

# **Christ Church United Methodist**

May 7, 2023

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

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter Communion Sunday Order of Worship**

WELCOME

Rev. Mike Porter

PRELUDE

*Allegro from Sonata II for Flute and Harpsichord*  
Suzie Kinman, flute; Shawn Dawson, harpsichord

J.S. Bach

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: When our hearts are troubled, Lord, you remind us to believe.

**People: We believe in God the Father and in His Son, our Savior.**

Leader: When we become fearful about the future, you restore our faith.

**People: We remember that you've prepared an eternal home for us.**

Leader: We know that you alone are the way, the truth, and the life.

**People: And you are more than worthy of our worship, Lord!**

### **\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Hymn 206

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

#### **Refrain:**

**In him there is no darkness at all. the night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)**

### **\*INVITATION**

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live  
in peace with one another.  
Therefore let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**People: Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Let us all pray silently and confess our sins to God.

*(All pray in silence)*

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Now hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.

That proves God's love for us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

**OFFERING MUSIC**

‡ 9:00

*The Call*  
Daniel Blosser, solo

Ralph Vaughan Williams

◇ 11:15

*Fairest Lord Jesus*  
Chancel Choir

Charles Forsberg

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*SCRIPTURE**

*John 14:1-14*

(9:00) Trudy Wheeler  
(11:15) Betsy Gibbs

**SERMON**

*What Do We Do Now?*

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

**\*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION** *(turn to page 24 in the hymnal)*

**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.**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*  
(9:00) Susan Blosser, solo  
(11:15 am) Jeannie Barrick, solo

arr. Daniel Light

*Adoration*

Florence Price

Ben Williams, oboe

arr. Elaine Fine

*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

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.  
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## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

## \*CLOSING HYMN

*When We All Get to Heaven*

Hymn 701

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus; sing his mercy and his grace.  
In the mansions bright and blessed he'll prepare for us a place.

### Refrain:

When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

While we walk the pilgrim pathway, clouds will overspread the sky;  
but when traveling days are over, not a shadow, not a sigh. (Refrain)

Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day;  
just one glimpse of him in glory will the toils of life repay. (Refrain)

Onward to the prize before us! Soon his beauty we'll behold;  
soon the pearly gates will open; we shall tread the streets of gold. (Refrain)

## SENDING FORTH

## POSTLUDE

*God of Grace*  
Shawn Dawson, organ

Paul Manz

† Daniel Light, piano

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

*\*\*Announcements are located on the following pages*

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## THIS MORNING

The flowers in the chancel area are given in loving memory of Jane Boyer by her husband, Chuck.

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# Spiritual Practice: Hearing God's Word

## Weekly Sermon Companion

Sunday, May 7

John 14:1-14

### HIGHLIGHTED VERSES

*In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?* John 14:2 (NRSV)

*"My Father's house has room to spare"* (CEB)

*"I wouldn't tell you this, unless it was true"* (CEV)

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* John 14:6 (NRSV)

- *"I am the only Way to God and the real Truth and the real Life"* (AMP)
- *"the only way to the Father is through me"* (NCV)

*Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves.* John 14:11 (NRSV)

- *"at least let these works that I do in My Father's name convince you"* (AMPC)
- *"or else have faith in me simply because of the things I do"* (CEV)

### NOTES

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

# Weekly Bible Study

Week of May 7 - 13

## DAILY PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, give me a deeper understanding of the heavenly place you have prepared for me, and let that knowledge provide comfort and hope, even when life gets hard. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Monday, May 8

*Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.* John 14:1

Think of a recent moment when you were “worried” (CEV) or “distressed” (Phillips). In a real and tangible way, how did your faith in God and the certainty of his presence ease your troubled heart?

Tuesday, May 9

*If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.* John 14:7

Throughout this passage, Jesus emphasized that knowing him was the same as knowing his Father. What is your own perception of the Father? And of the Son? In what ways do you view them as similar? And how are they distinct?

Wednesday, May 10

*Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me?”* John 14:8-9

Philip seemed unclear about the Lord's true identity, even after being in his company for almost three years. In the end, what did it take for the disciples to be transformed from confused followers to fully committed believers?

Thursday, May 11

*The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.* John 14:10

Jesus explained that both the words he spoke and the works he performed were not done by his own initiative or authority, but by his Father's. Have you ever watched someone follow the Lord's example—speaking God's words and doing God's works, taking no credit for their actions? Could you do the same?

Friday, May 12

*I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.* John 14:13

This was an extraordinary promise from Jesus, but it did include a qualifier. What does it mean to ask for something “in his name?” And what do you make of his goal: “so the shining-greatness of the Father may be seen in the Son” (NLV)?

Saturday, May 13

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.

John 14:15-21

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a gift to our congregation, **our 2023 Confirmation Class would like to pray for our congregation** during the month of May. Please email Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley, [leanne@ccum.net](mailto:leanne@ccum.net), with any requests and she will share them with our 2023 Confirmands. This is a prayerful group of young people. We are blessed!

### **Senior Blessing Sunday is May 21** | 9 and 11:15 am worship services

Senior year is an exciting time of endings and beginnings! Your Christ Church family wants to **recognize and celebrate** this important life event with you. During the we will recognize our high school seniors and their parents for a Senior Blessing. If you'd like to participate, please sign up at [ccum.net/youth](http://ccum.net/youth).

### **Honoring Lisa Watkins' Service**

Throughout her 14 years of dedicated ministry on staff, as well as many more as a volunteer, Lisa has faithfully served Christ Church and touched many lives with her generous and caring spirit. Join us as we show our appreciation for Lisa and wish her well in retirement:

- Reception on Sunday, May 21 at 12:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
- Love Offering through [ccum.net/give](http://ccum.net/give) or via check with "Lisa Watkins love Offering" in the memo
  - o Deadline Wednesday, May 31

### **Christ Church Connect** | May 10, 17 and 24 | 6 - 7:30 pm | Room 156

Led by Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant, this **three-week, in person class** is **for anyone who is interested in learning more about Christ Church** and how you can **get connected to the people and ministries**. This class is **open to everyone**, but is most appropriate for those considering membership or who have joined in recent years. Registration is requested, [ccum.net/connectclass](http://ccum.net/connectclass), and childcare is available upon request.

**Booked For Lunch** is a **monthly book club for women** of all ages! We believe fictional stories provide a powerful avenue for thinking more deeply about God and the world. We **meet the 2nd Thursday of every month at noon**—bring a lunch and join us! The **next meeting is Thursday, May 11**. We will be reading *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. The list of future books can be found at [ccum.net/adults](http://ccum.net/adults).

### **One Voice Homecoming Concert** | Sunday, June 11 | 7 pm

Come and hear these fabulous youth sing and share stories from their choir tour in Tennessee and North Carolina!

### **College Graduate Recognition** | Sunday, June 4

Christ Church would like to recognize our recent college graduates in the bulletin on Sunday, June 4. Please provide your information at [ccum.net/collegegrad](http://ccum.net/collegegrad). Deadline is May 28.

### **Men's Breakfast** | Saturday, May 13 at 8 am

Men of all ages are invited the second Saturday of the month for **breakfast, fellowship and guest speakers**. This month we will welcome Jamelle Jones, U of L Wesley Foundation Campus Pastor. Come and bring a friend!

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### **Praying with Jesus:** Summer Adult Study with Liz Curtis Higgs | Tuesdays June 13, 20, and 27 | 10 - 11 am | Room 158

Since our VBS kids will spend a week in July learning all the places Jesus prayed, we'll spend **three Tuesday mornings in June on our own prayer adventure with the Lord**, discovering where, when, and how spoke with his heavenly Father. Register at [ccum.net/classes](http://ccum.net/classes).

### **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 <http://www.ccum.net/youthmusic>!

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

Join us this summer as we search for Jesus and discover how to live a prayer-filled life along the way! **Registration is at capacity for PreK's and K's - but there are still spots left for 1st - 5th graders!, as well as for volunteers.** Sign up at [ccum.net/vbs](http://ccum.net/vbs).

**SAM Lunch and Program: Lost Louisville** | May 8 | 11:30 am

Join us for our last SAM luncheon and program of the spring as we welcome **guest speaker, Steve Wiser**, from the Louisville Historical League. Steve's program, *Lost Louisville*, will highlight many of the beautiful Louisville landmarks and examine why they were demolished and what replaced them. The program is free and lunch is \$10 and will immediately follow. Register at [ccum.net/sam](http://ccum.net/sam).

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.

**Youth Sponsored 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! The cost is \$75 per person. For more information, please contact Mike Porter. Register at [ccum.net/mission23](http://ccum.net/mission23).

**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](mailto:katie@ccum.net) to be sent the Zoom link.