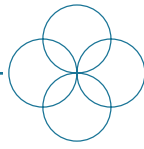


We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



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May 18, 2025

Welcome

Prelude

"Go Ye Into All the World"
Chancel Choir; Joy Burdette, piano

Eugene Butler

Call to Worship (*unison*)

Scott Turner

One: **Jesus offers a new-old commandment, that we should love each other.**

All: **With the incredible power and the unfathomable depth of God's love for us we can, we must love one another.**

One: And it is in this, our love for one another

All: **that the world will know whom and what we worship.**

One: Come, children of God,

All: **let us love one another.**

Red Hymnal #40

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Charles Wesley/John Zundel

Praying Together

One: Draw me today into fresh encounters with Jesus, O God.

All: **Make me a servant of love**

One: so that others may know how much You love them

All: **and I may know how much You love me.**

One: Let me not be afraid of new pastures,

All: **whether they be green or brown or parched.**

One: And as I pass through whatever the day's valleys,

All: **keep my head lifted up to the mountain, from where my help comes.**

One: Never let me forget the people Jesus welcomed...

All: **the greedy and the great, the bad and the good, the respected and the cheats.**

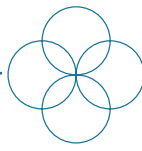
One: Even as the world becomes more callous and chaotic,

All: **may I never underestimate Your capacity to fashion the miraculous from the monstrous,**

One: even to make me a choice masterpiece

All: **from the mire and the clay. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Presence



Offertory

"Oh How I Love Jesus"
Max Gise, guitar

*Trad. American melody/Frederick Whitfield
arr. Walter Rodrigues Jr.*

Prayer of Dedication

Scriptures

John 13:31-35

Sermon

Jesus Shows Up in Radical Love

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Song

"Love Can Build a Bridge"

Naomi Judd/Paul Overstreet/John Barlow Jarvis

All join on the refrain (cued):

Love can build a bridge
Between your heart and mine.
Love can build a bridge,
Don't you think it's time?
Don't you think it's time?

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Song

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

Peter Scholtes

Verse 1:

We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that our unity
may one day be restored.

Chorus:

And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

Verse 2:

We will work with each other,
we will work side by side;
We will work with each other,
we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity
and save each man's pride.

[Chorus]

Verse 3:

We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that our unity
may one day be restored.

[Chorus]

Benediction

Postlude

"One"
Talia Zoll, vocals; Max Gise, guitar

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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:





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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>



• Peanut Butter for Brighton Center

We are collecting peanut butter in May and June. Thank you for your generosity!

• Interim Pastor – Diane Vego

Our new interim pastor, Diane Vego, will be starting at the end of June. Please welcome her to our church family.

• Pastoral Search Committee

If you are interested in serving on the pastoral search committee, please contact **Debbie Paillette**.

• Update on Recycling Station!

Please do not bring any styrofoam or shoes!

We are no longer collecting those. Also, please make sure there is **no label on your prescription bottles or they will not take them**. They ONLY take brown or blue prescription bottles. **No supplement or white bottles**. You can save those for Rumpke. **Thank you for recycling!**

• Birthdays (No Anniversaries)

Jill Draper

Mary Hertzman

Ken Honchell

ZsaZsa Bach

• 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>)

• Lunch and Learn

Tuesday, May 27 at 11:30 a.m.

Join us as our guest presenter will be **Mr. Scott Ernschwender of the Cincinnati Museum Center**.

His presentation is, **"The Roaring 20's and Depression Era, 1920-1940."** The Art deco designs of such iconic buildings as the Crew Tower, Union Terminal, the Enquirer, and Times Star buildings along with many others will be discussed. Please join us!

Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the presentation at noon. **For lunch reservations, call Nancy Hunter.**

• Prayer Changes Us

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Prayer Requests:

Jeff McDonald, Nancy Castleman, Fred Nippert, The family of Maxine Noble, Makayla, Jamie & Kelly Greenwalt, Mike Bizzarro, Dave Jager, Chris P., Bèné and Janis, Don Seifert, Mike & Laura Randall, Shane, Dave, Tim, Karen, Jerry Baynum, Jan Kennedy, Allen, Tammy Weidinger, Jim Rechten Jr., Carol Manning, Danny Manning, Jana Guido, Béné, Nelly, Carol Blair, Tony Asher, Shelley, Lee Cordray, Steve McCall, Jackson Vanderpool, Warren Witt, Jason Pierce, Barbara Walkenhorst-Derby
(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)