

Christ Church United Methodist

July 16, 2023

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

7th Sunday after Pentecost Order of Worship

WELCOME

Liz Curtis Higgs

PRELUDE

Brethren We Have Met To Worship
Christopher Watson, trombone

William Moore

***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 all our prayers.

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Hymn 126

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

***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

How Great Thou Art

Hymn 77

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO PRAYER

Spirit of the Living God

Hymn 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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

Is He Worthy

Andrew Peterson

Bethany Chapman, solo
Andrew Chapman, accompanist

*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

Mark 6:42-51

Rev. Amy Chapman
Associate Pastor

SERMON

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

My Hope Is Built

Hymn 368

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
(Refrain)

His oath, his covenant, his blood supports me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
(Refrain)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!
(Refrain)

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Prelude in Classic Style
Daniel Light, organ

Gordon Young

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

THIS MORNING

The flowers in the chancel area are given in loving memory of Billy Reed by his children and grandchildren.

Spiritual Practice: Hearing God's Word

Weekly Sermon Companion

Sunday, July 16

Mark 6:42-51

HIGHLIGHTED VERSES

After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

Mark 6:46 (NRSV)

- *“when he had sent them all on their way, he went off to the hill-side to pray”* (Phillips)
- *“then he told them goodbye and went up on the side of a mountain to pray”* (CEV)

When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. Mark 6:47 (NRSV)

- *“when night came, the boat was out on the lake, and he was by himself on land”* (CJB)
- *“when it was evening, the boat was far out on the sea and he was alone on shore”* (NABRE)

Then he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, Mark 6:51 (NRSV)

- *“he got into the boat, and the wind settled down. His disciples were so baffled they were beside themselves”* (CEB)
- *“he got into the boat with them, and the wind became calm. They were greatly amazed”* (EXB)

NOTES

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

Weekly Bible Study

Week of July 16 - 22

DAILY PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, when I'm in a crowd, I sometimes long to be alone, yet when I'm by myself, I often wish I was surrounded by people. This week, teach me to seek your presence first. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Monday, July 17

And all ate and were filled, Mark 6:42

When Jesus fed the hungry multitude gathered by the Sea of Galilee, “everyone ate and was satisfied” (CSB); in fact, “they could hold no more” (TLB). Describe a time when the Lord met your needs—physical, emotional, spiritual, or otherwise—in such a way that you felt utterly filled and truly at peace. What did you discover about him through that experience? And what did you learn about yourself?

Tuesday, July 18

Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men. Mark 6:44

The Greek word for “loaves” literally means “bread,” but figuratively it can mean “divine provision.” Indeed, Jesus nourished their faith even more than he fed their bodies. Since the five thousand was “not counting the women and children” (AMP), perhaps another ten or twenty thousand souls were fed that day. How do the miracles we find in Scripture shape your faith?

Wednesday, July 19

Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. Mark 6:45

Jesus' actions here were deliberate. Wasting no time, he “insisted that his disciples get back into the boat” (NLT), while “he himself sent the multitude away” (WEB). What do you make of his apparent eagerness to be alone? When have you sought God in prayer with such fervor? And how did that time restore you?

Thursday, July 20

...he came toward them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to pass them by. Mark 6:48

It was still dark, “some time between three and six o'clock” (ICB), when Jesus “saw his disciples struggling” (CEB) and walked across the lake, “intending to come alongside them” (Phillips). What benefits might there be in following his example—praying first, then looking to the needs of others?

Friday, July 21

...they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Mark 6:50

Why were these disciples, who'd just seen a major miracle the day before, now “agitated, troubled and filled with fear and dread” (AMPC)? Of the three words of comfort Jesus offered them—“Take-courage, I am the One. Do not be afraid” (DLNT)—which one would most calm your anxious heart?

Saturday, July 22

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.

Matthew 26:36-39

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. We look forward to praising the Lord with you there!

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.

Do you play Pickleball? Our Gymnasium Pickleball courts may be **reserved** daily during the summer from 8 am to 5 pm for \$20 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.

Early Fall Adult Classes on Wednesday Evenings

August 23 – September 13 | 6:15pm – 7:15pm | Second Floor Classrooms | Four different classes to choose from! Visit ccum.net/classes for more information and registration.

A Study of Galatians with Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

Explore the difference between living by the law and living by grace.

Parenting for Real with Shelah Woodruff and Mike Porter

Share an honest conversation about the myths of perfect parenting.

Celtic Christianity with The Rev. Robin T. Jennings and Liz Curtis Higgs

Discover the deep Christian faith of the ancient Celts.

Discussing Caste with members of the CCUM Racial Justice Team

Read *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by author Isabel Wilkerson.



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Women's Ministry Fall Event: The Power of Stories

Saturday, September 16 | 9:30 am - 12 pm | Youth Center

Mark your calendars! Our third gathering this year promises to be **the most meaningful yet**, as we share from our hearts and encourage one another. Registration for this free event opens August 1.

Mark Your Calendars! On Sunday, August 13 we will have **one service** at 11:15 am followed by a church-wide potluck! Sunday School will proceed as normal at 10 am. More details to come!