

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



CHRIST  
CHURCH UCC



May 12, 2024

Welcome

Prelude

**"I'm Goin' to Sing when the Spirit Says Sing"**  
Chancel Choir

*Benjamin Harlan*

Call to Worship

Marcia Storm

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you**

One: God shows no partiality. No race or group is shown special advantage.

**All: In every nation anyone who respects him and who does what is right is acceptable to him.**

One: You know the message God sent to all through the people of Israel.

**All: It is a message of peace by Jesus Christ, who has been made Lord of all.**

One: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

**All: He was put to death on the cross but God raised him up on the third day.**

One: He then appeared to many witnesses and commanded them to preach to everyone and testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

**All: All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.**

One: Today we gather in his name.

**All: Today we bless God for the salvation that he freely offers us in Jesus Christ.**

**Black Hymnal #395**  
*All Verses*

**"In Christ There is no East or West"**

*Oxenham/Reinagle*

Scripture Part I

**Acts 10:1-16**

Offertory

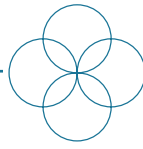
**"Love Lifted Me"**  
Kristen Whalen, vocalist

*Rowe/Smith*  
*arr. Michael W. Smith*

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Part II

**Acts 10:17-34**



## Sermon

## The Doorway

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

## Black Hymnal #286

Verses 1, 4

## “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

James K. Manley

## Commissioning of Council Members: Marcia Storm and Jane Petracco

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

## Black Hymnal #575

Verses 1, 3, 5

## “O for a World”

Miriam Therese Winter

## Benediction

## Postlude

## “Doxology”

Toni Sheffer, piano

Old Hundreth/Mark Hayes

## • 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, Judy Gadd

*(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)*

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

**Madeline Queen**

Director of Christian Education

**Jeff Searcy**

Custodian

**Barb Walkenhorst Derby**

Bookkeeper

**Michele Wright**

Communications Director/Administrator

## • 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>



## • Spring Cleanup – RESCHEDULED

**This 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!

## • Office Closed Tomorrow

The office will be closed Monday, May 13. Thank you for your understanding.

## • Brighton Center

We are now collecting **toothpaste** and **toothbrushes**. Dental floss is also appreciated.

## • Pentecost Potluck – May 19

**Right after worship next Sunday**, 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

Judy Land

Ellen & Scott Turner

Steve & Dana Pendery

Howard & Joy Storm

Gordon & Jean Braun

Greg & Susan Houben

## • 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>)

## • Graduate Recognition Sunday

**May 19, NEXT SUNDAY**

Celebrate your graduate! If you have a high school or above graduate you'd like included in the service, please contact the church office:

**office@christchurchft.org**, or **(859) 441-2565**.

## • Lunch and Learn

**Tues., May 28 at 11:30 a.m.**

The **Reds Hall of Fame and Museum Center**, will present, "The Long Ball: A Home Run History of the Reds." The program celebrates the signature moments of the Reds players who have home run lore. They will also be bringing some artifacts from the Hall of Fame for you to examine and enjoy.

**Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the presentation at noon. Reservations are required for lunch. For lunch reservations, contact Nancy Hunter.**

## • God Goes Green Nights!

**Tues. Nights: June 11, 18, 25 and July 9, 16, 23**

Start saving the dates for our all-ages Creation Camp that will be a shared fun, growth, and outreach event by Christ Church UCC, First Presbyterian, and St. John UCC Bellevue! We will have dinner together, then share in activities around *What Every Living Thing Needs*. **Dinner will be 5:30-6:30 p.m. with activities to follow from 6:30-8 p.m.**

Mark this on your calendar now!