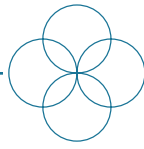


We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



CHRIST
CHURCH UCC



August 4, 2024

Welcome

Prelude

"Sarabande" from Suite, BWV 995
Max Gise, guitar

J.S. Bach

Call to Worship (Drawn from Ephesians 1)

Laura Petracco

One: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
All: who chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,
One: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
All: who destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ,
One: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
All: who has forgiven our sins according to the riches of his grace,
One: and has made known to us the mystery of his will.
All: This is our God!
One: Let's worship our God together.

Black Hymnal #498

All Verses

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Ghanaian folk song/Tom Colvin

Arr. Jane Marshall

Praying Together (unison)

Let us pray.

God of secret purposes and extravagant blessings, we come to praise you.
We come because we want to, we sing our songs because we are glad to,
we pray for your grace because we need to, and we ask for the love of Christ in our hearts
because without it we are a dead loss.

Please lift every shutter within our mind, and open every door within our soul,
that you, the Lord of glory, the God of countless hosts, may come in.
Through Christ Jesus, the joy of loving hearts. Amen!

Assurance of God's Presence

Offertory

"Is There Anybody Here That Loves My Jesus?"
Ella Clark, mezzo-soprano

Traditional Negro Spiritual

Arr. Undine Smith Moore

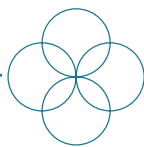
Prayer of Dedication

Scripture

Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon

Paul's Run-on Overwhelming Sentence Rev. Dr. Edward Goode
**About the Incredible, Amazing, Unbelievable,
Huge, Mysterious, Dynamic, Blessed, and In Every Way
Wow Reality of God's Love, Forgiveness, and Hope**



Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Song

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Matt Redman & Jonas Myrin

Refrain:

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, oh, my soul.

I worship Your holy name.

Verse 1:

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning.

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

To Refrain.

Verse 2:

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

To Refrain.

Verse 3:

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near and my time has come,

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Final Refrain:

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, oh, my soul.

I worship Your holy name.

Yes, I will worship Your holy name.

Lord, I worship Your holy name.

Benediction

Postlude

"Oh How I Love Jesus"

Max Gise, guitar

American Traditional
Arr. Walter Rodrigues Jr.

- **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**

For August, we're continuing to collect peanut butter! Yum!

- **Lunch and Learn**

Tuesday, August 27 at 11:30 a.m.

Our guest presenter will be **Mr. David Savage**, docent from the Cincinnati Museum Center. His presentation titled "**Daniel Drake and Frontier Medicine**" will tell us the story of a doctor who rose from humble beginnings in backwoods of Kentucky to become a preeminent physician west of the Appalachian Mountains in the early nineteenth century. It is a story of personal perseverance, intense rivalry among local physicians and the founding of the institutions which today make Cincinnati one of the finest medical centers in the country. **Please join us!**

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR LUNCH.

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

- **Open and Affirming Process**

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

- **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Andrew Hack

Bert & Cindy Bathiany IV

- **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>)

- **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!

- **Many Hands Make Light Work**

We need help with our Fellowship hour on Sundays. If you can help, please contact **Jenny Herrmann**.

- **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, Bette Ament

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

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