max Childers

PRELUDE

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Carillon Ringers
Donna Vaughn, conductor

Sandra Eithun

*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: Our compassionate Lord calls all who are weary to step into His light.

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Hymn 158

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified dead and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

All Creatures of Our God and King

Hymn 62

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO PRAYER

In the Lord

Taizé

In the Lord I'll ever be 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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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

OFFERING MUSIC

‡ 9:00

Rest
Mark Berlin, solo

Phill McHugh & Greg Nelson

⋄‡ 11:15

O Love
Chancel Choir

Elaine Hagenberg

*Children K - 5th Grade are invited to leave the worship service
to go outdoors for the lesson. In case of rain, we will go to the gym.
After the service, parents please pick up your children downstairs in classroom 005.*

*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

Matthew 11:28-30

(9:00) Betsy Gibbs
(11:15) Carol Bennett

SERMON

Stories of Light: Sacred Space

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Hymn 526

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Allegro con brio (Sonata IV)
Dr. Shawn Dawson, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

‡ Dr. Shawn Dawson, piano

◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christian sympathy is extended to Phil and Chris Benninger, on the death of Phil's mother, Linna Benninger, a long time church member. Christian sympathy is also extended to her grandchildren, Amanda, Brooke and Meredith.

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.**

In the face of challenge, the **Kentucky United Methodist Children's Home** family has always continued to have a generous and compassionate heart for vulnerable Kentucky children. This **offering represents 25% of critical income for the kids.** They are dependent on these gifts to find healing. If donating by check, please write "Fifth Sunday" in the memo line, or you can give online at ccum.net/give.

Backside Ministry Collection

Help us show our Christ Church love to the **Kentucky Racetrack Chaplaincy!** In 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, beginning August 1.

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!**

Christ Church Connect | Three-week class: August 3, 10 & 17 | In-person & via Zoom

Led by Senior Pastor Eric Bryant, Christ Church Connect 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. Light snacks will be provided, and childcare is available upon request. Registration is requested, ccum.net/connectclass.

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!**

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.

TriFreedom! | Tuesdays | 8 am | Facebook

You're invited to join Pastor Eric on his **physical and spiritual journey** as he prepares for the **Iron Man competition** this November. He's **raising money for the KY UMC Children's Home**, so click [here](#) to support this worthy cause. Join him on Facebook @ChristChurchLouisville every Tuesday morning for messages titled TriFreedom!

Hello, my name is....

In an effort to connect this summer, we are **encouraging folks to wear a nametag on Sunday mornings**. We'll have blank nametags on tables outside the Sanctuary. If there is a nametag you wear in your everyday life, bring it with you!

Hi Moms! Are you looking for a chance to let your kids play and connect with some other moms this summer?

Explore Louisville with us this summer on a **Pray & Playdate!** We'll let our kiddos play together, enjoy some grown up conversation, and pray for our families and our lives. **Weekly Tuesday and Wednesday groups, and monthly Saturday meet ups.** Contact our upLIFT Moms Ministry Leader, Shelah Woodruff, at shelah@ccum.net to join a group!

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.