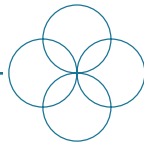


We embrace all as we journey  
**the way of Jesus**



CHRIST  
CHURCH UCC



February 18, 2024

Welcome

Prelude

**"It is Well With My Soul"**  
Toni Sheffer, piano

*Spafford/Bliss*

Call to Worship

Carolyn Tyler

Jesus at the table, which one are you? The one asking for the bread, or the one passing salt? The one listening, or laughing, or asking awkward questions? Every table is a possibility of encounter. Help us make it so, with questions and answers, with listening and change, with food and drink, with love and soup and invitation. Amen."

— *Being Here: Prayers for Curiosity, Justice, and Love* by Pádraig Ó Tuama

Black Hymnal #347

*All Verses*

**"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"**

*Jamaican Folk Song*

*Doreen Potter*

Praying Together

**Merciful God, we praise you for your unfailing love. We praise you for feeding our hunger for bread and for "the bread of life." We praise you for taking our little basket of fish and barley loaves and using it to feed others.**

**Lord, we ask you for your care and healing touch for those who are sick. We ask for your compassion on those who are suffering in our world. We ask for you comfort for those who are grieving.**

**We thank you for your daily tender mercies. We thank you for your daily love. We thank you for your daily grace.**

**Lord, empower us as we share who you are to a world who needs you. Lord, inspire us as we seek to inspire others. Strengthen us in our own weakness. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Presence

Offertory

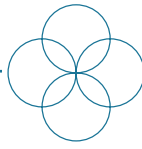
**"Who Are You, Lord"**  
Chancel Choir

*Ruth Elaine Schram*

Prayer of Dedication

Scriptures

**Mark 6:30-44 NRSV**



Sermon

Room at the Table

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Song

“Room at the Table”

Carrie Newcomer

Talia Zoll, leader

Let our hearts not be hardened to those living on the margins

**There is room at the table for everyone**

This is where it all begins, this is how we gather in

**There is room at the table for everyone**

Too long we have wandered, burdened and undone

**But there is room at the table for everyone**

Let us sing the new world in, this is how it all begins

**There is room at the table for everyone**

**Chorus: There is room for us all, And no gift is too small**

**There is room at the table for everyone**

**There's enough if we share, Come on pull up a chair**

**There is room at the table for everyone**

No matter who you are, no matter where you're from

**There is room at the table for everyone**

Here and now we can be the beloved community

**There is room at the table for everyone**

**Chorus**

**Instrumental**

**Chorus**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Black Hymnal #342

All Verses

“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

James Montgomery

Benediction

Postlude

“Bordón”

Max Gise, guitar

Virginia Yep

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:





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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](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>



## • Annual Meeting – March 10

Please plan on attending our Annual Meeting immediately after the service on March 10.

## • 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!

## • Open and Affirming Process

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

## • Many Hands Make Light Work

We need help with our Fellowship hour on Sundays. If you can help, please contact **Jenny Herrmann**.

## • N. KY Youth Gathering—Today!

**Sunday, February 18, 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

Lakeside Presbyterian Church Carriage House  
2690 Dixie Hwy., Lakeside Park, KY

Join us for a regular (but always awesome) meeting. We'll have dinner, games, a special lesson, and fellowship. Hope to see you there! RSVP at:

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

## • No Birthdays or Anniversaries

## • 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>)

## • Brighton Center

Please collect the following items :

Menstrual Supplies (tampons, pads, etc.)

Items can be left on the shelves in the Narthex or on the shelves in the Parlor. Thank you!

## • Lunch and Learn

**Tuesday, February 27 at 11:30 a.m.**

If you enjoy local history, you'll want to attend Lunch and Learn. Our guest presenter is David Schroeder, Executive Director of the nationally ranked Kenton County Public Library. We will be learning about the The Ludlow Lagoon, which was a major recreational center for Greater Cincinnati between 1894 and 1917. **Please join us!** Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the presentation at noon. **For lunch reservations contact Nancy Hunter.**

## • 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, Daryl, Susan Snyder, Bonnie Jones, Susan Gabbard

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

**Please contact the office to add someone.**

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