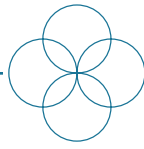


We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



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May 5, 2024

Welcome

Prelude

"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"

Max Gise, guitar

Anonymous
arr. Max Gise

Call to Worship

Barry Petracco

Holy God, we long for your peace, and trust in your promise; we hear your call to turn toward you, to change our lives and welcome you in. Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace, that our worship together may open us to the challenge of your dream of wholeness for all. In the name of the One who is coming, we pray. Amen!

Song (*unison*)

"We Declare Your Majesty"

Malcolm Du Plessis

We declare your majesty, we proclaim that Your name is exalted,
For You reign magnificently, rule victoriously
And Your Pow'r is shown throughout the earth.

Refrain: And we exclaim; "Our God is mighty!"
Lift up Your name for You are holy!
Sing it again, all honor and glory! In adoration we bow before Your throne.
Repeat

Praying Together

Loving God, be to us as a bulldozer of the spirit. Clear your road in us; clear a path through the detritus of possessions and obsessions. Thrust aside our divided aims and devious games. Topple the ramparts of pride and the doubts that deride. Make a highway on which Christ may come and take possession of the whole territory of our being. To the glory of your name we pray. Amen!

Assurance of God's Presence

Offertory

"Wings Like Eagles"

Chancel Choir

Allen Pote

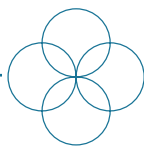
Prayer of Dedication

Response

"Doxology"

Old Hundredh

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!



Scripture

Mark 1:1-20

Sermon

Crossing Over Into Following Jesus

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Black Hymnal #43

All Verses

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Wesley/Zundel

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper and The Lord's Prayer

“Lord I Need You”

Max Gise, guitar

Nockels, Reeves, Carson, Stanfill & Maher

Red Hymnal #53

Verses 1, 4

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Seiss/Noble

Benediction

Postlude

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

Toni Sheffer, organ

Watts/Vaughn Williams

arr. Wayne Kerr

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

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Max Gise

Guitarist

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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>



• Spring Cleanup – RESCHEDULED

Saturday May 18, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m., show up any time to help clean our grounds. We'll be doing weeding, trimming, and overall cleanup. If you are unable to participate, consider contributing a suggested \$20 to pay a landscaper for any work still needed. Thank you!

• Brighton Center

We are now collecting **toothpaste** and **toothbrushes**. Dental floss is also appreciated. Next time you're at the dentist, ask them if you can have some extra toothbrushes or toothpaste samples. They might give you the whole box!

• Pentecost Potluck – May 19

Right after worship on Sunday, May 19, our Holy Smokers will be back in action as Ken Weidinger, Andy Luken, and Pastor Ed will all be lighting some Pentecost fires to deliver pulled pork for our second annual Pentecost Potluck! Last names ending in A-H, please bring a vegetable, J-S, a salad, and T-Z, a dessert. Don't miss this special time with your church family!

• Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anna Gise

Gregory Vogel

Stanley Grau

Shannon & Hunter Thomas

• 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>)

• N. KY Youth Year-End Picnic

TODAY, May 5, 5:30-7:30

Highland Hills Park, Shelter 2, Fort Thomas

Bring a picnic dinner and a readiness for some great games and an evening of fun. Register at

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

• 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:

Gary Kennedy, Kent, the family of Al Rice, Mike and Laura Randall, Stacey Seiter, Bonnie, Daryl, Susan Snyder, the family of Bonnie Jones, Susan Gabbard, Beth Caby, Erin, Nancy H., Naomi Carroll, Stephanie, June Warriner, Robyn Cox, Elsie Loos, Eve Wellborn, Stacey, Jamie & Kelly Greenwalt, Jennifer Flynn, John Thomas Flynn, The Flynn Family, the family of Phyllis Clark, the family of Evie and Jack Weber, The family of Rev. David Schwab, the family of Doug Miller, David Garcia

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

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