

Christ Church United Methodist

June 18, 2023

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

3rd Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

PRELUDE

Forever Rejoice!
◇ Celebration Ringers

Linda Scholes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, remember that it is Christ who has set us free!

People: We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin.

Leader: People of God, remember: the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom!

People: We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

Leader: Followers of Christ, here and now, let us confess Jesus Christ as our Savior!

People: We put our whole trust in his grace, promise to serve him as Lord and do so in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races.

All: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Hymn 427

Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of man.

In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.

From tender childhood's helplessness, from woman's grief, man's burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.

The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view the sweet compassion of your face.

O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide; O tread the city's streets again.

Till all the world shall learn your love and follow where your feet have trod,
till, glorious from your heaven above, shall come the city of our God!

*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

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Hymn 349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely
dim in the light of his glory and grace.

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

Lord, Here Am I
Daniel and Susan Blosser, soloists

John Ness Beck

‡ 11:15

Amazing Grace
Chancel Choir

Marianne Forman

*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 9:35-10:8 (NIV)

(9:00) Betsy Gibbs
(11:15) Mark Berlin

SERMON

Freely

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

Freely, Freely

Hymn 389

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you,to share his love as he told me to.

He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give,
go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live"

All power is givin' in Jesus' name,in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you,to share his power as he told me to.

He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give,
go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live"

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Postlude on ST. DENIO
Daniel Light, organ

arr. Jason Payne

◇ Ben Williams, conductor

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

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

THIS MORNING

The flowers have been placed on the altar today in loving memory of Rick Guillaume by his wife, Ann, son and daughter in law, Lee and Marla, daughter, Jill Kissel and his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The Chancel Choir's anthem this morning was given in loving memory of Rick Guillaume by his family.

Spiritual Practice: Hearing God's Word

Weekly Sermon Companion

Sunday, June 18

Matthew 9:35-10:8

HIGHLIGHTED VERSES

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36 (NIV)

- *“when He saw the throngs, He was moved with pity and sympathy for them, because they were bewildered (harassed and distressed and dejected and helpless), like sheep without a shepherd”* (AMPC)
- *“when he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd”* (MSG)

Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.” Matthew 9:37 (NIV)

- *“the size of the harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers* (CEB)
- *“the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few”* (NCB)

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans.” Matthew 10:5 (NIV)

- *“don’t go to the non-Jewish people. And don’t go into any town where the Samaritans live”* (ICB)
- *“don’t take the road that leads to the Gentiles, and don’t enter any Samaritan town”* (CSB)

NOTES

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

Weekly Bible Study

Week of June 18 - 24

DAILY PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, the world around us is still fertile ground for the Gospel. Give me the strength, the passion, and the conviction to share the good news, trusting you for the harvest. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Monday, June 19

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom... Matthew 9:35

Jesus “made a circuit” (MSG), just as the Methodist Circuit Riders of the eighteenth-century would later do, “preaching the glad tidings” (NMB)—although the Methodists of old preached in cabins and barrooms, while Jesus “taught in their places of worship” (NLV). Different times and places, yet the same message. Now, it’s our turn: how would you put the Gospel into words?

Tuesday, June 20

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Matthew 9:38

It’s comforting to know God is the one “in charge of the harvest” (NLT). Our task is to “pray earnestly” (ESV) and “ask him to send more workers into his fields” (NLT). Take a moment right now to pray for willing hands to till the soil and sow the seed. If you sense he is sending you, who in your circle of influence might need to hear the good news this week?

Wednesday, June 21

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. Matthew 10:1

His disciples were the first workers Jesus sent into the fields, giving them the authority to “expel evil spirits” (Phillips) and the power to “cure all kinds of weakness and infirmity” (AMPC). How did these signs and wonders advance the good news? Even without such miraculous powers at our fingertips, how can we still impact our world?

Thursday, June 22

As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Matthew 10:7

If, like the disciples, we’re called to “declare publicly that the kingdom of heaven has arrived” (NTE) or is “at hand” (AMPC) or is “coming soon” (ICB), we need a solid understanding of what the kingdom of heaven is. Read Matthew 13, then sum up the ways Jesus described this kingdom.

Friday, June 23

Freely you have received; freely give. Matthew 10:8

To be certain the disciples never charged for the powers they’d been given, Jesus reminded them to “give without demanding payment” (CEB) and “help others freely” (IRV). What gifts has he given you to share with others? And how might you take a step in that direction this week?

Saturday, June 24

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.

Matthew 10:24-39

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrative Council Meeting | Sunday, June 25 | 12:30 pm | Room 158

All Ad Council members are asked to attend our next Ad Council meeting on June 25. All church members are welcome to attend.

Red Bird Mission Food Collection | June 2023

The Red Bird Mission, founded by United Methodist Women in 1921, serves and ministers to 3 counties in southeastern Kentucky. CCUM's Pioneer Class has coordinated an **annual food collection** for the past decade to help alleviate the food insecurity in that area. The collection will **take place for the entire month of June**. The list of non-perishable food items can be found [here](#), or at the front desk in Gathering Hall. Please place all donations in the bin outside Door #1 under the Portico, beginning June 1.

In celebration of summer, Christ Church will be **worshiping in the Chapel for the month of July!** Worship times and Sunday school will proceed as normal. We look forward to praising the Lord with you there!

SAVE THE DATE! The Raleigh Ringers | Sunday, July 9 | 4 pm | Sanctuary

Christ Church United Methodist **Sanctuary Concert Series** is excited to welcome The Raleigh Ringers. Founded in 1990, The Raleigh Ringers is an Emmy-nominated, internationally **acclaimed concert handbell choir** based in Raleigh, North Carolina. The group entertains audiences with **unique interpretations of sacred, secular, and popular music** (including renditions of familiar rock-'n'-roll tunes), in addition to original compositions. Admission to the concert is free.

"I have a question..." | Wednesdays, July 12, 19 and 26 | 6 – 7:30 pm

Have you ever read the Bible and thought, "I have a question..."? Maybe you've wondered: *Why is there so much violence? How is God both wrathful and righteous? Why did Jesus tell people not to talk about his miracles? What's Paul's problem with women?* If so, join Sarah Aten and Shelah Woodruff for **meaningful conversations** about **what the Bible has to say and how we make sense** out of its more challenging passages. Register at ccum.net/classes. Childcare available upon registration.

Moms Night Out at Payne Street Pottery! | Friday, July 14 | 6:30 - 8:30pm

Join us for a fun night throwing pottery on a wheel! Register at ccum.net/women. \$60 for materials and teacher fee. Contact Shelah Woodruff with any questions or concerns at shelah@ccum.net.

VBS 2023: UPDATE! | July 10 - 13 | 9 am - 12 pm

We are a month away from VBS and are thrilled to announce that we only **need 2 teachers for the preschoolers** and we have all slots filled! Are you the one we need? If so, contact Linda Hess at lhess@ccum.net. Come join the fun and change the lives of our little ones!

Women's Ministry Summer Event: The Power of Stories | Saturday, June 24 | 9:30 am

Join us for another unforgettable morning of **heartfelt stories and meaningful conversation**. Register for this free event at ccum.net/women.

Christ Church School Class Openings! There is limited availability in our 3's, 4's and JK/K classes. Contact Kim Washle at (502) 882-9963 or visit ccum.net/ccs for details.

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.

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.