

We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



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July 23, 2023

Welcome

Prelude

“Lead Me, Lord”

John D. Becker

Talia Zoll, vocals; Max Gise, guitar

Call to Worship

Jane Petracco

One: "Truly I tell you," says Jesus,
"whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,
And whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

All: May we be bound with love.

One: To bind, to be bound, to be bound with
So many competing demands and expectations: Aging partners and parents
Unplanned expenses. Demands at work and home and school and church

All: May we be bound with love.

One: Bound now, bound forever. Bound with whom and for what?

All: May we be bound with love.

One: What shall we carry with us into eternity? Our gold? Our politics?
Our relationships? Which? For with this choice, we will be bound in heaven.

All: May we be bound with love.

Opening Hymn

“Here I Am to Worship”

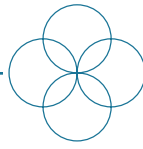
Tim Hughes

Verse: Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You.

Refrain: Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me.

Verse: King of all days
Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor. **Refrain.**

Bridge: And, I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross (2x) **Refrain.**



Praying Together

O God, send your Spirit upon us and light our path, that we may travel the road you have prepared for us. As we hear your scriptures proclaimed, and your word revealed, enable our hearts and minds to more fully understand your goodness and your grace. Help us break free from ideas that no longer bring life, that we may embrace the life-giving work of your Spirit. Challenge us to forsake paths that ask little of us, and help us resist the evils and temptations of this world, that we may truly follow the way of kingdom living. Amen.

Assurance of God's Presence

Offertory

"Love Can Build a Bridge"
Talia Zoll, vocals; Max Gise, guitar

*Paul Overstreet, John Jarvis
& Naomi Judd*

Prayer of Dedication

Scriptures

Matthew 5:21-26

Sermon

Hat & Cattle Pt. 2 – Relationships

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Song/Hymn

"Lead Me, Lord"

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Verse: Blessed are the poor in spirit longing for their lord,
For God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing for they shall be consoled,
And the meek shall come to rule the world.

Refrain: Lead me Lord, Lead me Lord, by the light of truth
To seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way, be my truth, be my life, my Lord,
And lead me Lord today.

Verse: Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,
and the pure in heart shall see their God.
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,
For I say they shall be satisfied. **Refrain.**

Verse: Blest are they who through their lifetimes sow the seeds of peace;
All will call them children of the Lord.
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,
for in heaven, great is your reward. **Refrain**

Time for Reconciliatory Prayer

Song/Hymn

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"
Words on Screen

Peter Scholtes

Benediction

Postlude

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
Max Gise, guitar

*J. Scriven/C. Converse
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.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out our "Friendship Form" by scanning this QR code or going to:

<https://bit.ly/ccucc-welcome>



• Hearing Assist Devices Available

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

• Lunch and Learn—This Tuesday!

This Tuesday, July. 25 at 11:30 a.m.

Our guest presenter will be Ashley Tinch, who has a BA in music and is currently working on her MA in music therapy. Her presentation is, **Music Therapy: its Purpose and Benefits**. Ms. Tinch will explain what music therapy is, what it helps with, and how to become a music therapist. Please join us!

Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the presentation at noon. For lunch reservations, contact Nancy Hunter.

• Brighton Center

Please collect Hygiene Items (deodorant, toothpaste, soap, etc.) Don't forget we have a new shelf in the parlor to make donating easier.

• Clearing out the Bomb Shelter

If there is anything of yours that was in the bomb shelter, it is now on the stage. Please pick up your items at your earliest convenience. Thanks!

• Diaper Drive

Diapers are being collected for Christi Stevenson, the sister of Joe Stevenson and daughter of Amy Wainscott. Let's fill up the bin in the Narthex!

• Birthdays and Anniversaries

Emily Karrick
Andrew Bach
Guy & Jeanne Karrick

• Discipleship Opportunities

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

For all three of the following classes, we will be discussing the book, "Following the Call" which covers the Sermon on the Mount. If you need a copy, contact Pastor Ed.

- **Sundays, 9 a.m., History Room**
- **Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Conference Room**
- **Wednesdays, 3 p.m.**

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

• Christ Church Meetup

On Sunday, August 6 in Tower Park, let's eat together and attend the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra concert **We'll meet at the shelter by the main playground at 6:30 p.m. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.** Either pack your own dinner or purchase it at one of the food trucks. Let's enjoy the concert together!

• Prayer Changes Us

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Prayer Requests:

Faye Gately, Joy, Genene Lyons, Margi McKenna, Pierce, Ev & Jack Weber, 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, Sallie Schmidt and family, Barb Walkenhorst-Derby, Landon Schmidt, Jesse Clayton, Bill P., Don Seifert, Raenon Justice, Dale Ann Wight, The family of Bonnie Hitch, Sarah, Kim Schnier, Chris, the family of Wilma Graves, the family of Nancy Faulkner, David Hosea, Scott, Stacey Seiter, Lori Collins, Jeff McCall, Kelly Greenwalt, Kristin Bailey, Jamie, Jenny Holek, Nancy McLane, the family of Lenir Kechu

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

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