

We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



CHRIST
CHURCH UCC



March 3, 2024

Welcome

Prelude

"Canción Del Emperdor"
Max Gise, guitar

Luys de Narváez

Call to Worship

Bert Bathiany

One: Mighty God, You welcome us into Your Kingdom as honored guests.

All: You give us water to wash our feet, You give us a kiss of greeting, and You anoint our heads with oil.

One: Merciful God, You welcome us even though we are sinners.

All: You forgive our debts and give us a seat at Your table.

One: Wondrous God, we have come here to give You our worship and praise.

All: May we make a joyful noise at Your table!

Black Hymnal #206 *All Verses*

"A Woman Came Who Did Not Count the Cost"

*Irish Folk Melody
Leach/arr. Clyde*

Praying Together

One: God our Creator, in these moments of worship, we come to you with the words and works, the desires, and hopes, and fears, that dominate our everyday lives.

All: We come to give thanks in all things; to seek new perspective, to find new strength.

One: Jesus Christ, Son of God,

All: help us today to find our hearts burning — with a fiery love and devotion to you, so that, kneeling at your feet, we hear the tender whisper of your call.

One: Holy Spirit, Wind of God,

All: open our minds to learn from Christ, that in listening we might hear, and in hearing we might respond, as he invites us, to come, and die, and live.

One: Eternal God, Creator, Redeemer and Comforter,

All: hear us as we confess our wrongdoings. Often we wear ourselves down with a pretence of righteousness. Today, we throw off this attempt, simply admitting our failure to live in the way of Christ. Amen

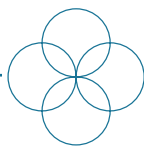
Assurance of God's Presence

Offertory

"With My Song"
Chancel Choir

Copeland/Schrader

Prayer of Dedication



Scriptures

Luke 7:36-50 NRSV

Sermon

Surprised by Grace

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Sacrament of Holy Communion

“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**

Red Hymnal #249

All Verses

“There Is a Redeemer”

Melody Green

Benediction

Postlude

“Andante” from *Organ Concerto*

Walther

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.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out our "Friendship Form" by scanning this QR code or going to:

<https://bit.ly/ccucc-welcome>



• Annual Meeting – Next Sunday

Please plan on attending our Annual Meeting **next Sunday** immediately after the service.

• Annual Report Available

There are a few printed copies available for pickup and the PDF is available online.

• Brighton Center

Please collect the following items :

Canned Spaghetti (like SphagettiOs®)

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

• N. KY Youth Gathering—Today!

Sunday, March 3, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

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

We need your help to make a difference! We'll take part in a special service project by assembling health kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. RSVP at:

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

• Birthdays (No Anniversaries)

Benjamin Hack
Steve McAllister
Eugene Lukjan
Zachary Hurtt
Donna Wilson
Mike Evans
Kemper Fugate

• 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>)

• Many Hands Make Light Work

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

• Open and Affirming Process

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

• 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!

• 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, the family of Bonnie Jones, Susan Gabbard, Carolyn Ward, Beth Caby, Erin, Nancy H.

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

Please contact the office to add someone.

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