

We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



CHRIST
CHURCH UCC



August 27, 2023

Welcome

Prelude

"Toccata in F Major"
Toni Sheffer, organ

Dietrich Buxtehude

Call to Worship

Scott Turner

One: We gather together in praise and worship of our Faithful God,
because our help and hope rests always in the Lord our God.

All: We bring our praises and thankful responses to our Saving God.

One: Blessed be the Lord our God, who is our security and home,
and whose mercy and grace frees us from all that traps us.

All: Blessings, reverent honor and glory be to the Lord our God.

One: We come together to praise worship our all-Powerful God,
because we are confident of God's generous care over us.

**All: Our eternal trust is in the name of the Lord our God,
who is our Maker, our Savior, and our timeless Home. Amen.**

Black Hymnal #22

"Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped"

Neander/Bennett

Praying Together

Loving God, today feels a bit like a mixed message. Jesus tells us that we are a city on a hill and a light to the world. We are supposed to be seen by the world. But today we will hear about how we are to keep things hidden – when we give, when we pray, when we fast. Help us to have clarity on how we are to follow, how we are to center our lives on you, how we are to be that city on a hill and that light to the world, and how we can live with authenticity and integrity. Amen.

Assurance of God's Presence

Offertory

"If My People Will Pray"
Kristen Whalen, vocal

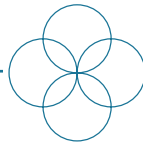
Words: Chronicles 7:14

Music: Jimmy Owens

Prayer of Dedication

Scriptures

Matthew 6:1-18



Sermon

Authenticity

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Black Hymnal #295
Verses 1 & 3

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

Scott/Hopkins

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Black Hymnal #293
Verses 1 & 2

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Doris Akers

Benediction

Postlude

"Zapateado"
Max Gise, guitar

Celedonio Romero

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode
Pastor

Toni Sheffer
Music Director/Organist

Max Gise
Guitarist

Talia Zoll
Vocalist

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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>



• Hearing Assist Devices Available

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

• 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.

• Items From the Bomb Shelter

The items on the stage in Hoffman Hall are being donated on August 31. If you see anything you'd like, please take it before then. Thanks!

• 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.

• Birthdays and Anniversaries

Joseph Houben

Gary & Nancy Hunter

Jeff & Susan McDonald

Dave & Jill Draper

• 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>)

• 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!

• 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, Jeff McCall, Kelly Greenwalt, Kristin Bailey, Jamie, Jenny Holek, Nancy McLane, Mike & Sheila Smith, the family of Margi McKenna, John Fugate, the family of Judy Robinson, the family of John Neumaier, the family of Nicholas Cobb, Andrew, Howard Storm
(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

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