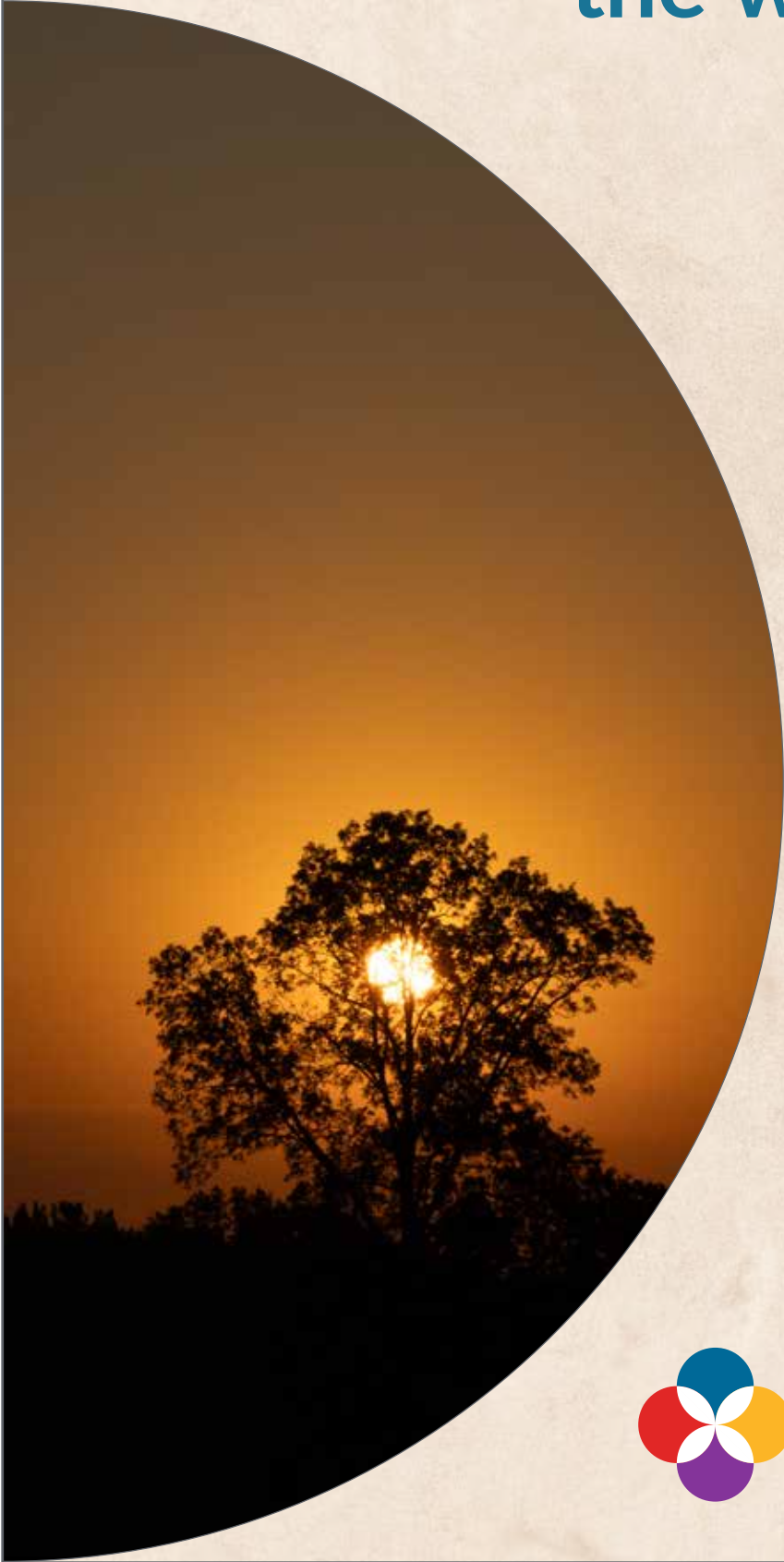
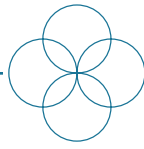


We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



CHRIST
CHURCH UCC



October 6, 2024

Welcome

Prelude

"Beautiful Savior"
Chancel Choir

David Allen

Call to Worship

Donna Hoffman

One: When we feel down-hearted...

All: Jesus says: "Rise!"

One: When we wonder if we can continue on our journey...

All: Jesus says: "I am with you. You have nothing to fear."

One: When we hunger and thirst in our souls for relief...

All: Jesus says: "Come, follow me."

One: Lord of hope and possibilities, be with us today.

All: Open our hearts and spirits to feed upon your healing word. Amen.

Red Hymnal #575

"Abide With Me"

Lyte/Monk

Praying Together

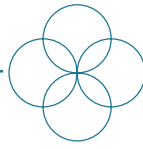
One: Lord of power and compassion, we are so overwhelmed in these times with fears.

All: We wonder.... "what will become of our nation?" We fear the anger and hostility that abides in the world, in our own country, in our own neighborhoods. All around us is anxiety about living. And often we draw into ourselves as a response to the needs. We want someone else to take care of those in need. We want someone else to fight our battles for us. We want someone else to stop the darkness. We feel as though we are drowning in the depth of despair.

One: But you, O Lord, are the bright light, the power to heal, the reassuring hand of comfort and strength.

All: You offer to us healing love, strength for our exhausted souls, courage to face whatever comes, with the full confidence that you are with us in all these times. Forgive our weakness and our little faith. Give us hearts of strength and hope. Enable us to be among those who would reach out to others with welcome, healing, forgiveness, and love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Presence



Offertory

"People Need the Lord"
Max Gise, guitar; Talia Zoll, vocals

Phill McHugh/Greg Nelson

Prayer of Dedication

Scriptures

Psalm 23, Jeremiah 20:7-18, Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sermon

Dark Nights and the Grace of God

Rev. Diane Vego

Red Hymnal #364

"Be Still My Soul"

Schlegel/Sibelius/Nelson

Prayers of the People

Red Hymnal #280

"Amazing Grace"

Newton/Early American Folk Hymn/Wyse

Benediction

Postlude

"Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"
Steve Phillips, piano

Garrett Parker

• 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>



• Offerings

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

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• 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, *Help Thanks Wow* by Anne Lamott.

(Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/ccwednesday>)

• Rev. Vego's Office Hours

While Pastor Ed is on sabbatical, Diane Vego will be in the office every Thursday from 2-8 p.m. with the exception of the 17. That week she will be here Oct 14 (Mon) from 1-4:30 p.m. and the 15 (Tues.) from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

• Brighton Center

We will continue to collect peanut butter through October. Thank you for your generosity!

• AED and CPR Training

Saturday, October 12, 9-11 a.m.

We will provide training for 10 folks from the church. Please contact **Jean Braun** at **(859) 750-8493**.

• Open and Affirming Process

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

• Many Hands Make Light Work

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

• Birthdays and Anniversaries

Donna Hoffman

Jenny Herrmann

Andy & Bridgette Luken

• Northern Kentucky Youth

Fall Festival

Sunday, Oct. 13, 2-4 p.m.

Neltner's Farm

6922 Four Mile Rd., Melbourne

We're hitting the road for a special Fall Celebration!

Get in the spirit of the season with us for an afternoon of activities including a corn maze, hayrides, pumpkins, and more.

• Skills for Disagreeing Better

Sunday, October 6 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Christ Church, Hoffman Hall

A workshop where we can learn to disagree better by not just seeing where we differ but also where we share common ground. Created by Better Angels, this is a FREE program (donations help) but you **MUST** have reservations. **Please register at <https://bit.ly/disagreebetter>.**

• Diaper Drive

Sarah Weidinger and Scott Stephens welcomed baby girl, Hannah Caroline Stephens, on Sept. 3 at 2:38 p.m. Hannah is the granddaughter of Ken and Tammy Weidinger. Please fill up the bin in the Narthex with lots of diapers!

• 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, Beth Caby, Erin, Naomi Carroll, Stephanie, Robyn Cox, Elsie Loos, Eve Wellborn, Stacey, Jamie & Kelly Greenwalt, Jennifer Flynn, Chris P. 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, the family of Stella Pendery, Mike Bizarro, Suzanne Jones, the family of Carlie Mc Mahon, the family of Guy Traylor, Susan Gabbard, Dave Jager

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)