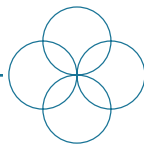


We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



CHRIST
CHURCH UCC



May 25, 2025

Welcome

Prelude

"Secret of Life"

James Taylor

Danny Manning, voice and piano

Call to Worship (*unison*)

Bert Bathiany

One: Come, beloved of God, to this place of healing and hope.

All: We come, weary from waiting, longing to be made whole.

One: Here, the Spirit stirs not only the waters, but our very hearts.

All: We come, not because we have all the answers,

One: But because we trust in a Love that asks us, "Do you want to be made well?"

All: Yes, Christ—we are ready. We are open. We are here.

One: Then rise, take heart, and walk into new life.

All: Let us worship the One who makes all things new.

Black Hymnal #488

"Be Still, My Soul"

Katharina von Schlegel/Jean Sibelius

Praying Together

One: Healing Christ, you meet us where we are—by the water, on the margins, stuck in stories we think cannot change. You do not wait for perfect faith or perfect effort. You simply ask: "Do you want to be made well?" And in that question, You offer us the possibility of transformation.

All: So we open our hearts to Your healing grace.

Lift us from resignation into renewal, from passivity into purpose.

Where we are tired, restore us. Where we are stuck, move us.

Where we are afraid, embolden us.

We trust in Your presence and Your power to make us whole—

Not just for our own sake, but for the healing of the world. Amen.

Assurance of God's Presence

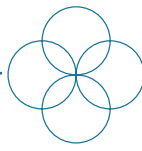
Offertory

"Blessings"

Laura Story

Talia Zoll, vocals; Max Gise, guitar; Joy Burdette, piano

Prayer of Dedication



Scripture

John 5:1-9

Sermon

For the hurting, Jesus shows up

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Black Hymnal #553

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

African-American spiritual

Prayers for Healing and Restoration

Song

"Healing Waters"

Trevor Thomson

Benediction

Postlude

"America the Beautiful"

Max Gise, guitar

Katherine Lee Bates/Samuel A. Ward

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>



• Celebration for Pastor Ed

Sunday, June 22

Hoffman Hall after the service

Join us as we honor Ed on his last Sunday with us.

LUNCH:

Meat and beverage provided.

Last name initial, please bring:

A-O: Salad or Vegetable

P-Z: Dessert (bite size)

Any questions, please contact **Linda Gracey** at (859) 380-1588 or lgracey1216@gmail.com

• 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**.

• Peanut Butter for Brighton Center

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

• Birthdays and Anniversaries

Rebecca Borah

Terri Jager

Elizabeth Beimesche

David & Donna Pendery

Andrew & Jessica Bach

Ken & Tammy Weidinger

Announcements

• 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, contact 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 Rehtin Jr., Carol Manning, Danny Manning, Jana Guido, Béné, Nelly, Carol Blair, Tony Asher, Shelley, Steve McCall, Jackson Vanderpool, Warren Witt, Jason Pierce, Donna Hoffman, Barbara Walkenhorst-Derby

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)