

Christ Church United Methodist

May 14, 2023

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day / Have a Heart for Seniors Order of Worship

WELCOME

Liz Curtis Higgs

PRELUDE

Glory on Their Wings
‡Carillon Ringers

Julie Stitt

BAPTISMAL COVENANT (11:15)

Molly Kate Cook (4/18/2010) and Max Jameson Cook (4/18/2010)
children of Brittany and Dustin Cook.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Mary Kate and Max 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 with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they 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 Molly Kate and Max, whom we this day recognize as members 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 Molly Kate and Max, 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!**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We love you, Lord, and want to honor your name.

People: Help us listen to the Holy Spirit's teaching.

Leader: We need you, Lord, and long to be in your presence.

People: Help us follow the Holy Spirit's leading.

Leader: We see you, Lord, in the beauty of this place.

People: Help us worship you in the Spirit and in Truth.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Hymn 384; Tune: Hyfrydol
Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*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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how great thou art, how great thou art!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO PRAYER

They'll Know We Are Christians

FWS 2223

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored;
And they'll know we are Christians by our love by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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

Craig Reynolds

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

My Ransom
Tenor Leaven

arr. Cliff Duren

*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 14:15-21

(9:00) Julian Burgard
(11:15) Gary Schooler

SERMON

What Do We Do Now?

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

Because He Lives

Hymn 364

God sent his Son, they called him, Jesus;
he came to love, heal and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain:

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
because he lives, all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,

and feel the pride and the joy he gives;
but greater still the calm assurance,
this child can face uncertain days because he lives. [Refrain]

And then one day, I'll cross that river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns. [Refrain]

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Fugue (Sonata II)
Shawn Dawson, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

† Donna Vaughn, conductor

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

THIS MORNING

The flowers in the chancel area are given by John and Sally Taylor in loving memory of their mothers.

Christian sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Ruth Flener, who died May 4.

The prelude this morning was gifted to the Carillon Ringers in loving memory of Debbie's parents, Kay and Jack Wetzel, by Debbie and Steve Yackey and their families.

Glory on Their Wings
by E. Brine

In solemn beauty, and in strength and power,
Comes the soul's guardian from his home afar,
To stand beside us in temptation's hour,
Pure as a glittering star.

They see all clearly what mortals cannot know,
Each spring of thought the cloudless angels find;
Our dearest friends misjudge us, and are slow
Deciphering heart and mind.
They read our wants and give us tenderest care;
Tuned by one heart of love their bosoms beat;
They know the trials we are called to bear,
The thorns that pierce our feet.

They teach us mysteries of life and death
In the soul's silence breathing hallowed things
With heaven's hushed music in their fragrant breath,
God's glory on their wings.

Spiritual Practice: Hearing God's Word

Weekly Sermon Companion

Sunday, May 14

John 14:15-21

HIGHLIGHTED VERSES

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. John 14:15 (NRSV)

“if you love me, show it by doing what I’ve told you” (MSG)

“if you love me, obey me” (TLB)

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. John 14:18 (NRSV)

- *“I will not leave you...comfortless, desolate, bereaved, forlorn, helpless”* (AMPC)
- *“you will not be left all alone; I will come back to you”* (GNT)

On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. John 14:20 (NRSV)

- *“when that day comes, you will know that I am united with my Father”* (CJB)
- *“You will know that you are in Me. You will know that I am in you”* (NLV)

NOTES

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

Weekly Bible Study

Week of May 14 - 20

DAILY PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, as I study John's Gospel this week, help me take the words to heart and apply them to my life, seeking your wisdom and your will above all. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Monday, May 15

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. John 14:16

The Holy Spirit is given many descriptive names in Scripture—"Helper, Comforter, Intercessor, Counselor" (AMP) among them. When have you been aware of the Holy Spirit helping you? comforting you? interceding for you? counseling you?

Tuesday, May 16

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him... John 14:17

Kosmos is the Greek word used here for "world," yet it seems to suggest much more than just our planet and its inhabitants. What is your understanding of "the world"? And why don't "the people of this world" (CEV) see or know the Holy Spirit?

Wednesday, May 17

...You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. John 14:17

Jesus then assured his disciples that they *did* know the Holy Spirit "because he has been staying with you, and will even be *in* you!" (MSG). In a real and tangible way, what's the difference between the Spirit *abiding* with you and *living* in you?

Thursday, May 18

In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. John 14:19

Jesus was preparing his followers not only for his own resurrection, but also for theirs: "I am alive and you're about to come alive" (MSG). What does his promise of eternal life mean to you?

Friday, May 19

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them. John 14:21

So much love in one verse! As he did in John 14:15, Jesus again made it clear, "the one having My commandments and keeping them—that one is the one loving Me" (DLNT). Today, how will you love him by obeying him?

Saturday, May 20

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.

Luke 24:44-53

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 28 is **Pentecost** Sunday, when we commemorate the arrival of the Holy Spirit as told in the book of Acts! In celebration of this important event, we **invite everyone to wear red**.

Today is "Have a Heart for Seniors" Sunday. 100% of your tax-deductible donation will be used by the **Charitable Care ministry of Wesley Manor**. Thank you for prayerfully considering giving a gift. You will find special envelopes in the pew racks in which you can place your donation. Please make your checks payable to Christ Church United Methodist, with "Wesley Manor" on the memo line.

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, 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 by May 15.

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 or via check with "Lisa Watkins love Offering" in the memo
 - o Deadline Wednesday, May 31

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. Deadline is May 28.

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.

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.

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.

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.