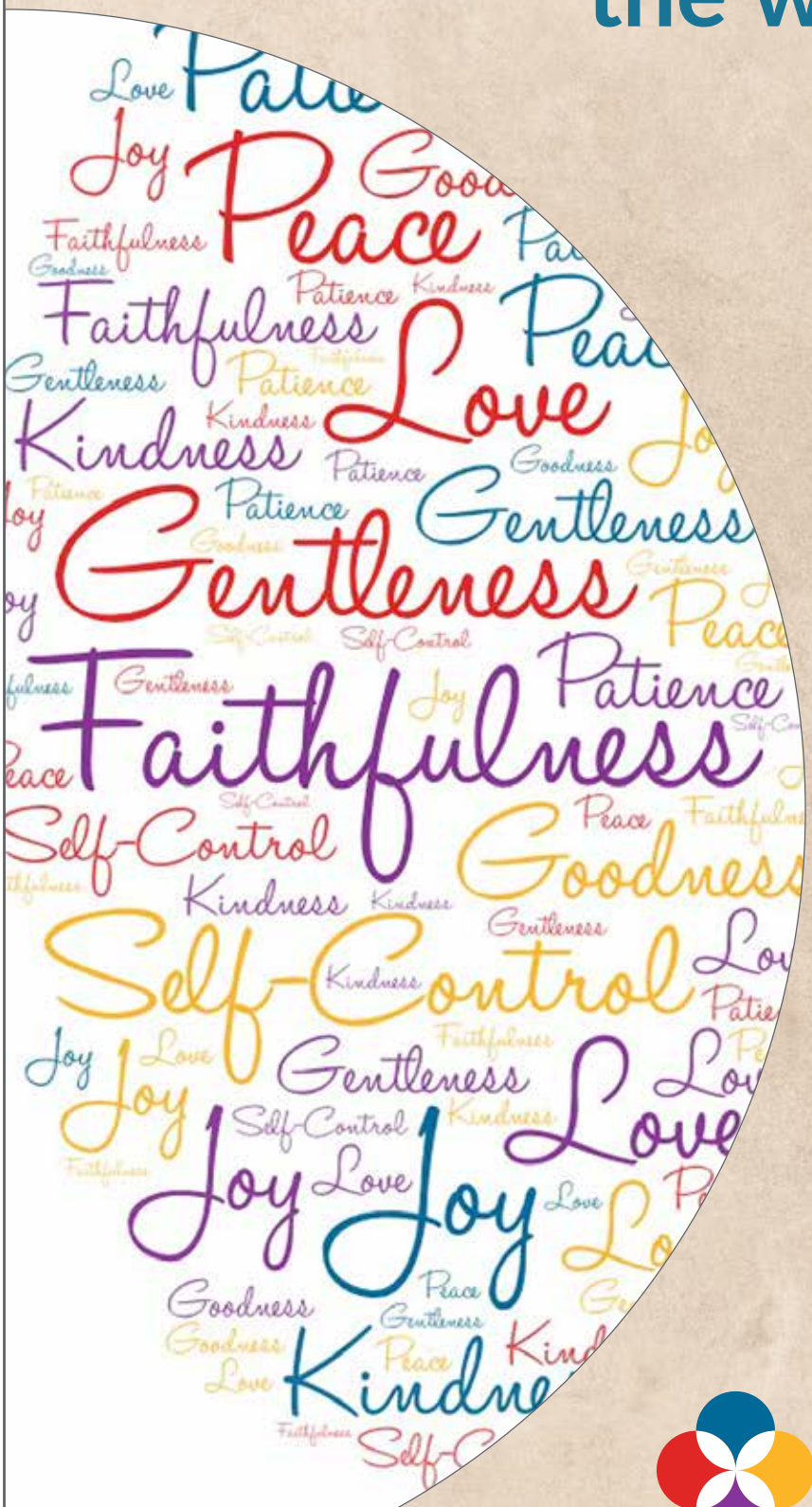
We embrace all as we journey

the way of Jesus



CHRIST
CHURCH UCC

August 21, 2022

Welcome

Prelude **"Voluntary on 'Come Christians Join to Sing'"** *Matthew H. Corl*
Toni Sheffer, organ

Call to Worship Barry Petracco

One: Thinking we know all the answers,
yet wondering if we haven't missed something:
All: we enter this sanctuary of Truth.

One: In the company of sinners,
in cahoots with saints:
All: we gather as God's people.

One: Standing by folks of deep, abiding faith;
seated with those who stumble through the Kingdom:
All: we lift our praise to God.

Red Hymnal **"Let the Whole Creation Cry"** *Brooke/Williams*
Verses 1,2&4

Praying Together

One: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
Against such things there is no law.

All: Lord, we pray that the fruit of Your Spirit may grow in us.

One: Those who belong to Christ Jesus
have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

All: Lord, help us to destroy any passions or desires
that turn us away from you.
Transform our sinful natures and teach us Your way.

One: Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

All: Lord, walk ahead of us and help us to follow you.
Lord, walk beside us and hold us up in difficult times.
Lord, walk behind us and protect us.

One: Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

All: Lord, help us not to think too much of ourselves.
Lord, help us not to make those around us angry.
Lord, help us to rejoice with our sisters and brothers in their joys,
and keep us from envy. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Assurance of God's Presence

Call for the Offering

Offertory	**"Deep River"** Justin Glaser, baritone	*Traditional Spiritual* *arr. Mark Hayes*

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading	**Psalm 33**	
Sermon	**Faithful Living is Dying**	Melissa Stephens, MDiv
Black Hymnal #423 *Verses 1&3*	**"Great Is Your Faithfulness"**	*William M. Runyan*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Black Hymnal #1 *All verses*	**"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**	*Smith/Roberts*

Benediction

Postlude	**"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"** Max Gise, guitar	*R. Robinson* *arr. Max Gise*

Melissa Stephens *is a Member in Discernment at St. John UCC in Bellevue, scheduled to be ordained on Sept.18. She is serving as Outreach Minister at Florence Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Melissa completed her Master of Divinity degree at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1991 and has taken a 31-year circuitous route to ordination in the United Church of Christ. Melissa lives with her husband, John Wilson, in Bellevue and they are raising a puppy named Ollie. She enjoys singing with MUSE, Cincinnati Women's Choir, tending her flower garden (more like watching weeds and grass grow in it) and taking walks in the woods.*

CHURCH STAFF

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Guitarist

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Announcements

• Welcome to Christ Church

If you'd like information about our church, you can find our online service, newsletter, and much more on the church's website: **christchurchft.org.**

Visitors are encouraged to fill out our "Friendship Form" by scanning this QR code or going to: **https://bit.ly/ccucc-welcome**

• Living a Fruit-full Life

We continue our series in worship on the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) while our children will be doing the same in Sunday school. How are we "ripening" as followers of Jesus?

• Photo Directory — THIS WEEK!

Don't forget your photo appointment **this week**. Photos will be taken in the Parlor:
August 22: 2 p.m.–8:30 p.m.
August 23: 2 p.m.–8:30 p.m.
Please contact the office with any questions.

• Back to School Kits Mission

Please plan to stay after the service next **Sunday, August 28**, to help assemble the Back to School Kits for Church World Service. Thank you, Susan Gabbard, for leading this mission!

• Lunch and Learn

Join us on Tuesday, August 23 at 11:30 a.m. as Karl Lietzenmayer from the Kenton County Historical Society presents a program on the 18 murals located on the floodwall depicting the history of Northern Kentucky.
Lunch: 11:30 a.m., Presentation: noon.
For lunch reservations, contact **Nancy Hunter**

• Hosea House and Brighton Center

Thank you for continuing to support our efforts! Please consider donating the following items:
Hosea House: Bar soap
Brighton Center: Deodorant *(both men and women's)*.

• Anniversaries *(No birthdays this week)*

James & Linda Gracey **54 yrs.**

• Discipleship Opportunities

Each week, we have several opportunities to grow in our faith. All are welcome!
Sundays, 9 a.m., Chapel: Currently studying "The One Year Bible NIV"
Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Parlor: Currently studying *Grateful:The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks* by Diana Butler Bass. Please feel free to join!
Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m., Zoom: Viewing and discussing the Nooma videos connecting faith and life. Zoom link: **https://bit.ly/ccwednesday**

• Sing God's Praises!

Our first rehearsal is Thursday, September 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please consider serving your church through singing God's praises in a small friendly group atmosphere. If you have questions, please contact Toni Sheffer.

• N. Kentucky Youth Ministry

We're having a great start with a bunch of youth who are excited to meet on a regular basis! The next event will be on **Sunday evening, September 11**. Mark your calendars! More details will be forthcoming!

• Prayer Changes Us

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:
Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Prayer Requests:
Faye Gately, Jim Gracey, The Himes family, Margi McKenna, Al Rice, Mary Strange, Linda and Tara, Amber Schmidt, Dan Atkinson, Chris Witt, Marsha, Jeff Waxman, Roman, Lyuda and Natalka Shostak, Samantha Mecamp, The family of Lois Basham, Mike and Laura Randall, Thomas, Tice & Yon Cox, Jeff Searcy, Dave Schwab, Genene Lyons, Bill Hitch, Robert Neace, Marcia Storm, Jean Mettens, The family of Marvin Cox, Marissa, Tim, Ev & Jack Weber, Jean Lacalley, Susan Gabbard, Brenda Swan and family, Emma Hamann, Donna Hoffman, Joe Wuest

(Names underlined indicate request for first name usage only)

Please call the office if you need something changed added or taken off. (859) 441-2565