

We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



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January 12, 2025

Welcome

Prelude

“All We Like Sheep”
Chancel Choir; Jacob Priddy, piano

Joseph M. Martin

Call to Worship

Katie Leftin

One: God called Abraham and Sarah to leave their home and step into the unknown, trusting the promise of a greater blessing.

All: **We come today, ready to trust in God's promises, even when the path is uncertain.**

One: Sarah's and Abraham's boldness to follow God's call became a blessing to all nations.

All: **We are invited to be bold in our faith, stepping out in trust and expectation.**

One: God still calls us to carry our fears and doubts with us as companions on the journey even as we move to new places of faith and hope.

All: **With courage, we respond to God's call, ready to follow wherever God leads.**

One: Come, let us worship the God who calls us to boldness, faith, and new beginnings.

Red Hymnal #237

“This is My Father's World”

Babcock/Patris/Sheppard

Praying Together

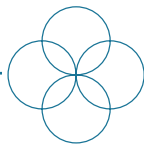
God of covenant and calling, you summon us into the unknown, guiding us with promises of life abundant. Today, we look to Sarah and Abraham, ordinary people who dared to trust in extraordinary possibilities. Teach us to step forward with boldness, even when the path is unclear. We know that boldness does not mean the absence of fear, but the willingness to move forward despite it. Grant us the wisdom to discern when to act, the patience to wait when necessary, and the faith to believe in Your unfolding promises. May our lives reflect Your love and justice, drawing others into the vast and beautiful story You are writing. And when we falter, remind us that You are the God who walks with us, as You did with Sarah and Abraham, always faithful, always near. In the name of the One who calls us to boldness and faith, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Presence

Offertory

“Psalm 104”
Talía Zoll, vocals; Max Gise, guitar

Amy Grant



Prayer of Dedication

Scriptures

Genesis 12:1-4

Sermon

Who is the Bold One?

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Song

“God Of Wonders”

Marc Byrd/Steve Hindalong

Lord of all creation,
Of water, earth and sky,
The Heavens are Your tabernacle;
Glory to the Lord on high.

Refrain:

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy;
The universe declares Your Majesty.
You are holy, holy;
Lord of Heaven and Earth,
Lord of Heaven and Earth.

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light.
And as I stumble in the the darkness
I will call Your name by night

Repeat Refrain

Hallelujah! To the Lord of Heaven and Earth!
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You are holy, holy;
The universe declares Your Majesty.
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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Song (*see insert*)

“The Summons”

John Bell

Benediction

Postlude

“God Is So Good”
Max Gise, guitar

Traditional/arr. Walter Rodrigues Jr.

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:



• 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>



• Stewardship 2025

Thank you for being part of Christ Church! If you have already sent in your commitment card, thank you! If you haven't please do so as soon as possible or consider using this QR code.



• Brighton Center

We are collecting peanut butter in January and February. Thank you for your generosity!

• Northern Kentucky Youth

Sunday (TODAY), Jan. 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Lakeside Carriage House

We're back for a new calendar year! Join us for a regular (but always awesome) meeting. We'll gather for dinner, games, a special lesson, and fellowship. We can't wait to have you join us! Don't forget to RSVP!

• Office Closed on January 20

The office will be closed on Monday, January 20 in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

• Birthdays (No Anniversaries)

Gayle Francis
Kenneth Weidinger
Bert Bathiany IV
Kathy Leftin
Fran McAllister

• Discipleship Opportunities

Each week... All are welcome! No need to sign up.

• Sundays, 9 a.m., History Room

Will be spending a few months with Pastor Ed's new book, "Ordinary BenchMarks," available for purchase on Amazon or directly from Pastor Ed

• Thursdays, 12 p.m., History Room

Studying a book going through the Hebrew Scriptures of the Old Testament

• Wednesdays, 3 p.m. (Online)

We will be finalizing our next study this week. (Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/ccwednesday>)

• Lunch and Learn

Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 11:30 a.m.

Many of us grew up watching television with shows like *Star Trek* and movies like *Star Wars* and wondered what it would be like to travel into space and hang out among the stars! Join us when our guest presenter will be **Dave Traut**, docent from the Cincinnati Museum. He will be sharing the experiences of the men and women from Ohio who actually did more than dream about traveling into space, they actually went there! **Please join us!** Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the presentation at noon. **For lunch reservations contact Nancy Hunter.**

• Prayer Changes Us

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Prayer Requests:

Jeff McDonald, Nancy Castleman, Fred Nippert, Susan Gabbard, The family of Maxine Noble, Makayla, Jamie & Kelly Greenwalt, Mike Bizzarro, Dave Jager, Chris P., Bènè and Janis

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

***We have started a new prayer list.
If you would like to add anyone on,
please contact the office: (859) 441-2565***