

Welcome to Christ United Methodist Church in Cedar Mill

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10:30 am

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Welcome and Greeting

Opening Prayer

Hymn: *“Your Love Awakens Me”*

There were walls between us
By the cross you came and broke them down
You broke them down
And there were chains around us
By Your grace we are no longer bound
No longer bound

Feel the darkness shaking
All the dead are coming back to life
Back to life
Hear the song awaken
All creation singing we're alive
'Cause You're alive

*You called me out of the grave
You called me into the light
You called my name
And then my heart came alive*

*And what a love we found
Death can't hold us down
We shout it out
we're alive, 'cause you're alive*

*Your love is greater
Your love is stronger
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me*

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:13-21 (CEB)

But everything exposed to the light is revealed by the light. 14 Everything that is revealed by the light is light. Therefore, it says, “Wake up, sleeper! Get up from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

So be careful to live your life wisely, not foolishly. Take advantage of every opportunity because these are evil times. Because of this, don't be ignorant, but understand the Lord's will. Don't get drunk on wine, which produces depravity. Instead, be filled with the Spirit in the following ways: speak to each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; sing and make music to the Lord in your hearts; always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; and submit to each other out of respect for Christ.

The Word of God for you, the people of God
Thanks be to God.

Worship in Song: “Your Love is Strong”

1. Heavenly Father You always amaze me
Let Your kingdom come
In my world and in my life
Give me the food I need
To live through today
And forgive me as I forgive
The people that wrong me
Lead me far from temptation
Deliver me from the evil one

2. I look out the window
The birds are composing
Not a note is out of tune or out of place
I walk to the meadow
And stare at the flowers
Better dressed than any girl
On her wedding day
So why should I worry? Why do I freak out?
God knows what I need
You know what I need

*Your love is
Your love is
Your love is strong*

3. The kingdom of the heavens
Is now advancing
Invade my heart invade this broken town
The kingdom of the heavens
Is buried treasure
Would you sell yourself
To buy the one you've found
Two things You told me: that You are strong
And You love me, yes, You love me

*Our God in heaven
Hallowed be Thy name above all names
Your kingdom come Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us weary sinners
Keep us far from our vices
And deliver us from these prisons*

Prayers of the People

Response to each praise:

One: *We give thanks.*

Many: **Thank you, God.**

Response to each concern:

One: *Lord, have mercy.*

Many: **Christ, have mercy.**

The Lord's Prayer

Message: "How to Pay Attention" — Rev. Ric Shewell

Because of God's grace, we are brought into a family and a _____.

"I encourage you to live as people worthy of the call you received from God." Eph. 4:1

"If one of you wanted to build a tower, wouldn't you first sit down and calculate the cost, to determine whether you have enough money to complete it?" Luke 14:28

Christians are called to pay attention.

Pay attention to your body and emotions: "When you are angry, do not sin."

Witness and call out evil and suffering. "Everything exposed to light is revealed by light."

When confronted with hard truths, we have some choices:

_____ or seek wisdom

_____ or seek God's direction

be numb or lean on the Spirit

Only a _____ grateful heart is equipped to meet the world.

*"Speak to each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; sing and make music to the Lord in your hearts; always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
Eph. 4:19-20*

Next steps:

- View everything through the prism of gratitude.
- Immerse yourself in spiritual music.
- Plan your rhythms of work/rest, paying attention/worship.

The Great Thanksgiving & Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Hymn: “Sanctuary”

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.*

Coming up with Christ UMC

Benediction Song: “*My Friends May You Grow in Grace*”

My friends may you grow in grace,
And in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends may You grow in grace
And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

I pray tonight if we learned from one another,
May we glorify Him.
And if the Lord should bring us back together,
May we be in His arms till then.

*To God be the glory, now and forever
Now and forever amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever,
Now and forever amen.*

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