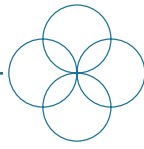


We embrace all as we journey  
**the way of Jesus**



CHRIST  
CHURCH UCC



August 28, 2022

## Welcome

### Prelude (*All sing*)

### “The Lord’s Prayer”

*Albert Malotte*

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

### Call to Worship

Carolyn Tyler

One: Though we may be inclined to brag,  
let us come together with humility.

**All: How good a thing it is when all of God’s people live together in unity.**

One: Though we may be tempted to use harsh words,  
let us come together with gentleness.

**All: How good a thing it is when all of God’s people live together in unity.**

One: Though we may want everything to happen quickly,  
let us come together with patience.

**All: How good a thing it is when all of God’s people live together in unity.**

One: Though the world around often encourages hate,  
let us come together in love.

**All: How good a thing it is when all of God’s people live together in unity.**

One: In humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity,

**All: Let us worship the God who has called us together.**

### Black Hymnal #495

### “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

*Huber/Zundel*

*All verses*

### 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.**

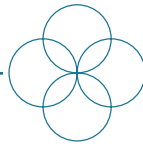
**Transform our sinful natures and teach us Your way.**

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

**"The Lord is My Shepherd"**

*Howard Goodall*

Talia Zoll, vocal; Max Gise, guitar; Toni Sheffer, piano

### Prayer of Dedication

#### Scripture Reading

**Proverbs 15:1, Psalm 23**

#### Sermon

**Fruit of the Spirit – Gentleness**

Rev. David Long-Higgins

#### Black Hymnal #539

**"Great Is Your Faithfulness"**

*William M. Runyan*

*All Verses*

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

#### Song

**"How Can I Keep From Singing"**

*Tomlin/Redman/Cash*

There is an endless song, echoes in my soul, I hear the music ring.  
And though the storms may come, I am holding on,  
And to the rock I cling.

**Refrain:** How can I keep from singing Your praise?  
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love?  
How can I keep from shouting Your name?  
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing.

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night, for I know my Savior lives.  
And I will walk with You knowing You see me through,  
And sing the songs You give. **Refrain.**

I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win.  
I can sing when I lose my step and I fall down again.  
I can sing 'cause You pick me up, sing 'cause You're there.  
I can sing 'cause you hear me, Lord, when I call to You in prayer.  
I can sing with my last breath, sing for I know that I'll sing with the angels,  
And the saints around the throne. **Refrain.**

### Benediction

#### Postlude

**"Softly and Tenderly"**

Max Gise, guitar

*Will Thompson*  
*arr. Walter Rodrigues Jr.*

## • 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](http://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?

## • 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.

## • Back to School Kits Mission

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

## • 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)

Joseph Houben	8/28	
Gary & Nancy Hunter	8/28/1965	57 yrs.
Jeff & Susan McDonald	8/29/1970	52 yrs.
Dave & Jill Draper	8/29/2009	13 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>

## • 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**

## • 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, Gene Lyons, 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 anything changed added or taken off. (859) 441-2565**