

Christ Church United Methodist

July 23, 2023

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

8th Sunday after Pentecost Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

PRELUDE

Bouree and Gigue

Bach/Ochoco

Flute quartet

Susan Kinman, Shelah Woodruff, Patricia Hooker and John Hatton

*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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymn 400

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

*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**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Hymn 160

Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT (11:15)

Stella Elizabeth Stevens (9/12/22) daughter of Sara and Gregory Stevens

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

People: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include
Stella 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
Stella, 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 Stella, 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

CALL TO PRAYER

The Gift of Love

Hymn 408

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

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.

MOMENT OF MINISTRY

Mark Vanderwerp
Christ Church Cares Day

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

Lord, Here Am I
Daniel and Susan Blosser, soloists; Daniel Light, piano

John Ness Beck

*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 26:36-39

(9:00) Shelah Woodruff
(11:15) Mark Coile

SERMON

Is Prayer a Conversation?

Rev. Melissa Head

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Hymn 420

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Fughetta
Andrew Blosser, clarinet; Daniel Light, piano

Gerald Finzi

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

THIS MORNING

The flowers on the altar are given by Jeannie Livesay in memory of her two children, son, Lance and daughter, Lee Livesay Smith, who died on May 22 and May 31, 2020 respectively.

Spiritual Practice: Hearing God's Word

Weekly Sermon Companion

Sunday, July 23

Matthew 26:36-39

HIGHLIGHTED VERSES

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

Matthew 26:36 (NRSV)

- *"then Jesus brought them to a garden grove, Gethsemane, and told them to sit down and wait while he went on ahead to pray" (TLB)*

He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. Matthew 26:37 (NRSV)

- *"he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be in terrible distress and misery" (Phillips)*

Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." Matthew 26:38 (NRSV)

- *"then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: abide ye here, and watch with me" (ASV)*

And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want." Matthew 26:39 (NRSV)

- *"he advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will'" (NABRE)*

NOTES

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

Weekly Bible Study

Week of July 23 - 29

DAILY PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, give me the strength each day to put aside my own selfish desires and pray as your Son prayed: not my will, but your will. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Monday, July 24

... *he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."*

Matthew 26:36

Jesus often chose to pray alone, so we're not surprised that he told his disciples, "You sit here" (VOICE), while "I will go over there and talk with God" (WE). But then he took Peter, James and John with him. When you need to get serious about prayer, who in your inner circle of family or friends would you ask to pray with you? In what ways might their presence make a difference?

Tuesday, July 25

...*[Jesus] began to be grieved and agitated.* Matthew 26:37

Although Jesus surely knew this hour was coming, "he plunged into an agonizing sorrow" (MSG), as he was "filled with anguish and despair" (TLB). The original Greek stresses the *pain* he was experiencing, as well as a certain measure of *fear*. When you are suffering emotionally and spiritually, where do you turn for answers? How do you seek relief?

Wednesday, July 26

"My soul is deeply grieved, even to death." Matthew 26:38

When Jesus confessed to Peter, James and John, "I feel as if I am dying" (CEV), his sacrifice had already begun. The gospel accounts don't include any response from his followers, despite the anguish in his voice, "My soul is so full of sorrow I am ready to die" (NLV). What might you have said or done to comfort him?

Thursday, July 27

"My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me..." Matthew 26:39

Leaving behind those closest to him, Jesus prayed alone to his heavenly Father, asking "if there is any way" (MSG) he might be spared, pleading "don't make me suffer by drinking from this cup" (CEV). Why is it important to know Jesus said these words, even if his disciples did not? And how do they speak to you, reading them now?

Friday, July 28

"...yet not what I want but what you want." Matthew 26:39

The hope of eternity hung on a single word: "nevertheless" (ASV); "however" (CEB); "but" (CEV). In that pivotal moment, Jesus surrendered his will to the will of his Father. How might you be changed if you followed Jesus' example, ending every prayer with, "not My will, but Yours be done" (VOICE)?

Saturday, July 29

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 2:1-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder: In celebration of summer, Christ Church will be **worshipping 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!

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.

Church-Wide Potluck | Sunday, August 13

We will have **one worship service** at 11:15 am followed by a church-wide potluck! Sunday School will proceed as normal at 10 am. **CCUM will provide fried chicken** and we ask that families bring a side dish (last names A-M) or a salad or dessert (last names N-Z). Please register at ccum.net/potluck.

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

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 are available for pickup in the Chapel Narthex and Gathering Hall** 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.

Staff Update: The Youth Ministry Search Team (Megan Dohn, Kristen Duncan, Will Fishback, Shannon McConnell, Jessica Myers, Randal Pearson, Yvette Stockwell) has completed their work and identified the next **Youth Director** for Christ Church! **Bobby Patton** will begin on August 9. You'll have a chance to welcome Bobby and his family (wife Sarah and children Maura and Dain) at our church-wide potluck lunch on August 13, when we will also formally welcome Rev. Amy Chapman and her family. Thanks to the Search Team for all of their hard work!

Sunday, August 20, is Blessing Sunday: Celebrating Children's Ministry Milestones. We are delighted to kick-off the fall by celebrating two important milestones for our children - **Bless our Kindergartners** and **Present Bibles to our 3rd Graders**. Later in the day we will also be **Blessing our Animals**. More information and registration coming soon.

Summer Shenanigans with SAM | Monday, August 14 | 11:30 am

A sunny devotion from Liz Curtis Higgs, Summer Bell Ringing (why not?!) with Donna Vaughn, a light lunch, fun table games—and it's all free! Register: ccum.net/senior-adult

Booked For Lunch is a monthly **book club for women** of all ages. We believe novels provide a powerful avenue for thinking more deeply about God and the world. We meet the **2nd Thursday** of every month in **Room 156** at **12 pm**—bring a lunch and join us! The **next meeting is Thursday, August 10**, discussing *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. Our list of future books can be found at ccum.net/women.

SAM Outing | Tuesday, August 22 | State Fair

Sign up for our first outing of the fall - **Senior Day at the Kentucky State Fair!** Join us as we experience this unique annual festival that celebrates local and statewide heritage through blue ribbon competition, concerts, special exhibits and more! We'll meet at the church at 9:30 am and return around 3 pm. Please register at ccum.net/SAM.

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 23**. Register at ccum.net/psalmkids.

Youth Music Registration in now open!

Sign up to join Laudate, our **Middle School Choir** or One Voice, our **High School Choir**, or ring **Handbells**. No prior music experience is necessary, just come with an open heart and ready to have fun! Register at ccum.net/youthmusic.

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.



SAVE THE DATE! On Saturday, September 23, our congregation and friends will serve across our community as part of **Christ Church Cares Day**. A variety of projects will be available in the morning and afternoon, for all ages and skill levels, including projects for the entire family. Details coming soon.

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.