

We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



**Covenant:
Created for
Community**



CHRIST
CHURCH UCC



January 28, 2023

Welcome

Prelude

"A Jubilant Song"
Chancel Choir

Allen Pote

Call to Worship

Katie Leftin

One: Holy God, Creator of us all, we gather to worship you
and to reaffirm our shared relationship as children of God.

**All: With loving care, God welcomes us to our shared
experiences of worship, fellowship, prayer and praise.**

One: Renewing God, we gather to be re-invigorated in our worship,
and in the witness and relationships that flows from worship.

**All: Together and individually, we will be cleansed and refreshed by
the holy winds of God's Spirit, as it blows around and within us.**

One: The Lord our God gives new life and new blessings as we come
together in the unity of one purpose – to praise and glorify God.

**All: Blessings, honor, glory and power belongs to our God, the
Creator of all humanity – who claims us all as beloved children. Amen.**

Red Hymnal #235

All Verses

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Van Dyke/Beethoven

Statement of Faith

One: One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another,
and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment
is the first of all?" Jesus answered,

**All: "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love
the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your
mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor
as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."**

One: Jesus said that when we seek to live by this *Jesus Creed* that we are not far
from the Kingdom of God.

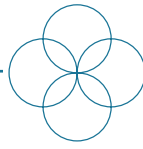
Assurance of God's Presence

Offertory

"Were It Not for Grace"
Tony Burdette, tenor; Joy Burdette, piano

Hamilton/McHugh

Prayer of Dedication



Scriptures

Exodus 32:1-8, 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 NRSV

Sermon

The "Wisdom" of Crowds

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Red Hymnal #295

Verses 1,2,3

"Search Me, O God"

Orr

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Red Hymnal #248

Verses 1,3,5

"Our Great Savior"

Chapman/Harkness

Benediction

Postlude

"Graúna"

Max Gise, guitar

José Pernambuco

If you would like to make an offering,
you can put it in the plate during
the service or you can give online
using this QR code:



CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Pastor

Toni Sheffer

Music Director/Organist

Max Gise

Guitarist

Talia Zoll

Vocalist

Kelly Kuhnhein

Director of Christian Education & Outreach

Jeff Searcy

Custodian

Barb Walkenhorst Derby

Bookkeeper

Michele Wright

Communications Director/Administrator



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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>



• Discipleship Opportunities

Each week... All are welcome! No need to sign up.

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

- **Thursdays, 12 p.m., History Room**

Both our Sunday and Thursday group will be watching and discussing the series, "The Chosen" which covers Jesus' chosen followers.

- **Wednesdays, 3 p.m. (Online)**

We're reading and discussing the book, *Hope: A User's Manual* by MaryAnn McKibben Dana. (Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/ccwednesday>)

• Youth Gathering – Today!

Today, Sunday, January 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Ice Skating Outing – Fountain Square, Cincinnati

We can't wait to see you there! RSVP at:

<https://lakesidechurch.org/index.php/nkyyouth/>

Winter Retreat and Pilgrimage

Friday, February 2, 6:30 p.m.

**Begins at Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church
6474 Beechmont Ave, Cincinnati**

A special experience for our winter retreat. Join us as we explore local sites pivotal to the struggle for freedom in our area and beyond. RSVP at:

<https://lakesidechurch.org/index.php/nkyyouth/>

• Birthdays and Anniversaries

Bradley Leftin

Tammy Weidinger

Linda Griffith

Ken & Stella Pendery

• Nominating 2024

Our Nominating Team is looking to fill spots with the Council and Legacy Teams. Please pray about those you feel might be called to serve in one of these areas. The team will be reaching out to people in the coming weeks. Thanks!

• Interested in Joining Christ Church?

Our next new members gathering is **TODAY after the worship service**. This is a time to explore what it means to covenant with Christ Church as a member, learn more about how God is leading the congregation, and most of all, to get to know each other better. Please let Pastor Ed know if you are able to attend. If that time doesn't work for you but you are still interested, please contact Pastor Ed as well.

• Open and Affirming Process

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

• Hats, Gloves, and Scarves!

As we enter the coldest months of the year, Brighton Center's biggest need is for cold weather items like hats, gloves, scarves, and coats. Starting in February, we will go back to collecting food and hygiene items. If you have new items, great! Or if you have worn items that are in good condition, please bring them by January 31! Thank you!

• Prayer Changes Us

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Prayer Requests:

Jack Weber, Chris, Gary Kennedy, Kent, the family of Evie Weber, the family of Al Rice, Mike and Laura Randall, Gary Plummer, Stacey Seiter, Bonnie and Daryl

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

Please contact the office to add someone:

(859) 441-2565 or office@christchurchft.org