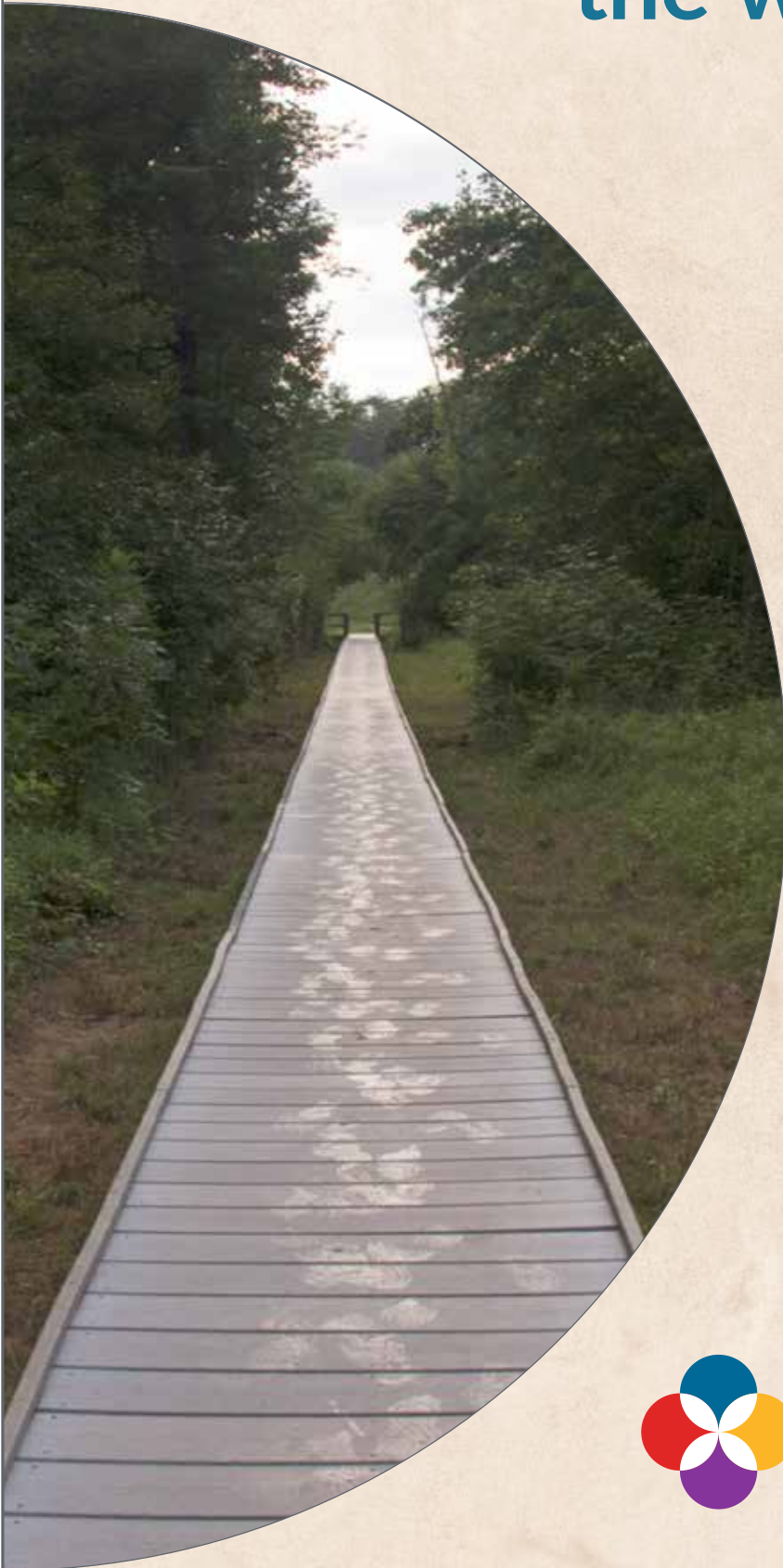
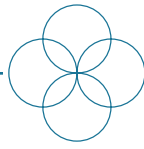


We embrace all as we journey  
**the way of Jesus**



CHRIST  
CHURCH UCC



October 15, 2023

## Welcome

### Prelude

**“Lauda anima (Praise, my soul, the King of heaven)”**  
Chancel Choir

*Lyte/Andrews*

### Call to Worship

Nancy Barre

One: When we seek your refuge but still find it hard to be calm,

**All: You are – everywhere.**

One: When our instinct is to fly from the world’s dangers and troubles,

**All: You are – everything.**

One: When evil seems to prosper and we feel helpless,

**All: You know – our deepest hearts.**

One: When our doubts and fears loom large, and the foundations of our lives seem to shake,

**All: You weigh – every soul with love.**

### Black Hymnal #14

**“How Can I Say Thanks”**

*Andre Crouch*

### Praying Together

God who sees us clearly in all our complexity and who welcomes us as we are, we bring ourselves to you this morning with honesty and love. We won’t even pretend that we don’t have worries and fears. We long for wholeness and we know - you are where we will find it. Help us to see you even as we are seen, to love you even as we are loved, so that we can go about our lives in calm faith. Amen.

### Assurance of God's Presence

#### Offertory

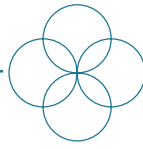
**“I Am His, and He is Mine”**  
Justin Glaser, solo

*Robinson/Mountain*  
*arr. Jack Schrader*

### Prayer of Dedication

#### Scripture

**Matthew 6:25-34**



## Sermon

Look at the Birds

Rev. Rebecca Bosarge

## Song

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

*Karen Lafferty*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

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

### Black Hymnal #473

*All Verses*

“Blessed Assurance”

*Crosby/Knapp*

## Benediction

## Postlude

“Oh How I Love Jesus”

Max Gise

*Traditional American Melody  
arr. Walter Rodrigues Jr.*

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## CHURCH STAFF

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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](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>



## • "After Death" – Oct. 27

A movie interviewing people about their after death experiences, including our own Howard Storm, will be premiering at AMC Newport on **Oct. 27 at 6:59 p.m.** Howard will provide free admission to anyone from the church interested.

**YouTube trailer:** [https://youtu.be/dc\\_u4taj8DI](https://youtu.be/dc_u4taj8DI)

## • Open and Affirming Process

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

## • Don't Miss "The Letter"

**November 12 at 6:30 p.m. in Hoffman Hall**

The Christ Church Green Team will be showing a special screening of "The Letter" which explains how we treat the earth is a reflection of how we treat each other. This will be open to both our church and the community. Please consider bringing someone with you. Light refreshments available.

## • Brighton Center

**October/November: Boxed mashed potatoes.**

We also have a shelf in the parlor for donations.

## • Birthdays and Anniversaries

Natalie Fugate

Helen Long

Anna Beimesche

Dave Draper

Brandon Fugate

Lucy Houben

Guy Karrick

Larry Stinson

Carolyn Honchell

Angie & Jeff Wells

## • 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>)

## • Photos for All Saints Day Service

Please bring in or email a photo of anyone you would like remembered on All Saints Day. We also need their full name, birth date, and date of their passing. Email photos and information to:

[office@christchurchft.org](mailto:office@christchurchft.org). Thank you.

## • Prayer Changes Us

**Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:**

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

**Prayer Requests:**

Joy, Genene Lyons, Pierce, Ev & Jack Weber, Tom Cox, Marie Shields, Barry Bordenkircher, Jean Lacialley, 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 Harman, Sallie Schmidt and family, Barb Walkenhorst-Derby, Landon Schmidt, Jesse Clayton, Bill P., Don Seifert, Raenon Justice, the family of Bonnie Hitch, 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, Andrew, Howard Storm, the family of Faye Gateley, Marshall Gantt, Sophia, Carolyn Tyler, Shane, Parker, Dave, Jane Cox, the family of Lillian Chapman, the family of Steve and Lesley Ann Gracey  
(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

**Please contact the office to make changes:  
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