

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



CHRIST  
CHURCH UCC



April 9, 2023

### Welcome and Call to Worship

One: Oh God, we stretch out our hands to you in this early Easter darkness. We need you to pull us up and set us on our feet again, for we are weak and tired.

**All: God, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Spirit, have mercy.**

One: God, on that first Easter morning while it was still dark, one woman went alone to the tomb to do what could be done to honor you, though hope had drained away. Two bright angels met her there, and then —

**All: How is it possible? you were there. fully alive, beyond belief.**

One: Blessed are we who stretch out our hands to you in doubt and grief, in sickness of body and mind and spirit, our prayers not fully realized, rejoicing... anyway.

**All: For that is what makes us Easter people: carrying forth the realized hope of the Resurrected One, singing our alleluias great and small, while it is still dark. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### Prelude

**"No More Night"**  
Talía Zoll, vocalist

*Walt Harrah*

### Prayer of Celebration

One: You are making all things new.

**All: A new heaven. A new earth. A new way of thinking. A new way of being.**

One: You are making all things new.

**All: No more death. No more mourning. No more crying. No more pain.**

One: You are making all things new.

**All: Renew our minds to renew the world by living out your commandment of love.**

One: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

### Black Hymnal #233 *All verses*

**"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"**

*Easter Hymn  
Lyra Davidica*

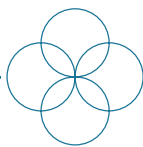
### Offertory

**"Hallelujah to the King"**

*Jason Michael Webb*

**Chancel Choir and Praise Team: Anna Gise, Talía Zoll, Laura Petracco  
Will Cooper, guitar; Max Gise, bass**

### Prayer of Dedication



## Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

## Sermon

Blessing the Easter We Actually Have Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

## Black Hymnal #245

"The Day of Resurrection"

*Jean Tisserand*

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

## Hymn of Celebration

"Halle Halle Halleluja"  
Children, Choir, and Congregation

*Traditional Caribbean Melody*

### **Refrain:**

Halle, halle, halleluja.

Halle, halle, halleluja.

Halle, halle, halleluja.

Halleluja, halleluja.

Jesus Christ is risen. Hallelu. **Repeat**

God we stand together. Hallelu. **Repeat**

## Benediction

## Recessional and Flowering of the Cross

"Toccata" from *Symphony No. 5*

*Charles-Marie Widor*

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## CHURCH STAFF

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**Rev. Dr. Edward Goode**

Pastor

**Toni Sheffer**

Music Director/Organist

**Max Gise**

Guitarist

**Talia Zoll**

Vocalist

**Kelly Kuhnhein**

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Bookkeeper

**Michele Wright**

Communications Director/Administrator

# 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](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>



## • New Members Gathering

Are you interested in becoming a member and covenant partner with Christ Church? Let Pastor Ed know. We are setting up a time to meet together and talk about what it means to partner with Christ Church.

## • Hearing Assist Devices Available

Please tell an usher as you come in the sanctuary if you need a hearing assist device.

## • Lunch and Learn

**Join us on Tuesday, April 25 at 11:30 a.m.**

David Savage, a docent at the Cincinnati Museum Center, explains why Cincinnati never finished the proposed underground subway. **Please join us!**

**Lunch: 11:30 a.m., Presentation: noon.**

For lunch reservations, contact **Nancy Hunter**.

## • Brighton Center

Please collect the following items :

**Dried Pasta** and **Pasta Sauce**.

## • Lost and Found

We have moved our lost and found box to the Parlor. Please check to see if something is yours.

## • Birthdays and Anniversaries

Marie Cunningham

Sara Mai

Toni Sheffer

Nate Kuhnhein

James & Helen Long

## • Discipleship Opportunities

Each week, we have several opportunities to grow in our faith. All are welcome!

**Sundays, 9 a.m., History Room:**

Learn more about the sacraments of the church with a video series by Rachel Held Evans

**Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Conference Room:**

Prayerful poetry with Rev. David Long-Higgins, our Heartland Conference minister

**Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m., Zoom:** Viewing and discussing the video series, *Bible Project*.

Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/ccwednesday>

## • Join the Choir!

Chancel Choir meets on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you have questions, please contact Toni Sheffer.

## • N. KY Youth Group

**Sunday, April. 23, 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

**Lakeside Presbyterian Church-Carriage House  
2690 Dixie Hwy., Lakeside Park**

A special evening of team building, games and learning. Snacks will be provided.

RSVP at: [www.lakesidechurch.org](http://www.lakesidechurch.org)

## • Prayer Changes Us

**Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:**

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

**Prayer Requests:**

Faye Gately, Joy, Genene Lyons, Margi McKenna, Pierce, Ev & Jack Weber, Don Spaulding, Tom Cox, Marie Shields, Barry Bordenkircher, Allan Smille, Jean Lacalley, Amber Schmidt, Bobby Grim, Roman, Lyuda & Natalya Shostak, Tim, John Jr., Sheila Mains, Sue, Judy & Greg Gadd, Kristen Bender, Mike & Laura Randall, Marcia Hosea, Emma Hamann, Lori Collins, Mary Ellen Harvey, Sallie Schmidt and family, Barb Walkenhorst-Derby, Landon Schmidt, Jesse Clayton, Liz Hotz, Bill P., Don Seifert, Raenon Justice, Dale Ann Wight, The family of Bonnie Hitch, Sarah, Kim Schnier, the family of Jim Gracey, Chris

*(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)*

**Please contact the office with any changes.**