

# 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

## Worship in Song: "Everlasting God"

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord,  
we will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord,  
we will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever  
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer

*You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on the wings  
Like eagles*

## Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:13-21 (NRSV)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

## Worship in Song: "Called Me Higher"

1. I could just sit I could just sit  
And wait for all Your goodness  
Hope to feel Your presence  
And I could just stay I could just stay  
Right where I am and hope to feel You  
Hope to feel something again

2. I could hold on I could hold on  
To who I am and never let You  
Change me from the inside  
I could be safe oh I could be safe  
Here in Your arms and never leave home  
Never let these walls down

*But You have called me higher  
You have called me deeper  
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord*

*Where You lead me*

I will be Yours oh  
I will be Yours for all my life  
I will be Yours oh  
I will be Yours for all my life

I will be Yours oh  
I will be Yours for all my life  
So let Your mercy

Oh I will be Yours Lord  
And I will be Yours for all my life  
So let Your mercy  
Light the path before me

## 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:**

“The Whole Kit and Caboodle” — Rev. Ric Shewell

Not only is our fight not against other human beings, children of God, but it is also not against \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*The enemies are systems, ideas, and forces that degrade life.*

*Fear, despair, and greed can easily get our attention, but they only steal from us. They cannot sustain us.*

*Be alert, and get fully dressed.*

*Christians aren't called to build a bunker and be separated from the world.*

*We wrap ourselves up in the things of God so that we can go and meet the world.*

**Next steps:**

- Be aware when forces attempt to manipulate with fear, despair, or greed.
- Be vigilant in your spiritual practices.
- Stay rooted in love.

**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.**

**Blessed is the One  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*On the night when Christ handed himself over for our sakes...*

*... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:*  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on us...*

*Through Jesus Christ we pray.*  
**Amen.**

*(You may receive the bread and cup you have prepared for this gathering, or at your table.)*

**Hymn:**            “Sanctuary”

*My sanctuary  
My sanctuary*

1. This is all hitting on my sense of safety  
Tampered with my boundary lines  
They're crossed completely  
I am tough my armor's up but it's not working  
Lost my sense of innocence I miss it dearly

*Be my fence  
My safety net  
My reinforcing  
My reinforcing*

2. Bring me back to the start before the coping  
When I believed when I could see  
When I was trusting  
With Your oil heal it all unlock the fortress  
In my chest do Your best come retrieve me

*Be my fence  
My safety net  
My reinforcing  
My reinforcing  
Be my shield  
When all has failed  
My sanctuary  
My sanctuary*

*Control is not peace  
Control is not peace  
It's not what it seems  
Control is not peace*

**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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