Christ Church United Church of Christ



March 7th, 2021 Third Sunday in Lent

"No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

Welcome

Prelude "When Jesus Wept" Williams Billings

Prayer of the Day

Jesus, we gather around you and ask to hear what you want to teach us today. Who do you want us to notice? What do you want us to do about those right now who have nothing to live on? Help us to give faithfully no matter if we only have two small coins or a large bank account. Help us to see both rich and poor through your eyes and with your compassion. Amen.

"Doxology" Old One Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heav'n ly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture Mark 12:13-17 & Luke 20:45-21:4 Katie, Leftin

Sermon "Coins" Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Praying Together

"What Gift Can We Bring?" Jane Marshall

Talia Zoll, vocal; Toni Sheffer, piano

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude "Toccata" Buxtehude
Toni Sheffer, organ

Questions for Reflection

- 1. Notice the currency (coins, bills, credit cards) that pass through your hands this week. Look at the words and images and consider how they reflect the Gospel and how they contradict it.
- 2. Where do you place your ultimate loyalty? What things, ideas, or even people are you tempted to put before God?



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WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH UCC

"We embrace all as we journey the way of Jesus."

Prayer changes us

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner: St. John's UCC, Newport, KY

Prayer Requests: Chip Price, Jane & Marvin Cox, Jimmy Wainscott, Jim Gracey, Mary Hertzman, Faye Gately, Larry Chapman, Bob Derby, Pete Stinnett, Judy Robinson, Laura Randall, Jeff McDonald, Ken Himes, Carol, Karen Elliott, Whitney Sudkamp, Scott, Michael, Michelle & Faris, Mary Nell Crumfield, Larkin Vogel, Ramel Vogel, Al Rice, Marcia Storm, David Hosea, Matt Hoffman, Jen Korpik, Gus Byers, The Kuhnhein Family

Birthdays & Anniversaries

3/07 Donna Wilson

3/08 Mike Evans

3/09 Ed Weber

3/11 Noah Beimesche

3/13 Leland Stevenson

3/08/2013 Bruce & Audrey Bernhard

Do You Need Help Connecting with Technology?

Julie Mai would be happy to visit anyone (or talk via phone) to help them get set up - anything from hooking up a VCR to connecting via a computer or mobile device.

You can reach her at <u>859-760-4104</u> or <u>idascmai@zoomtown.com</u>



Need Help Signing Up For the COVID Vaccine?

If you need help signing up online for the COVID Vaccine either with the state of Kentucky or with your doctor, Julie Mai and Pastor Ed are available to help. Just contact either of them - Julie's number is 859-760-4104 and you can reach Pastor Ed at the church and they'd be happy to help!

Returning to In-Person Worship!!

We are excited to share that we are resuming in person services beginning on March 14 at 10:30am! It will be good to be together once again.

There will be more details sent out next week, but we will be generally following the same plans that we did when we were in person in September-November last year. As tempting as it is to want to "get back to normal," we are not there yet. So again, look for specifics in next week's message but in general here is what you can expect...

- 1. **Pre-registration** we will be asking people to pre-register for services once again. You can do this online at http://bit.ly/ccuccworship or you can call the church office. Please note that you will be able to register for future weeks with this system now and not simply one week at a time.
- 2. **Masks** While we know that many have received the Covid-19 vaccine already, we will still be requiring masks while in the building. This is because people who have been vaccinated can still be transmitters of the virus and there are many in our congregation (Pastor Ed for example) who are not yet eligible for the vaccine.
- 3. **Social Distancing** The re-forming team will be establishing some new guidelines and plans for how we will be seated in the sanctuary when we're in person. Those will be communicated next week.
- 4. **Patience** We all want to be back to "normal" but we aren't there yet. So we will not be resuming things like passing of the peace, passing offering plates, "normal" communion, etc in the immediate. Those will be phased back in as we move forward.
- 5. **Online services** We will continue to offer services online for those who are unable or not comfortable with being in person as yet.

Again, look for more information sent to you next week in advance of the service on March 14.

Weekly Worship and Discipleship Opportunities via Zoom

In this COVID time, we continue to offer opportunities to participate in worship and discipleship and connection via Zoom. Use the Meeting IDs listed below for the weekly gatherings.

Connecting by Phone

If you want to connect by phone, use one of these phone numbers and enter the meeting ID codes with each of the different opportunities below. Note both numbers are long distance.

- 1-301-715-8592
- 1-312-626-6799

Sunday AM Worship (10:30am)

Meeting ID - 952 499 133

Sunday AM Bible Study (9:00am)

Follows the worship themes/Scriptures Meeting ID – 795 961 736

Tuesday Noon Bible Study (12:00pm)

Studying *Isaiah* Meeting ID - 274 071 942

Thursday Afternoon Small Group (3:00pm)

Studying We Make the Way by Walking by Brian McLaren Meeting ID - 842 3009 0668