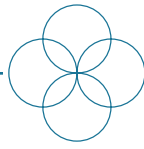


We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



CHRIST
CHURCH UCC



February 16, 2025

Welcome

Prelude

"Waltz" Op. 36, No 3
Melissa Cox, flute; Max Gise, guitar

Amy Beach
arr. K. Pasciak

Call to Worship

Carolyn Tyler

One: Here in this place,

All: there are no foreigners, for all are welcome in God's house.

One: Here in this worship,

All: there is only acceptance, for love is the language of faith.

One: Here in our lives,

All: there are no divisions, for God dwells in each of us.

One: Come, let us worship in unity and love.

Red Hymnal #302

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

Havergal/Malan/Mason

Praying Together (*unison*)

God, we read in your stories, "let your yes be yes and your no be no." But so often, we want to try to find that space in between those. Yes, but or no, if. Yet, you call us to a commitment that stands firm. Help us to have our yes be our yes and our no be our no. Help us to live that commitment in our relationship with you, with one another, and with the world we are called to serve. Amen.

Assurance of God's Presence

Offertory

"I Believe"
Kristen Whalen, vocals

Ervin Drake, Jimmy Shirl, Al Stillman, Irvin Graham

Prayer of Dedication

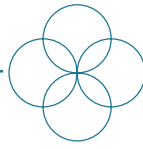
Scriptures

Ruth 1:16-18

Sermon

Bold Welcome → Belonging

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode



Black Hymnal #393

“Blessed be the Tie That Binds”

Fawcett/Dennis

Prayers and Litany of the Called

Red Hymnal #300

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus ”

Indian Folk Song/Eric Wyse

Benediction

Postlude

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Jacob Priddy, piano

Doris Akers

arr. Jacob Priddy

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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• 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>



• Lunch and Learn

Tuesday, February 25 at 11:30 a.m.

Our guest presenter will be fellow Christ Church member, Tom Pendery. Tom's presentation will focus on a member of his family, Mr. Ralph J. Stolle, described as a hard scrabble kid from Northern Kentucky whose curiosity led him to become an inventor and worldwide known business man. His company, The Stolle Corporation, held the patent for the the tab opener and the machinery used in the production of the pull tab cans.

Please join us! Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the presentation at noon.

For lunch reservations, contact Nancy Hunter.

• Brighton Center

We are collecting peanut butter throughout February. Thank you for your generosity!

• Lost and Found

Please look in the Parlor in our Lost and Found basket to see if anything there is yours. The basket is getting very full and items left behind will be donated sometime in the next month.

• 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)

Steve Kappesser

Donna Stinson

• 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!

• Congregational Meeting

March 2 after the service

More details of what will be in the meeting will be coming but for now please note it for your calendars.

• 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, Jim Rechten, Jr., Carol Manning, Danny Manning

(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