

Christ Church United Methodist

October 30, 2022

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

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Day Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

‡ PRELUDE

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Carillon Ringers, Jubilate Ringers and Celebration Ringers
Daniel Light, piano

arr. Joel Raney

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In all our weakness and strength, people of all ages,

All: we come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and
whispering our prayers,

All: we come alongside all your saints, O God.

Leader: Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,

All: we come to seek and know you, O God.

Leader: Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be
yours and

All: we come to worship you in truth and spirit, O God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

For All the Saints

Hymn 711
st. 1 - all; st. 2 - low voices
st. 3 - treble voices
st. 4 - choir; st. 6 - all

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

*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

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Hymn 349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely
dim in the light of his glory and grace.

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

Gather at the River
Chapel Choir

Susan LaBarr

◇ 11:15

O, What a Beautiful City
Chancel Choir

Shawn Kirchner

*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

Hebrews 11:1, 8-16

(9:00) Joyce St. Clair
(11:15) Betsy Gibbs

SERMON

A Better Homeland

Rev. Melissa Head

HONORING OF THE SAINTS

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us pray together. Lord God, by your grace we are living in faith while trusting in a better homeland.

People: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses—

Leader: Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists, disciples and evangelists, martyrs and saints.

People: We thank you for their lives of faith.

Leader: Lord God, we miss our family and friends, yet we continue living in faith hoping for a better homeland.

People: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses—

Leader: Loved ones now resting in you, who guided us, nurtured and cared for us; ancestors who worked and traveled, lived and died that we might be who we are, where we are—your precious children in this community of believers.

People: We praise you for their lives of faith.

Leader: Lord God, we pray together today for all who have gone before us and for strength to continue living in faith while longing for a better homeland.

People: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses—

Leader: Family members and members of this congregation; fellow believers; friends who help, guide and uplift us-- children of your family, sheep of your fold, saints of your redeeming.

People: We thank you for their examples. We praise you for their lives of faith. Guide us to continue living in faith while longing for a better homeland.

Leader: On this day we remember the saints who have blessed our lives – teachers, storytellers, choir members, musicians, leaders, servers, hard workers and visionaries, spouses, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, sisters, brothers, children, and friends, and all our ancestors in faith. As we read the names of these saints today, we will light a candle and ring a bell. Families are welcome to stand for their loved ones and then be seated.

Saints of Christ Church United Methodist

Jenny Akins	Bettye King
Linna Benninger	Deb Lindsey
Michael Bolden	Peggy McCain
Alice Brandon	Steve McDonald
Clyda Crockett	Carmen McGiffen
Jim Copeland	Debbie McWhorter
Marilyn Edington	John Morton
Ambrose Ford	Brian Myers
Matthew Fuller	Berit Olafson
Rick Guillaume	Frank Simms
Homer Holt	Charlie Smoot
Leland Isaacs	Carol Spanyer
Barbara Johnson	Sara Stanley
Allison Jones	Jay Stratton
Rajah Karalakulasingam	Jean Whatley

Leader: Almighty God of all Eternity, we give you our thanks for all the saints who are living with you now in eternity. We thank you for the memories we hold in our hearts, the marks they have made on our lives, and the faith they passed on that will continue to live in us. Thank you for your comfort and blessings today as we remember those who have gone before us. By the grace of Christ, we offer the innermost prayers of our hearts. Amen.

Total Praise
Carillon Ringers
Donna Vaughn, conductor

arr. Ben Williams

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

Hymn 723

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. (Refrain)

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. (Refrain)

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. (Refrain)

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Cortège et Litanie
Shawn Dawson, organ

Marcel Dupré

‡ Based on a piano setting by Daniel Light; Donna Vaughn, conductor
◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

THIS MORNING

The altar flowers this morning are dedicated in loving memory of Michael Allen Bolden, faithful Christian, musician, friend and teacher by the Music Ministries of Christ Church United Methodist.

This morning, the Handbell Ministry is premiering two anthems in worship dedicated to the memory of Michael Bolden. The first is a handbell adaptation by Joel Raney of Daniel Light's piano arrangement of "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," which was played at Michael's memorial service. This was commissioned by the Handbell Ringers of Christ Church. The second is an arrangement for handbells by our own Ben Williams of "Total Praise," which Annie Bolden also sang at Michael's memorial service. Michael meant so much to us as teacher, director, mentor and friend, and our Handbell Ministry offers these pieces in appreciation for his service and ministry.

This morning's Chancel Choir anthem was purchased by the Seekers Sunday School class in memory of Michael Bolden.

For the past 35 years we have honored each of our church member saints with a needlepoint dove. Please extend a special 'Thank You' to the talented people who contributed their time and talents in the making of the beautiful needlepoint doves displayed on the All Saints' banner this morning. Each dove represents one of our 'Saints' and is presented to their families at the end of the service. The stitchers include: Cyndy Burgess, Debbie Cook, Ed Folz, Jane Haase, Angie Henry, Sharon Hitch, Jodi Holley, Betsy Gibbs, Sally Jackson, Diane Jessee, Janet Kean, Judy Lawhorn, Stephanie Madison, Mary Miller-Johannemann, Karen Otley, Sharon Sengelaub, Kathryn Smith, Laura Welch, Susan Reed, Gail Russell, Alice Wells, Debbie Yackey and Joyce Young.

A very special Thank You to Charlotte Folz (mother of Ed Folz) who, although not a member of CCUM, stitched many doves for us over the years. She passed this year and Ed and his wife, Bonny, will receive a special dove in her memory.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Debbie Yackey.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christian sympathy is extended to Ann and Hank Hensley on the death of Ann's mother, Ruth Ann Friedrichs, who died September 22.

Christian sympathy is extended to Ogedi and Chichi Omenyinma on the death of Ogedi's mother, Ada, who died October 23.

CHRIST CHURCH 2023 GIVING CAMPAIGN



Thank you to all who have responded to Count Me In!

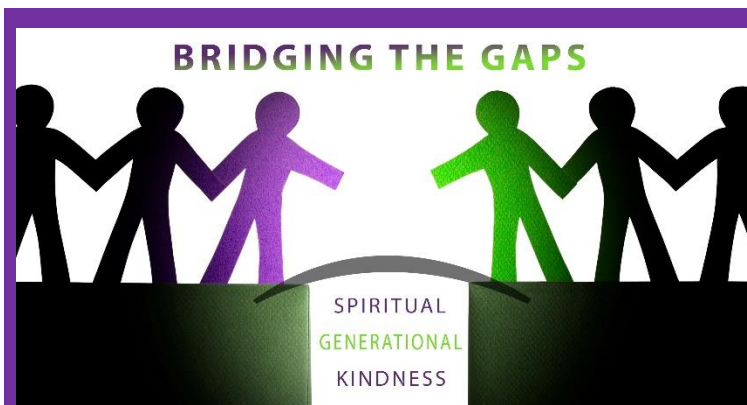
We are encouraged by the response so far:

52 more responses than at this time last year

20 households that are new to giving

64% have been able to increase their commitment

If you have yet to make your financial commitment for 2023,
you may do so at www.ccum.net/CountMeIn



WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

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) or emailing the team at 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.

Scouts Love Cars! | Saturday, November 5 | 8 am | Parking lot

Calling all car, truck and bike enthusiasts! Scout Troop 317, together with Christ Church's Men's Ministry, is hosting our inaugural Scouts Love Cars, a **car show and pancake breakfast**. The cost is \$15 at the door, with **all proceeds benefitting Troop 317**. Please contact Jeff Goodwin at jgoodwindoc@icloud.com with any questions. Come join us and bring your appetite!

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.

- 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 Mike Porter, mike@ccum.net, with any questions.

Confirmation 2023 | Important dates and registration: 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.

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, 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.

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 to be sent the Zoom link.



Thomas Merton wisely said, "If you want **a life of prayer**, the way to get it is by praying." At Christ Church, our **Prayer Room** has become a sacred space, ready and waiting for us to gather and pray—as individuals, with friends, as families, with small groups. **Everyone is welcome, anytime the church is open.**

Our **Prayer Room** (150B, *behind the Parlor*) **is open!** Come and see for yourself how this small room has been transformed into a warm and welcoming place to meet with God.

Prayer Requests

You'll find a **board** for posting **public prayer requests**, so our church community can pray for one another, and a **box** for placing your **private prayer needs**, so our pastoral staff can pray for you and those you care about.

Prayer Gatherings

Every **Sunday morning** from **8:30 - 9 am**, Rev. Melissa Head, Liz Curtis Higgs, or another staff member will lead a time of prayer, including a brief teaching at the start, since we all have much to learn about prayer. Praying for our church and each other is the perfect way to begin the Lord's Day!

Prayer Prompts

Every **Tuesday morning**, you can receive a short prompt by text or email, encouraging you to pray for a specific need. To register: ccum.net/prayerprompt

Let's Pray on Facebook LIVE

Every Thursday at 12 pm, join **Liz Curtis Higgs** on **Facebook LIVE** for **15 minutes**, as she shares a short teaching on prayer, then prays, inviting viewers to share prayer requests in the comments. Catch Liz live or later, at <http://www.facebook.com/christchurchlouisville>.

**We are eager to make prayer a priority at Christ Church, grateful for God's promise,
"When you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you."**

Jeremiah 29:12