

Christ Church United Methodist

March 26, 2023

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent Order of Worship

WELCOME

Liz Curtis Higgs

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me
PSALM Kids PreK Choir
Jodi Holley, conductor

traditional

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
‡ PSALM Kids Grades K-5

Dave and Jean Perry

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

(9:00) Emerson Kate Downey (3/8/2012) and Aubrey McKee Downey (1/9/2014) daughters of Chase and Jenni Downey
(11:15) Elizabeth Anne Buckman (9/28/2022) daughter of Karen and Aaron Buckman

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include
(9:00) Emerson and Aubrey (11:15) Elizabeth 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 them/her with a community of love and forgiveness, that they/she may grow in their/her service to others. We will pray for them/her, that they/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 (9:00) Emerson and Aubrey
(11:15) Elizabeth, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that they 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 (9:00) Emerson and Aubrey
(11:15) Elizabeth, 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!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Lift High the Cross

Hymn 159

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine. [Refrain]

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. [Refrain]

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. [Refrain]

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, There is the one true church, apostolic,
and universal, Whose holy faith let us now declare:

All: We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of Man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit As the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself In the service of love
as set forth in our example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth, Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn 139

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 107

Hymnal page 830

Sung Response: Give thanks to the Lord steadfast love, for all God's wonderful works.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good,
whose steadfast love endures for ever!

All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom the Lord has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Leader: Some wandered in the desert wastes,
finding no way to a city in which to dwell;

All: hungry and thirsty.

Their soul fainted within them.

Leader: Then in their trouble, they cried to the Lord,
who delivered them from their distress,

**All: and led them by a straight way,
till they reached a city in which to dwell.**

Leader: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

**All: For the Lord satisfies those who are thirsty,
and fills the hungry with good things. (Response)**

Leader: The Lord turns rivers into a desert,
springs of water into thirsty ground,

**All: a fruitful land into a salty water,
because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.**

Leader: The Lord turns a desert into pools of water,
a parched land into springs of water.

**All: The Lord lets the hungry dwell there,
and they establish a city in which to live;**

Leader: they sow fields, and plant vineyards,
and get a fruitful yield.

**All: They multiply greatly by the blessing of the Lord
who does not let their cattle decrease. (Response)**

Leader: When they are diminished and brought low
through oppression, trouble, and sorrow,
the Lord pours contempt upon princes
and makes them wander in trackless wastes;

**All: but the Lord raises up the needy out of affliction,
and makes their families like flocks.**

Leader: The upright see it and are glad;
and all wickedness stops its mouth.

**All: Whoever is wise, give heed to these things;
consider the steadfast love of the Lord. (Response)**

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

Holy, Holy, Holy
Tenor Leaven

Lari Goss

◇ 11:15

Psalm 91
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

Suzie Kinman, flute

*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 18:23-35

(9:00) Mark Berlin
(11:15) Beth Dixon

SERMON

Reconciled

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

O Lamb of God, innocent, BWV 656
Shawn Dawson, organ

J.S. Bach

‡ Dr. Daniel Blosser and Susan Blosser, conductors; Deanna Catlett, piano

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***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.

Connecting with God: Lent 2023

ccum.net/Lent

This Lent is all about connecting our souls with God through spiritual practices.

We ask that God will guide us to places of love and forgiveness.

LENTEN CLASSES

Register at ccum.net/Lent

Walking with Jesus

with Liz Curtis Higgs

Mondays, February 27 – April 3

10 am in Room 158

OR 7 pm | Facebook Live or ccum.net/Lent

The Enneagram Journey

with Liz Matney and Kate Crandell

Thursdays, February 23 – April 20

Zoom | 7 pm

WEEKLY LENTEN DINNERS

Wednesdays in Lent: March 29 | Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Service 6:30 - 7 pm | Chapel

Register at ccum.net/Lent by 12 pm on Monday prior to the dinner

MARCH 15 MENU

Adult Meal: Chicken and biscuit pot pie, scalloped potatoes, tossed salad, lemon bars

Kids Meal: Mini chicken tacos, macaroni and cheese, fruit salad, sugar cookies

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sermon Series on Forgiveness: *Reconciled*

Sundays at 9 and 11:15 am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 22 - April 9 | Fellowship Hall

FAMILY EVENT

Building Easter Kindness Kits

Saturday, March 25

10 - 11:30 am | Fellowship Hall

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, April 2

Maundy Thursday, April 6

Good Friday, April 7

Easter Sunday, April 9

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

MONDAYS

Walking with Jesus Class

TUESDAYS

Hymns with Dr. Dan Blosser

3 pm Facebook Live and
ccum.net/Lent

WEDNESDAYS

Lenten Dinners

THURSDAYS

Let's Pray! with Liz Curtis Higgs

12 pm Facebook Live and
ccum.net/Lent

FRIDAYS

Engage with Scripture

Social Media and ccum.net/Lent

SATURDAYS

"My Spiritual Practice"

ccum.net/Lent

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 2

9 am | Worship Service | Sanctuary
11:15 am | Worship Service | Sanctuary and Livestreamed

Maundy Thursday, April 6

12 pm | Sanctuary | Light Reception to follow
12 pm | Zoom Lunch & Service with Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley | ccum.net/kidzoom
6 pm | Dinner and Service
7 pm | Zoom Service with Communion

Good Friday, April 7

12 pm | Tenebrae Service | Sanctuary
1 - 3 pm | Open Prayer Time in Sanctuary
7 pm | Tenebrae Service | Sanctuary and Livestreamed

Easter Sunday, April 9

7 am | Sunrise Service | Zachary Taylor Cemetery
8 am & 9:30 am | Easter Worship | Sanctuary
11:15 am | Easter Worship | Sanctuary and Livestreamed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maundy Thursday Outreach

Please consider giving **a gift to help provide transportation and dinner for The Bridge and Healing Place communities for our Maundy Thursday service.** To make a donation, please visit ccum.net/maundy.

Sacred Worth (LGBTQIA Friends and Allies) will be sponsoring an **Art Exhibit the Sundays following Easter (April 16 and 23).** We are inviting anyone in the congregation to submit original art (photos, paintings, poems, etc.) which **expresses the theme: "You are Beloved"** to the exhibit. If you have art that you'd like to be included, contact Liz Matney at matney.elizabeth@gmail.com for details.

Women's Ministry Spring Event: The Power of Stories | Saturday, April 15 | 10am - 12 pm | Youth Center

Join your Christ Church sisters for an exciting new season of ministry! Liz Curtis Higgs will help us see why sharing our stories is so important, and Karen Lovett will show us how we can put our life experiences into words. Finally, we'll gather in small groups and listen to real stories from real women who are ready to take a leap of faith and share their journeys with us. This is a morning you won't want to miss! Register at ccum.net/women.

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.

Save the Date - Men's BBQ Lunch! | Sunday, April 23 | 12:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

All men of Christ Church are invited to attend **Holy Smoke Men's BBQ**, following the 11:15 am worship service. Come join us for some **delicious food and a time to connect with other men.** Registration and more details are coming soon!

Summer Mission Trip | June 21 - 25

This summer we will be heading to **Eastern Kentucky to help with the long-term flood recovery and rebuilding efforts.** The trip will be coordinated through UMCOR and a recovery group of the Kentucky Conference. This **intergenerational mission trip is open to all ages - youth (completed 6th grade) through adults.** The cost is \$75 per person. For more information, please contact Mike Porter at mike@ccum.net. Register at ccum.net/mission23.

VBS 2023: Praying Every Day, Everywhere | July 10 - 13 | 9 am - 12 pm

Jesus prayed at the temple...but he also prayed when he fished, was on a mountain, was in the desert, and even under a tree! Living a prayer-filled life reduces our stress, helps us become more resilient and best of all - helps us to live our best lives. Join us this summer as we search for Jesus and discover how to live a prayer-filled life along the way!

Registration is now open for children, ages 3 & 1/2 years through 5th grade, as well as for volunteers. Sign up at ccum.net/vbs.

Choir Tour 2023 registration is now OPEN!

One Voice and HS Handbells will be singing, ringing and serving in Asheville and Nashville June 7 - 11. This tour is **open to all youth, 8-12th grades**. Sign-up now at www.ccum.net/youthmusic!

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.