

Christ Church United Methodist

October 1, 2023

(in - person) 9:00 am
(live-streamed & in - person) 11:15 am

World Communion Sunday 18th Sunday After Pentecost Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love is This
Benjamin Carter, piano

arr. Benjamin Carter

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Hymn 632

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in the name,
two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup:
Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be,
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

*INVITATION

Rev. Melissa Head

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: Almighty and all-loving God,
through your Son Jesus Christ
you have reconciled the world to yourself.
Help us now to be reconciled with one another,
that again we might dwell in the warmth of your love.
Inspire us with your Holy Spirit
to put aside the cloak of pride and put on Christ,
the we might forgive and be forgiven;
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 Wonders of His Hands
Gordon Crawford, solo

Garon Davis and
Tom Brooks

‡ 11:15

Wana Baraka
Chancel Choir
Reese Walton and Alex MacDonald, conga drums

arr. Shawn Kirchner

*They have blessings, those who pray;
Jesus himself said so. Alleluia!
They have peace. They have joy.
They have well-being. Alleluia!*

*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 21:23-32

SERMON

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

9:00/11:15

Reflection
Suzie Kinman, flute

arr. Phillip Keveren

11:15

Be Thou My Vision
Andrew Chapman, piano

arr. Andrew Chapman

9:00/11:15

On Eagle's Wings
*And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of God's hand.*

Hymn 143

9:00/11:15

Andante from Sonata in B Minor, HWV 367b
Suzie Kinman, flute

G.F. Handel

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Hymn 348

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.

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

Fugue in C, BWV 545/2
Shawn Dawson, organ

J.S. Bach

◇ Daniel Light, piano

‡ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

THIS MORNING

The flowers have been placed on the altar this morning in loving memory and gratitude for their parents, Sammie and Frances Lee and Jim and Paula Burgess, by Dan and Cyndy Burgess.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christian sympathy is extended to Susan and Richard Baker on the death of Susan's mom, Wilma Sexton, who died September 22. Christian sympathy is also extended to grandchildren, Alexandra and Elizabeth.

Christian sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Elizabeth Robertson, who died July 16.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ Church School is in **urgent need** of full and part time teachers and substitutes. Please share this need with friends and family. Details can be found at ccum.net/school.

Embracing our Teens and Young Adults | Saturday, October 14 | 9 am - 3 pm | Fellowship Hall

Do you have **pre-teens, teens or young adults** that you love in your life? Are you a teen or young adult who feels misunderstood by the adults who love you? Please plan to attend this important **community event** to help us understand this generation's **unique challenges and perspectives**. In addition to sessions led by nationally recognized experts Ruth Reitmeier of Rice University and our own Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley, we will hear from a panel including a medical professional, mental health specialist, teachers and young adults. Come as we prepare for a hopeful, healthy future. Register at ccum.net/embrace.

Save the Date!

Sunday, **October 22**, will be a special day in the life of Christ Church. Our worship theme will be **Generation to Generation** and we will be celebrating all of the generations that came before and prepared the way for us. We will all **worship together at 11:15 am (no 9 am service that Sunday)** and will enjoy the delicious offerings of a **Chili Cook-Off** sponsored by our Men's Ministry in Fellowship Hall. To enter a chili in the cook-off, and/or sign-up to eat, visit ccum.net/men.

Fall Adult Classes on Wednesday Evenings

October 11 – 25 | 6:15pm – 7:15pm | Second Floor Classrooms | Register at ccum.net/classes

Sermon on the Mount with Dr. Bill Higgs

Jesus teaches us how to live out our faith in the light of his Gospel.

Christ Church Connect with Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant and Rev. Amy Chapman

Learn more about our church's history and mission, and meet our team.

Lectio Divina with Shelah Woodruff

Engage with Scripture in a deeper, more personal way following this traditional spiritual practice.

Stretching Our Love with Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley, Kate Crandell and Liz Matney

Use Scripture and prayer to envision an inclusive church for all God's beloved.

Wednesday Night Dinners for all Ages

Thanks to such a great response, **we are extending the Wednesday Night dinners into the fall!**

Wednesdays, September 27 - November 15 | Dinner 5:30 - 6 pm

Fellowship Hall | \$8 adults and \$4 kids

Register for October 4 at ccum.net/dinners **by 12 pm on Monday** prior to the dinner. Please note, due to fall break, Psalm Kids and Youth Hangout will not meet this week and will resume on October 11.

Once you have successfully signed up, you will receive an email confirming your payment and registration.

October 4 Menu:

Adult Meal: Chicken salad, Mediterranean salad (brown rice, red, green and yellow bell peppers, shallots, green olives, artichoke hearts, grape tomatoes and vinaigrette dressing), fruit salad (pineapple, grapes, apples, bananas and raspberries with yogurt dressing), romaine lettuce with your choice of toppings (grape tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, carrots, croutons, bacon bits, shredded cheddar cheese) and choice of salad dressings and assorted crackers

Kids Meal: Pigs in a blanket, tater tots, applesauce and sugar cookies

Sponsor a Shrub (or 10)!

Our **landscaping is getting some much needed TLC** after the ice storm last December killed many of our plantings. You can help by “sponsoring” a shrub, tree, mulch or entire area. **All support is welcome and appreciated.** Please visit ccum.net/landscape for details. Thank you!

Men's Breakfast | Saturday, October 7 | 8 am | Fellowship Hall

Men of all ages **are invited monthly for breakfast, fellowship and guest speakers.** In October, they will be meeting on the **first Saturday of the month** and will welcome guest speaker, Liz Curtis Higgs, Director of Adult Faith Formation. Liz's topic is, *SAM I AM: A New View of Senior Adult Ministry*, and she's excited to share what God is showing her about ministering to senior adults. Stay after the breakfast and help with weeding and cleaning up around the church grounds!

Maui Disaster Relief

To financially **support our brothers and sisters in Hawaii**, you may **donate through UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee on Relief) at <https://umcmission.org/advance-project/901670> or make a check made payable to UMCOR with “*Advance #901670-Hawaii*” in the memo line and drop it off at church.

Christ Church Family Ministry Team together with Christ School are hosting a **Trunk or Treat and Community Fun Night** on **Friday, October 27 from 6 - 7:30 pm**, with food trucks available starting at 5:30 pm.

We need your help to make it a success! **We need 30 Halloween Decorated Car Trunks for the children's Trunk or Treat.** We will provide the candy to hand out and a prize will be awarded to the best trunk!

We need candy! Please drop off **nut-free, individually wrapped candy** to collection bins at the Christ Church front desk by October 15. Suggested candy: suckers, Smarties, Starburst, Skittles or mixed bags.

To sign up your car and for more information, visit ccum.net/children.

Hey mommas of littles! Now that the school year is underway, we hope you'll join us for some morning adventures!

We've started a **small group + Bible study on Tuesdays at 9:15 am.** No homework, just time to rest and connect.

Pray & Playdates are Fridays at 10 am. Visit ccum.net/women to find more information and to register!

Jonathan Harrison, one of our custodians, was in a very serious car accident on July 21. His injuries are numerous and his recovery will take months, if not years. Jonathan's family has setup a GoFundMe to help cover Jonathan's medical expenses. You may learn more and donate at bit.ly/help-jonathan.

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.

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.