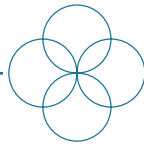


We embrace all as we journey  
**the way of Jesus**



CHRIST  
CHURCH UCC



February 2, 2025

## Welcome

### Prelude

**"Here Am I, Send Me"**

*John Purifoy*

Chancel Choir; Danny Manning, saxophone; Stephen Phillips, piano

### Call to Worship

Barry Petracco

One: Come, people of God, ready to step into the unknown with courage.

**All: We gather, inspired by those who risked everything to follow God's call.**

One: Rahab, with bold faith, welcomed strangers and trusted in the promises of the Lord.

**All: We, too, are called to act boldly, trusting in the faithfulness of our God.**

One: She defied fear, choosing courage over comfort, and aligned herself with God's plan.

**All: May we find such strength to stand for justice, to act with courage, and to trust in God's unfailing love.**

One: Come, let us worship the God who empowers the bold and guides the faithful.

**All: With hearts open and spirits willing, we lift our voices in praise to the Lord of all! Let us worship boldly, trusting that God is with us, just as God was with Rahab.**

### Hymn

**"All Are Welcome" (See insert)**

*Marty Haugen*

### Praying Together

Merciful God, we confess that we are often hesitant to act boldly in faith.

Like Rahab, You call us to trust in Your promises, yet we cling to fear and comfort.

You invite us to take risks for the sake of Your Kingdom, but we are slow to respond.

Forgive us for the times we have chosen self-preservation over courage, silence

over speaking out, and complacency over action. Open our hearts to trust You

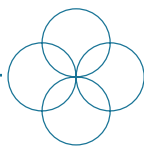
fully, even when the way forward is uncertain. Strengthen us with the boldness of

Rahab, who dared to defy fear and follow Your leading. Help us to see where You

are at work and to join You with courage, faith, and love.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

### Assurance of God's Presence



## Offertory

**"Steal Away to Heaven"**  
Kristen Whalen, vocals

*Mark Hayes*

## Prayer of Dedication

## Scriptures

**Joshua 2:1-24**

## Sermon

**Bold Complications**

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

## Red Hymnal #71

**"Shout to the Lord"**

*Darlene Zschech*

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

## Song

**"Largo" from *Lute Concerto in D Major***  
Max Gise, guitar

*Antonio Vivaldi*

## Black Hymnal #575

**"O for a World"**

*Miriam Therese Winter*

## Benediction

## Postlude

**"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"**  
Steve Phillips, piano

*Mark Hayes*

## 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

**Danny Manning**  
Choir Director

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Worship Coordinator

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# Announcements

## • 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>



## • 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

**Youth Gathering, Sunday, Feb. 2, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**Lakeside Carriage House**

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!

## • Hearing Assist Devices

We have replaced all the touchscreen hearing assist devices with FM-based units. They are in the Narthex and an usher can help you with working it. If you prefer to use your own headphones, you are welcome to do that as well.

## • Birthdays (No Anniversaries)

Linda Griffith  
Ben Petracco  
Timothy Borah  
Carolyn Tyler  
Isaac Lyman

## • Discipleship Opportunities

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

### • Sundays, 9 a.m., History Room

We're 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 Richard Rohr's book, *The Great Themes of Scripture: The Old Testament* to learn more about the first two thirds of the Bible

### • Wednesdays, 3 p.m. (Online)

We're studying Richard Rohr's book, *Jesus' Alternative Plan: The Sermon on the Mount*. Book available from online sellers or Pastor Ed. (Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/ccwednesday>)

## • Interested in Joining our Church?

If you are interested in joining Christ Church as a covenant member, we are working on setting up our next time to do just that! Please contact **Pastor Ed** if you are interested!

## • Open and Affirming Process

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

## • 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, Rev. Andrew Bierkan, Mike & Laura Randall, Don Seifert, Shane, Dave, Tim, Karen, Jerry Baynum, Betty Stein, Jan Kennedy, Allen

(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**