

# **Christ Church United Methodist**

November 6, 2022

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

## **Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost Communion Sunday Order of Worship**

WELCOME

Liz Curtis Higgs

PRELUDE

*Accolade*  
Middle School Handbells

Kathleen Wissinger

\*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]

\*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**

**OFFERING MUSIC**

‡ 9:00

*I Will Arise*  
Susan and Daniel Blosser

Howard Helvey

◇ 11:15

*Amazing Grace*  
Chancel Choir  
Elise Ashkettle, cello

Bruce Stevenson

**\*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**

*Luke 15:11-32*

(9:00) John-John Maynard  
(11:15) Carol Bennett

**SERMON**

*The Great Thanksgiving*

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

**\*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**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

9:00

*Reverie*  
Annie Kate Reynolds, piano

Daniel Light

11:15

*All Things Bright & Beautiful*  
Leah Catlett and Deanna Catlett, piano

arr. Shaw & Rejino

9:00/11:15

*Adagio from Concerto in A major, K. 622*  
Dr. Kaitlin Callihan, clarinet

W.A. Mozart

11:15

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*  
Deanna Catlett, piano

arr. Martha Kelsey

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

Pastor: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

### \* CLOSING HYMN

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*  
Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Hymn 348

Refrain: Come home, come home;  
you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me;  
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me. [Refrain]

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

## SENDING FORTH

### POSTLUDE

*Lift High the Cross*  
Dr. Shawn Dawson, organ

arr. Alice Jordan

† 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 on the altar this morning are given in loving memory of our brothers, Michael Kraft and Steve Houser by Eddie and Sharon Kraft.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Jane Hamm, who died October 29.

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## INSTRUCTIONS

Your Vision Team is at work identifying opportunities for Christ Church to increase our community impact as we pursue our mission of *becoming God's love, one person at a time*. The team is charged with determining areas of emphasis for three gaps (Spiritual, Generational and Kindness) and recommending actionable ways to help bridge those gaps.



Your input is vital to this process!

Please share your thoughts by posting a note on the board in the Gathering Hall, completing our online form ([ccum.net/gaps](http://ccum.net/gaps)) or emailing the team at [visionteam@ccum.net](mailto:visionteam@ccum.net).

## GAPS DEFINED

**Spiritual Gap:** The gap that separates us from God, which is ultimately the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

**Generational Gap:** The gap that separates Christ and His church from children, teens and young adults.

**Kindness Gap:** The gap that separates our deeply divided and contentious world from God's intentions for how people treat and care for one another.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Charge Conference** | November 21, 2022 | 6:30 pm | Room 158

All Administrative Council members are asked to attend and all church members are invited to attend this annual church business meeting.

**Oh, the Places You'll Go!** Are there places in our building you have never explored? Is there something you would like to know about Christ Church? Do you worry that you will get lost on the way back to your car? Meet Lisa Watkins in the Gathering Hall for an **informational tour** on the dates below. No registration required. If you are interested but can't make it on a Sunday, contact Lisa at [lisa@ccum.net](mailto:lisa@ccum.net).

- Sunday, **November 6** | 10:05 am | Meet in the Gathering Hall  
Tour the Children and Youth Areas and locate a few hidden away adult classes.
- Sunday, **November 20** | 10:05 am | Meet in the Gathering Hall  
Investigate why there are 3 floors and locate some adult classes.

**Reception to Honor our Veterans** | Sunday, November 13 | 10 am | Fellowship Hall

We invite **all veterans and their families** to join us for a reception for **a time of appreciation and fellowship**. Light refreshments will be served. Contact Lisa Watkins, [lisa@ccum.net](mailto:lisa@ccum.net), with any questions.

**Women's Wellness Morning: VOCATIONAL WELLNESS**

Saturday, December 3 | 10:30 am - 12 pm | Youth Center

Join your Christ Church sisters and friends for 90 minutes of **fast-paced fun** and **heartfelt encouragement**, as we look at our **natural and spiritual gifts** and listen to **what God is calling us to do!** Our own **Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard** and **Liz Curtis Higgs** will be speaking, and **Jewels of Grace** will offer their beautiful necklaces for your Christmas gift giving (every penny goes to **The Healing Place**). Register at [ccum.net/women/wellness](http://ccum.net/women/wellness).

**Booked For Lunch** is a **monthly book club for women** of all ages! We believe fiction 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, November 10**. We will be reading *A Single Thread* by Tracy Chevalier. The list of future books can be found at [ccum.net/adults](http://ccum.net/adults).

**United Methodist Men's Breakfast** | Saturday, November 12 | 8 am

Men of all ages are invited to join us the second Saturday of the month for **breakfast, fellowship and a guest speaker**. Join us in **Fellowship Hall** as we hear from Liz Curtis Higgs, Christ Church's Director of Spiritual Formation. Come and bring a friend!

**Las Posadas Family Advent Celebration** | Sunday, November 27 | 5 pm

On the first day of Advent, **we'll travel alongside Mary and Joseph** as they look for a welcoming space to have their baby! Join us for a celebration that will include a kid-friendly Mexican dinner, a journey to Bethlehem, games, piñatas, music and a very special Advent gift for each of you (adults and children). The **journey to Bethlehem begins at 5 pm sharp in the Chapel**, with dinner and the celebration to follow in Fellowship Hall. Ramiro's Cantina is catering an authentic Mexican meal and donations for dinner are greatly appreciated! **Bring a blanket to sit on!** Register at [ccum.net/children](http://ccum.net/children).

**Festival of Stars**

It's **almost time** for our annual Festival of Stars, your opportunity to **shop for a Christmas gift for someone in our community in need**. You'll be able to select a star from the trees in Gathering Hall, or select a "virtual" star online. **More information coming soon!**

**Confirmation 2023** | Important dates and registration: [ccum.net/youth](http://ccum.net/youth)

Confirmation is an exciting time of exploring, learning, and discerning **what it means to be a Christian and a United Methodist**. Youth participating in our Confirmation Ministry learn and practice ways to keep growing in faith and how to live into the vows taken during confirmation.

### **Parents Day Out** | Sunday, November 13 | 11 am - 2 pm

The Youth of Christ Church would like to offer you a Parents Day Out! With the holiday season approaching, we know you could use a few extra hours without your kids! Come for 9 am worship and Sunday School at 10 am, **then enjoy some precious alone time.** The **youth will entertain your school aged-kids (K-5)** and are accepting donations for their programming and summer mission projects. Infants through 4 year-olds are invited to come to their normal child care area for special fun! A pizza lunch will be provided for ages 3 – 5th grade. Register your children and youth helpers at [ccum.net/children](http://ccum.net/children).

### **Waiting and Watching: An Advent Study** | Taught by Liz Curtis Higgs

Monday mornings 10 – 11 am | November 28 – December 19 | Room 158

Monday evenings 7 – 8 pm | November 28 – December 19 | Zoom

Spend this **sacred season** with the many **characters of Christmas**—Elizabeth and Zechariah, Mary and Joseph, the Shepherds and the Wise Men, Anna and Simeon—as they waited and watched, anticipated and celebrated the coming of the Messiah. We'll unwrap each verse with tender care and prepare our hearts and minds for the holy days ahead. Everyone is welcome! Register at [ccum.net/adults](http://ccum.net/adults).

### **Kids and teens, grades 6 - 12 | Join us weekly in the Youth Center!**

Sunday evenings at 6 pm for Youth Group

Wednesday evenings at 6 pm for Open Youth Center

Gaming, doing homework, or just hanging out!

Hope to see you there! Contact Rev. Mike Porter at [mike@ccum.net](mailto:mike@ccum.net), for more information.

### **FUTURE HAMMERHEADS**

Your Hammerheads have recently begun working on the Fuller Center in the west end. Fuller buys and fixes up houses for those who might not be able to afford one otherwise. We work **Tuesday and Friday mornings** for around 3-4 hours each day. We are looking for anyone who can hold a hammer, paint brush or broom. In other words, **no matter your skill level, we can use your help.** This is a great opportunity to help those who really need a home. If you can spare a morning, please give Ted Champion a call/text at 502-468-2139 or email at [tedchampionsr@gmail.com](mailto:tedchampionsr@gmail.com).

### **Children's Ministry!**

- **During the 9 and 11:15 am worship services**, K - 2nd grades will begin in worship with their families and leave for Children's Worship. They will return to the Sanctuary during the closing hymn. Please note they will remain in worship on Communion Sundays.
- **Faith Formation resumes at 10:05 am!** We are excited to spend time praying, playing and learning Bible Stories with your children. Plus, we are focusing on building friendships this year so we have added extra playtime to each session!

### **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.