

We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



CHRIST
CHURCH UCC



May 26, 2024

Welcome

Prelude

"Come Unto Me" Based upon solo from *Messiah*
Chancel Choir

Mary Kay Beall
G. F. Handel

Call to Worship

One: The Triune God speaks and we listen.

All: The words God speaks are the life and sustenance of all that exists.

One: The Triune God gives and we receive.

All: The life Jesus gives is the re-creation and renewed birth of all that is broken and worn.

One: The Triune God inspires and we respond.

All: The Spirit's stirring in our souls is the inspiration for creativity, compassion, joy, and community.

One: Let us worship the life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God.

Black Hymnal #277

All Verses

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Herber/Dykes

Praying Together

One: Let us approach God our Compassion, Healer, and Renewer to make our confession in honesty and hope.

O God, even as we celebrate your unity, we know that sometimes we forget the beauty of your three persons. We hold to your transcendent life as Creator and keep at a distance the challenges of Christ. We bow before your glory and keep your humanness away from the reality of our own lives.

All: Forgive us, Jesus Christ. Guide and guard us, Holy Spirit, and go on creating within us, Creator God.

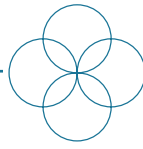
One: If we are tempted to think that we know all that there is to know, Holy Trinity, closing ourselves off from ideas which others offer and neglecting to search for even deeper truths:

All: Forgive us, Jesus Christ. Guide and guard us, Holy Spirit, and go on creating within us, Creator God. This we pray in faith. Amen.

Assurance of God's Presence

One: How much does God love us? Enough to send the divine heart, hope, and spirit to us, not to condemn us, but to save us.

All: Not by our speaking or doing, but by God's good and precious grace are we saved. Thanks be to God! Amen.



Offertory	"Allegretto in e minor" op.38, no.24 Ben Gise, piano	<i>Johann Wilhelm Hässler</i>
Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture	John 3:1-17	
Song	"God So Loved the World" Talia Zoll, soprano	<i>John Stainer</i>
Sermon	Do Not Be Astonished	Rev. Rebecca Bosarge
Red Hymnal #9 <i>All Verses</i>	"Worthy of Worship"	<i>York/Blankenship</i>
Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer		
Red Hymnal #190 <i>Verses 1, 4, 5</i>	"Alleuia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"	<i>Wordsworth/Beethoven</i>
Benediction		
Postlude	"What a Friend we Have in Jesus" Max Gise, guitar	<i>Scriven & Converse</i> <i>arr. Walter Rodrigues Jr.</i>



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:

Playing With the Spirit

Is there a scripture you'd like to hear a message from Pastor Ed on? This June, we're going to do a bit of improv in worship and to do that, we need your help. On the first four Sundays in June, Pastor Ed will draw a scripture out and, in an improv, Spirit-led way, will share a message on that passage. Please email Michele at michele@christchurchft.org or drop them off to her at the church office so she can collect these without Pastor Ed seeing them beforehand. Thank you!

• 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>



• 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!

• Office Closed – May 27

The office will be closed Monday, May 27 in honor of Memorial Day. Thank you.

• God Goes Green Nights!

Tues. Nights: June 11, 18, 25 and July 9, 16, 23
Christ Church – Hoffman Hall

Start saving the dates for our all-ages God Goes Green nights 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.

Register at: bit.ly/godgoesgreen

• Birthdays and Anniversaries

Rebecca Borah

Terri Jager

Elizabeth Beimesche

Marilyn Chapman

David & Donna Pendery

Andrew & Jessica Bach

Ken & Tammy Weidinger

• 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>)

• Lunch and Learn – This Tuesday!

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.

• 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, the family of Judy Gadd, Chris, Carolyn Tyler, Denise, Makayla

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

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