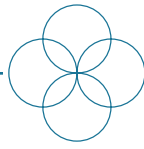


We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



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August 20, 2023

Welcome

Prelude

"Abide with Me"
Max Gise, guitar

*H. Lyte/W. Monk
arr. Walter Rodrigues Jr.*

Call to Worship

Carolyn Tyler

One: Wonderful God, you call us to do the impossible:

**All: to love our enemies, to confront injustice,
to share bountifully with the poor.**

One: You do not give us an inch: you call us to be perfect in our imitation of you.
And yet, you give us everything:

All: love abounding, the foundation of Christ, and the gift of creation.

One: Guide us as we gather for this time of worship

**All: give us the blessing of a faithful spirit, a willing heart,
and an abundance of grace. Amen!**

Red Hymnal #534 Verses 1, 3 & 4

"Jesus Is All the World to Me"

Will L. Thompson

Praying Together

Almighty, all-merciful God, through Christ Jesus you have taught us to love one another, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and even to love our enemies. In times of violence and fear, let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, so that we may not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good. Help us to see each person in light of the love and grace you have shown us in Christ. Put away the nightmares of terror and awaken us to the dawning of your new creation. Establish among us a future where peace reigns, justice is done with mercy, and all are reconciled. We ask these things in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God's Presence

Offertory

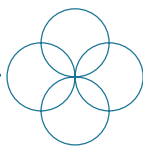
"If We've Ever Needed You"
Joshua Wagner, vocal

Mark Hall/Bernie Herms

Prayer of Dedication

Scriptures

Matthew 5:38-48



Sermon

Proximity

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Song

“Spirit Song”

John Wimber

O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul.
O let Him have the things that hold you and His Spirit like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain: Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing the song of gladness as your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain.
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. **Refrain.**

Praying What Seems Impossible

Song

“Let There be Peace on Earth”

Jackson/Miller

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers and sisters are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take let this be our solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let it begin with me.

Benediction

Postlude

“Postlude in g minor”
Toni Sheffer, organ

J.S. Bach

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• 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!

Tuesday, August 22 at 11:30 a.m.

Our guest presenter will be Reverend Samuel Finley, a current member of the local Cincinnati Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen. His presentation "Tuskegee Airmen Memories" will tell the story of the brave group of African-American airmen and their contributions to the war effort during WWII. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the presentation at noon. **For lunch reservations call Nancy Hunter.**

• Can You Make a Trip to the Hub?

The Green Team could use some help with making trips to the Cincinnati Recycling and Reuse Hub to drop off our recycling. If you are able to help, please call Michele in the office at **(859) 441-2565** to be put on a group email request.

• 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 (No Anniversaries)

Sandra Kuhnhein

Brenda Swan

No Anniversaries

• 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., History Room**
- **Wednesdays, 3 p.m.**

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

• Open and Affirming Process

If you have any questions about our Open and Affirming Process, please contact **Beckie Borah**.

• Brighton Center

Please collect Cereal. Don't forget we have a new shelf in the parlor to make donating easier.

• Prayer Changes Us

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Prayer Requests:

Faye Gately, Joy, Genene Lyons, 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, 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, Mike & Sheila Smith, the family of Margi McKenna, John Fugate, the family of Judy Robinson, the family of John Neumaier

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

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