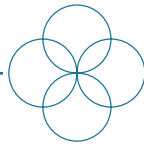


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**the way of Jesus**



CHRIST  
CHURCH UCC



March 10, 2024

Welcome

Prelude

"I Fall on My Knees"  
Chancel Choir

*Hallquist/Harlan*

Call to Worship (unison)

Jean Braun

Ever-loving God,  
we bow before you in reverence.  
You search for us, care for us,  
and welcome us home.  
We belong to you.

Transform us into your likeness,  
and feed us through your generous Word.  
As we wait for the Spirit  
make us more and more signs of your hospitality,  
so your kingdom may come, on earth as in heaven.  
Amen.

Song

"Room at the Table"  
Evan Stuart, leader

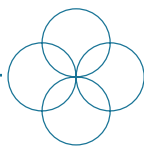
*Carrie Newcomer*

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**



## Sacrament of Holy Communion

**“Canción Del Emperador”**

*Luis de Narváez*

Max Gise, guitar

## Offertory

**“Sunset at the Beach”**

*Kevin Olson*

Ben Gise, piano

## Prayer of Dedication

## Scriptures

**Luke 14:7-14 NRSV**

## Sermon

**Excuses and Invitations:  
Empty Chairs at the Table**

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

## Black Hymnal #332

*All Verses*

**“As We Gather at Your Table”**

*Carl Daw, Jr.*

## Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

## Red Hymnal #92

*All Verses*

**“Joy to the World”**

*Watts/Rider/Holford/Mason*

## Benediction

***Annual Meeting is immediately after the service***

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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## • 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 – TODAY!

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

## • 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 Gatherings

**TODAY! Sunday, March 10, 5:30-7:30**

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

We'll gather for dinner, games, a special lesson, and fellowship. We can't wait to have you join us!

Register at <https://bit.ly/NKYYouth311> .

**Bowling Night at Strike and Spare**

**Sunday, March 17, 5:30-7:30**

**Strike and Spare, Erlanger, KY**

Hit the lanes for an evening of bowling and prizes!

Register for \$10 at: <https://bit.ly/NKYBowlingNight>.

## • Birthdays and Anniversaries

Noah Beimesche

Leland Stevenson

Thierry Paillette

Angie Wells

Audrey Bernhard

Debbie & Thierry Paillette

# Announcements

## • 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>)

## • Help Needed Scraping!

Areas inside the church need **scraping repairs**.

Barry Petracco has volunteered to do the patching and Bert Bathiany has volunteered to paint.

If you have time to help do some scraping, please contact the office at 859-441-2565.

Thank you!

## • Open and Affirming Process

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

## • 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, Beth Caby, Erin, Nancy H., Naomi Carroll

*(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)*

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

**(859) 441-2565 or [office@christchurchft.org](mailto:office@christchurchft.org)**