

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



CHRIST  
CHURCH UCC



February 23, 2025

## Welcome

### Prelude

#### “O Kou Aloha No”

Queen Liliuokalani

Kristen Whalen, vocals; Max Gise, ukulele

#### **Translation:**

*Your love is in heaven and your truth so perfect.*

*I live in sorrow imprisoned; you are my light, your glory my support.*

*Behold not with malevolence the sins of humankind, but forgive and cleanse.*

*And so, O Lord, beneath your wings be our peace forever more.*

### Call to Worship

Scott Turner

One: Come, people of God, let us gather to worship the One who calls us to lead with courage and faith.

**All: We remember Deborah, a prophet and judge, who led with wisdom and trusted in the Lord.**

One: God raises up leaders among us—those who listen to God’s voice and act boldly for justice.

**All: Like Deborah, we are called to trust in God’s promises and to step forward in faith.**

One: Let us worship the God who empowers us to lead, to follow, and to serve with courage.

**All: With hearts open to God’s call, we lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving!**

### Black Hymnal #537

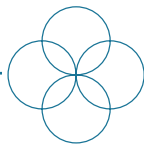
#### “Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed”

Francis Albert Rollo Russell

### Praying Together (*unison*)

**God of justice and wisdom, You call us to rise with courage and follow Your leading. We give thanks for Deborah, a faithful servant who led with strength and trust in You. Teach us to listen for Your voice, to speak with clarity, and to act with boldness. In times of fear, remind us of Your steadfast presence. In moments of challenge, grant us wisdom and courage. May we be vessels of Your peace and instruments of Your justice, serving Your purposes with faith and love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and guide. Amen.**

### Assurance of God's Presence



## Offertory

**"All Creatures of Our God and King"**  
Max Gise, guitar

*Traditional*  
*arr. Rick Foster*

## Prayer of Dedication

## Scriptures

**Judges 4:1-16**

## Sermon

**Bold Seeing**

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

## Black Hymnal #475

**"God's Eye is on the Sparrow"**

*Civilla Martin/Charles Gabriel*

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

## Black Hymnal #476

**"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"**

*Robert Lowry*

## Benediction

## Postlude

**"Brave"**  
Chancel Choir; Lela Bach, solo;  
Joy Burdette, piano; Max Gise, guitar

*Sara Bereilles, Jack Antonoff*  
*arr. Audrey Snyder*

## 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

**Max Gise**  
Worship Coordinator

**Talia Zoll**  
Worship Coordinator

**Madeline Queen**  
Director of Christian Education

**Jeff Searcy**  
Custodian

**Barb Walkenhorst Derby**  
Bookkeeper

**Michele Wright**  
Communications Director/Administrator

## • 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>



## • 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 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 continuing to collect peanut butter in February. Thank you for your generosity!

## • Lent and Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on **Wednesday, March 5** with our **Ash Wednesday service at St. John UCC at 520 Fairfield Ave. in Bellevue at 7 p.m.** We will be sharing the service with First Presbyterian Church and St. John UCC.

## • Birthdays (No Anniversaries)

Laura Petracco  
Daniel Tenhunfeld  
Ruth Rowe  
Austin Huelsman  
Barbara Walkenhorst-Derby  
Ellen Turner  
Jane Petracco  
Suzanne Jones

## • 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

**Next Sunday, March 2, after the service**

We will be taking action to review the 2024 financials, approve the 2025 budget, vote on congregational leadership, and get an update on the Open and Affirming Process. Please review the *Annual Report* and also the article from the Open and Affirming Team in *The Guide* prior to the meeting.

## • 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, Don Seifert, Rev. Andrew Bierkan, Mike & Laura Randall, Shane, Dave, Tim, Karen, Jerry Baynum, Betty Stein, Jan Kennedy, Allen, Jim Rehtin, Jr., Carol Manning, Danny Manning, Jana Guido, Bènè, Nelly

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

**If you would like to make a change, please contact the office: (859) 441-2565**