

Christ Church United Methodist

July 9, 2023

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

6th Sunday after Pentecost Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Melissa Head

PRELUDE

Adagio
Kaitlin Callihan, clarinet
Shawn Dawson, piano

Baermann

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Throughout Jesus' journeys, he often went to a solitary place to pray; pouring his heart out in conversation with his Father.

People: We, like Jesus, are gathering for this time of worship bringing our open hearts for dialogue with God.

Leader: God is faithful and present and hears our all our prayers.

People: In this worship, may each of us journey with Jesus authentically and with willing hearts.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Hymn 103

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

*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

All Praise to Thee

Hymn 166

Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord:
and God the Father be by all adored: Alleluia! Alleluia!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO PRAYER

In The Lord

Taizé

In the Lord I'll be ever 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

Give Me Jesus

Moses Hogan

Jody Gravatte, solo; Daniel Light, piano

*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.

A TIME OF BLESSING

Thank you Janet Hagerty and Welcome Max Childers.

*SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:1-13

Wendie Lundsford

SERMON

Remembering

Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymn 127

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Allegro, assai vivace (Sonata I)
Shawn Dawson, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

***Announcements are located on the following pages*



Holy Family with The Infant St John by Bernardino Luini (1500)

THIS MORNING

The flowers have been placed in the chancel area this morning in loving memory of Rod Neal and Jens Lueken by their daughter, Holly Neal Allen (Michael, Neal and Ben).

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christian sympathy is extended to Mary Haynes on the death of her mother, Betty Jean Cary, who died June 29.

Christian sympathy is extended to Connie Lancaster on the death of her husband, Don, who died July 5. Christian sympathy is also extended to daughter, Maureen Farley.

Spiritual Practice: Hearing God's Word

Weekly Sermon Companion

Sunday, July 9

Luke 1:41, Matthew 14:1-13

HIGHLIGHTED VERSES

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Luke 1:41 (NRSV)

- *"as Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the young child in her womb gladdened. And Elisabeth was full-filled with the Holy Ghost"* (WYC)
- *"when Elizabeth heard Mary speak, the baby moved in her body. At the same time Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit"* (NLV)

His disciples came and took the body and buried him; then they went and told Jesus. Matthew 14:12 (NRSV)

- *"John's followers took his body and buried it. Then they told Jesus what had happened"* (CEV)
- *"John's disciples got the body, gave it a reverent burial, and reported to Jesus"* (MSG)

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. Matthew 14:13 (NRSV)

- *"when Jesus heard about John, He left there privately in a boat and went to a secluded place. But when the crowds heard of this, they followed Him on foot from the cities"* (AMP)
- *"when Jesus heard the news about John, he left there in a boat and went to a lonely place by himself. The people heard about it, and so they left their towns and followed him by land"* (GNT)

NOTES

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

Weekly Bible Study

Week of July 9 - 15

DAILY PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, as we consider the close friendship you had with John the Baptist, and how deeply you were affected by John's death, show us how to give ourselves and others permission to mourn in private and seek the Father alone. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Monday, July 10

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. Luke 1:39-40

Wasting no time, "Mary got ready and hurried off" (Phillips), seeking the company of her cousin Elizabeth, who was also expecting a child. Why are we often eager to share our joys and sorrows with someone who "gets it"? When you do that, what do you hope to give—or receive?

Tuesday, July 11

[John the Baptist] proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals." Mark 1:7

John made it clear that, although he was related to Jesus, he was hardly his equal—in fact, "not good enough even to bend down and untie his sandals" (GNT), the usual task of a servant or slave. How does John's humility challenge you to see Christ as "mightier" (KJV) and "far more powerful" (NCB) than you, and therefore worthy of your worship and obedience?

Wednesday, July 12

I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. Mark 1:8

John's ministry on the banks of the Jordan River was a baptism of repentance. But, he prophesied, "the one who is coming will baptize you with the Holy Spirit" (ICB). What does this distinction between water and Spirit mean to you as a believer? How might John 3:5—"no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit"—shape your response?

Thursday, July 13

...Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at?...A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet." Matthew 11:7, 9

Jesus' respect and affection for John is apparent in this description: "more eminent, more remarkable, and far more than a prophet" (AMP). Think of a believer you hold in especially high regard. How would you characterize them? And what aspect of their faith impresses you most?

Friday, July 14

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist..." Matthew 11:11

Jesus was born of a woman as well, and still he said "none shines more brightly than John the Baptist" (TLB). High praise, indeed. But John had been imprisoned by Herod (Matthew 11:2), and his death was imminent. In what ways did John's unique ministry serve the Kingdom of Heaven, then and now?

Saturday, July 15

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 in the Chapel.

Mark 6:42-51

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder: In celebration of summer, Christ Church will be **worshiping in the Chapel for the entire month of July!** Worship times and Sunday school will proceed as normal.

VBS begins tomorrow!

It is going to be an **incredible week of fun, learning and transformation!** Please pray with us for our kids, our teachers, our youth volunteers and for our guests who are coming to CCUM for the first time. If you would like to **support the VBS mission** to raise \$1,008 to pack 3,000+ meals for hungry kids, visit ccum.net/vbsmission or scan the QR code. **Sacred Worth** (a ministry of LGBTQIA members and allies) will **meet Sunday, July 16 at 12:30 pm** in room 156. Everyone is welcome!



Have three or more generations of your family been a part of Christ Church? We want to know who you are! Please visit ccum.net/family to let us know! Deadline is July 31.

The Raleigh Ringers | Tonight, 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.

Do you play Pickleball? Our Gymnasium Pickleball courts may be **reserved** daily during the summer from 8 am to 5 pm for \$5 an hour. Call or email Keri Mitchell: keri@ccum.net, (502) 882-9966 to reserve your time.

Backpacks for Lighthouse Academy | Sundays, July 16 and 23

Christ Church is once again supporting our friends at Lighthouse Academy at Newburg by providing backpacks filled with basic school supplies to get their students off to a great start this school year! **Empty backpacks will be available for pickup in Memorial Hall and Gathering Hall** on July 16 and 23 with a list of requested school supplies attached. Please **fill the backpacks and return to the church by July 30**. For more information on Lighthouse, contact Bobbi Allison at bwallison7@icloud.com.

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.