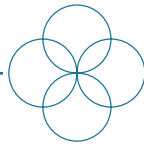


We embrace all as we journey  
**the way of Jesus**



CHRIST  
CHURCH UCC



July 14, 2024

## Welcome

### Prelude

**"Softly and Tenderly"**  
Max Gise, guitar

*Will L. Thompson*  
*arr. Walter Rodrigues Jr.*

**"Alleluia"**  
Melissa Cox, flute

*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

### Call to Worship

Nancy Barre

**One:** Welcome home, friends of Jesus, followers of the Way, family of God.

**All:** In the palm of God's hand, we are safe, secure, and beloved.

**One:** Welcome home, neighbors and weary travelers. This is a place where you belong.

**All:** Under this shelter of love and justice, we are protected from the storms of hate and winds of isolation.

**One:** All living things need shelter. We find safety, warmth, and peace when we come together in worship.

**All:** May the Spirit of God be home in our hearts as we worship under the wide wings of our Creator.

### Red Hymnal #35 *Verses 1, 2, 5, 6*

**"O Bless the Lord, My Soul!"**

*Montgomery/Mason*

### Praying Together (*unison*)

Ever-present God, you are with us as we wander and when we return home.

You are our shelter, even when we have no place to rest.

You are our home, because home is a place where we feel loved, where we belong.

You will never abandon us or kick us out.

As we worship you together today, help us be a shelter to those in need.

May all feel a sense of belonging and safety here.

Open our minds and hearts to the ways we can be a welcoming community to all who need a place to rest. Amen.

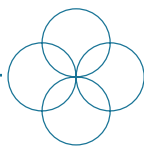
### Assurance of God's Presence

### Offertory

**"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"**  
Kristen Whalen, solo

*Tom Fettke*

### Prayer of Dedication



## Response

## “Doxology”

Old Hundreth

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

Psalm 104:1-9

## Sermon

Every Living Thing Needs Shelter

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

## Song (*see insert*)

Let Us Build a House / All Are Welcome

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette  
English folk melody

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

## Song

How Can I Help from Singing Your Name

Tomlin/Redman/Cash  
Bhraonain/Ryan/Ryan

There is an endless song echoes in my soul, I hear the music ring.  
And though the storms may come, I am holding on, to the rock I cling.

**Refrain:** How can I keep from singing Your praise?  
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love?  
How can I keep from shouting Your name?  
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing.

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night, for I know my Savior lives.  
And I will walk with You knowing You see me through, and sing the songs You give.  
**Refrain.**

I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win.  
I can sing when I lose my step and I fall down again.  
I can sing 'cause You pick me up, sing 'cause You're there.  
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord, when I call to You in prayer.  
I can sing with my last breath, sing for I know  
That I'll sing with the angels, and the saints around the throne. **Refrain.**

## Affirmation of Faith (*see insert*)

## Benediction

## Postlude

“Toccata in F Major”  
Toni Sheffer, organ

Dieterich Buxtehude

## • 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>



## • Brighton Center

For July and August, we'll switch over to peanut butter! Yum!

## • God Goes Green Nights!

**Last Night: Tuesday, July 16**

**Christ Church – Hoffman Hall**

Don't miss our all-ages God Goes Green nights! Get registered for a shared fun growth and outreach event! We will have dinner together, then kids will have activities while adults listen to a guest speaker.

**Dinner will be 5:30-6:30 p.m. with activities to follow from 6:30-8 p.m.**

Register at: [bit.ly/godgoesgreen](http://bit.ly/godgoesgreen)

## • Diaper Drive for Madeline

Madeline Queen, our new Christian Education Director, is expecting a baby boy in August. Please fill up the bin in the Narthex with diapers!

## • Hosea House

Our next Hosea House day is **Sunday, July 21**. We have a few spots left. Contact Pastor Ed or sign up online at <https://bit.ly/cc-hosea721>

## • Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jeff Searcy

Sandra Hurtt

Kristyn Lukjan

Gordon Braun

Barb Korpik

Mike Randall

Betsy & Rob Beimesche

## • 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

**Tuesday, July 23 at 11:30 a.m.**

Pastor Ed, our resident tech-guru will be sharing about all the fuss we're hearing about AI (Artificial Intelligence). Should we be excited about it? Should we be terrified? How has AI been used for decades now and what's different today? Ed will share some history of AI and will be able to answer questions you might have.

*(The preceding description was written by the AI, chatbot, ChatGPT.) Please join us!*

Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the presentation at noon. **For lunch reservations call Nancy Hunter.**

## • Prayer Changes Us

**Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:**

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

**Prayer Requests:**

Gary Kennedy, the family of Al Rice, Mike and Laura Randall, Stacey Seiter, Susan Snyder, the family of Bonnie Jones, Beth Caby, Erin, Naomi Carroll, Stephanie, June Warriner, Robyn Cox, Elsie Loos, Eve Wellborn, Stacey, Jamie & Kelly Greenwalt, Jennifer Flynn, Chris 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, the family of Judy Gadd, Carolyn Tyler, Denise, Makayla, Gregg Frank, Cathy Van Lierop, Gordon Braun, Howard Storm, Sharon Roach, the family of Shane Miller, Steve Jarboe

*(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)*

**Please contact the office to make changes.**