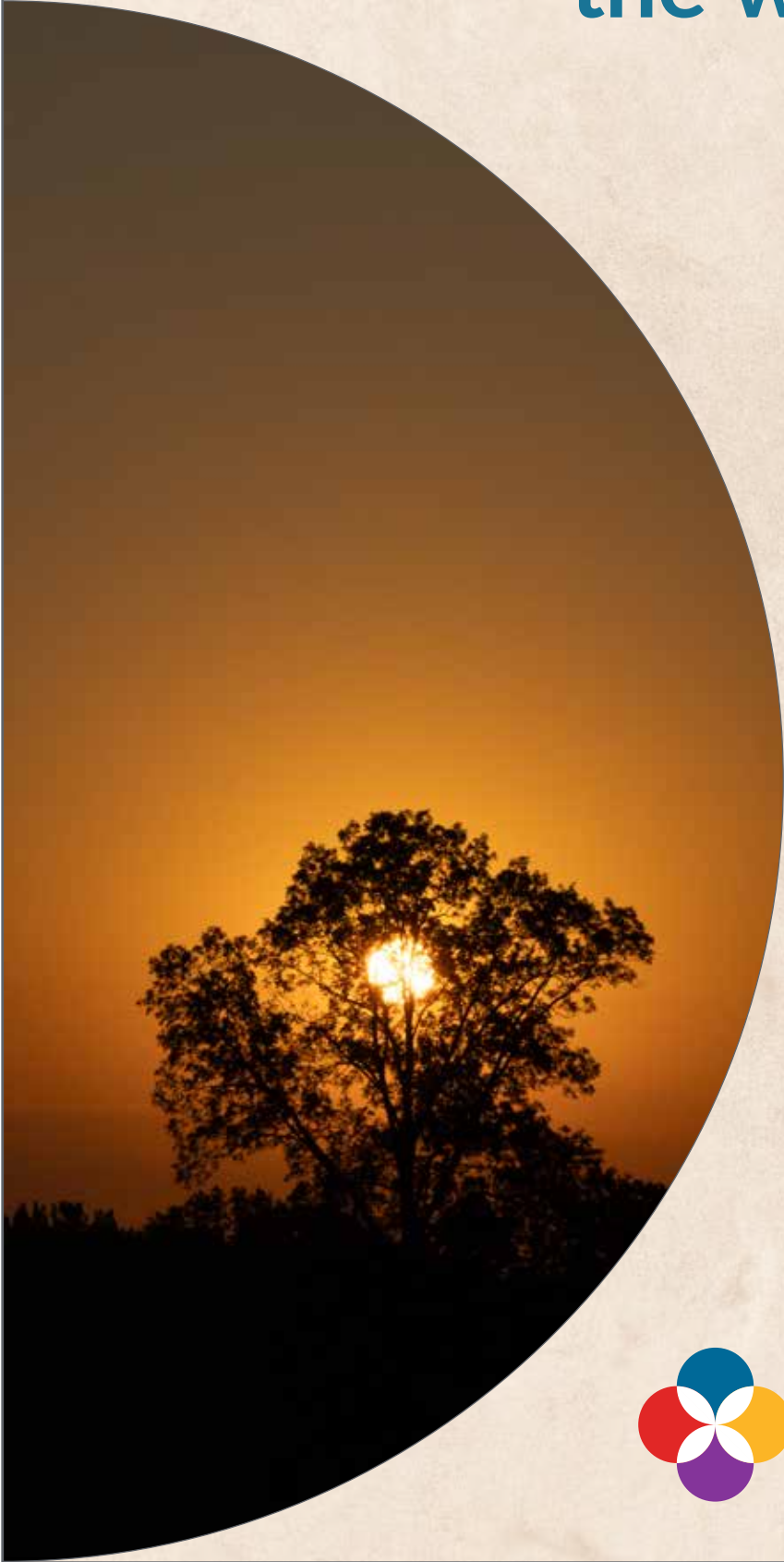


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October 13, 2024

## Welcome

## Prelude

**"Let There Be Music"**  
Chancel Choir

*Gordon Young*

## Call to Worship

Katie Leftin

One: We are blessed

**All: when what we treasure most is not based on wealth or possessions.**

One: We are blessed

**All: when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.**

One: We are blessed

**All: when our pain is lovingly and compassionately held.**

One: We are blessed

**All: when our greatest joy comes from beyond ourselves.**

One: We are blessed

**All: when we can gather together in worship.**

One: So, as we gather here, let us worship God.

## Black Hymnal #180

**"Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit"**

*Lyte/Monk*

## Praying Together

**All: Divine Mystery, we come before you today seeking humility, so that we can see you in the most vulnerable; empathy, that allows us to share the tears of all who weep; strength, for those in pain to cling to as they walk through life; gentleness, which can forgive and heal those who have harmed us; compassion, which looks at the other and sees your beloved child; courage, which embraces those we have been taught to fear; openness, which welcomes those who are ridiculed and marginalized. Divine Mystery, we are seeking words of hope, of comfort, and of grace, whispered in our ears so that we may whisper them to others. Amen**

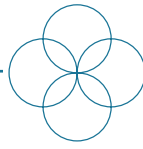
## Assurance of God's Presence

## Offertory

**"Abide with Me"**  
Max Gise, guitar

*William Monk/Henry Lyte*  
*Arr. Walter Rodrigues Jr.*

## Prayer of Dedication



## Scriptures

Matthew 5:1-20

## Sermon

Keeping in Mind the Kingdom of God

Rev. Diane Vego

## Song

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

*David Huff/Karen Lafferty*

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God	Hallelujah
And His righteousness	Hallelujah
And all these things shall be added unto you	Hallelujah
Hallelu, Hallelujah	Hallelujah

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and it shall be opened unto you  
Hallelu, Hallelujah

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

## Black Hymnal #181

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

*Marty Haugen*

## Benediction

## Postlude

“Autumn Moon Over Calm Lake”

Xiang Lee, piano

*Peixun Chen*

## • 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>



## • 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

### Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Pastor

### Max Gise

Interim Worship Coordinator

### Joshua Woodward

Interim Choir Director

### Talia Zoll

Interim Worship Coordinator

### Madeline Queen

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### Michele Wright

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# Announcements

## • 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.

## • Lunch and Learn

**Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 11:30 a.m.**

Our guest presenter will be **Mr. Todd Swormstedt** from the **American Sign Museum**. We will learn about the museum's large collection of signs that explore the ingenuity and innovation of the many signs that have shaped our culture. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the presentation at noon. **For lunch reservations call Nancy Hunter.**

## • Birthdays and Anniversaries

Connor Fugate

Patti Miller

Helen Long

Dave Draper

Natalie Fugate

Anna Beimesche

Guy Karrick

Brandon Fugate

Lucy Houben

Bud & Kathy Leftin

Angie & Jeff Wells

## • Donations Needed – Hurricane

We are taking donations today and next Sunday for the victims of Hurricane Helene. Baskets are available in the Narthex and Chancel for cash or checks made out to Christ Church and marked "CWS ERF." Online contributions can be made at: <https://cwskits.org/donate/>

## • Northern Kentucky Youth

**Fall Festival**

**TODAY – 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.

## • 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!

## • Brighton Center

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

## • 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 Bizzarro, Suzanne Jones, the family of Carlie Mc Mahon, the family of Guy Traylor, Susan Gabbard, Dave Jager