

We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



CHRIST
CHURCH UCC



February 25, 2024

Welcome

Prelude

“Who Are You, Lord?”
Chancel Choir

Ruth Elaine Schram

Sacrament of Holy Communion

“Prelude no. 1”
Max Gise, guitar

H. Villa-Lobos

Congregational Song

“Room at the Table”
Kristen Whalen, leader

Carrie Newcomer

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**

Offertory

“Sonata” from *Der Getreue Musikmeister, Movement I*
Melissa Cox, flute

G.P. Telemann

Prayer of Dedication

Scriptures

Matthew 9:9-13 NRSV

Sermon

The Welcome Table

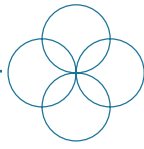
Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Red Hymnal #248

Verses 1,2,3

“Our Great Savior”

Chapman/Prichard/Harkness



Praying Together

Scott Turner

Holy God, you have fed us all out of your own generous and gracious hands. From them, we have received welcome, nourishment, hope, and consolation. May these things grow in us, alongside the gift of faith, so that we may plant their seeds in the world around us.

Through the Holy Spirit, guide us in the week ahead to remember our place in your great and on-going story of resurrection, redemption, and restoration through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Congregational Song

“Just As I Am/I Come Broken”

Elliott/Moffitt/Smith/Cottrell/Bradbury

Kristen Whalen, leader

arr. Dan Galbraith

Just as I am without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee. O Lamb of God I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot.
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God I come, I come.

Refrain: I come broke to be mended I come wounded to be healed,
I come desperate to be rescued, I come empty to be filled.
I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ the Lamb.
And I'm welcomed with open arms, praise God, just as I am.

Just as I am I would be lost, but mercy and grace my freedom bought.
And now, to glory in Your cross, oh Lamb of God I come, I come. **Refrain.**

Praise God, just as... I am.

Benediction

Postlude

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:



• 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>



• 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**.

• N. KY Youth Gathering—Today!

Sunday, February 25, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

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

Join us for a special Mental Wellness Night as we explore how to care for ourselves, together.

Dinner will be served RSVP at:

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

• Birthdays (No Anniversaries)

Laura Petracco

Daniel Tenhunfeld

Ruth Rowe

Austin Huelsman

Barbara Walkenhorst-Derby

Ellen Turner

Jane Petracco

Suzanne Jones

Cindy Bathiany

• 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 – This Tuesday!

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 call 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, Carolyn Ward

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

Please contact the office to add someone.

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