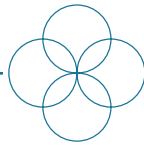


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**the way of Jesus**



CHRIST  
CHURCH UCC



September 7, 2025

## Welcome

## Prelude

### **"Thy Word"**

*Michael W. Smith and Amy Grant*

Danny Manning and Anna Berringer, vocals; Jacob Priddy, piano

## Call to Worship

Marcia Storm

One: Rejoice, seekers of wisdom and truth,

**All: God's wisdom calls us here.**

One: Behold, followers of godly direction and guidance,

**All: Christ's love shows us the way.**

One: Sing, children of thanksgiving and praise,

**All: The Spirit's presence gathers us together.**

One: Come, let us worship and rejoice!

**All: Let us sing our praises to God. Amen.**

## Red Hymnal #386

### **"Be Thou My Vision"**

## Praying Together

We come before You with hearts eager to learn and grow. Grant us wisdom and understanding, as we navigate the path of knowledge. Open our minds to the wonders of Your creation. Help us see Your hand in every lesson and every discovery. Inspire us to use our talents to serve others. Equip us with the skills and insights to make a difference in the world, reflecting Your love and truth. Remind us that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Fill us with courage to face difficulties and grace to embrace growth. Let our minds be renewed, our hearts inspired, and our spirits uplifted as we worship You. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

## Assurance of God's Presence

## Offertory

### **"More Precious Than Silver"**

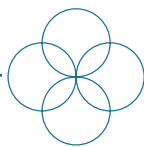
*Lynn DeShazo*

Anna Berringer, vocals; Danny Manning, saxophone; Jacob Priddy, piano

## Prayer of Dedication

## Scriptures

Proverbs 3:13-18 and 1 Corinthians 1:22-25



## Sermon

## Blessed Are Those Who Find Wisdom

Rev. Diane Vego

## Song

### "Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"

#### Verse:

Open the Eyes of My heart, Lord,  
Open the Eyes of My heart;  
I want to see You,  
I want to see You.

#### [Repeat]

#### Chorus:

To see You high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love as we sing,  
Holy, holy, holy.

#### [Back to Verse 2x]

#### [Chorus 2x]

Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy.  
I want to see You.

#### [Repeat]

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

### "The Love of the Lord "

Jacob Priddy, piano

Michael Joncas

## Red Hymnal #348

### "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

## Benediction

## Postlude

### "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Danny Manning, saxophone; Jacob Priddy, piano

Thomas Dorsey

## 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. Diane Vego

Interim Pastor

### Max Gise

Worship Coordinator

### Talia Zoll

Worship Coordinator

### Danny Manning

Choir Director

### Madeline Queen

Director of Christian Education

### Michele Wright

Communications Director/Administrator

### Barb Walkenhorst Derby

Bookkeeper

### Jeff Searcy

Custodian



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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](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>



- **Coffee with the Pastor**

**Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. — Parlor**

Give yourself a break and have coffee and casual conversation with Pastor Diane. All are invited to meet in the Parlor every Tuesday unless noted.

- **Mac & Cheese for Brighton Center**

We are collecting boxes of macaroni and cheese (the type that has a squeezable cheese pouch) for September and October.

- **Choir is Back!**

Rehearsals are at 10 a.m. before the service and immediately following until about 12:30 p.m.

**The first rehearsal is today!**

If you have not been a part of our choir, **we would love to have you. All are welcome.**

Let's make some beautiful music together!

If you have any questions, contact Danny.

- **Diapers! Diapers! Diapers!**

Brandon and Natalie (Turner) Fugate are giving a baby brother or sister to Kemper and Connor. Please support this mission by filling the diaper bin in the Narthex with diapers and wipes.

The collection will go until September 21.

- **Birthdays (No Anniversaries)**

Amy Pendery

Edward Goode

Greg Houben

Ken Pendery

Pamela Foote

Andy Luken

# Announcements

- **Discipleship Opportunities**

Pastor Diane will continue to help facilitate our three discipleship groups (Sunday at 9 a.m., Wednesdays at 3 p.m. on Zoom, and Thursdays at noon at the church). Details of what the groups will be digging into will be shared as they meet with Pastor Diane.

- **CWS Kids Kits Assembly!**

**TODAY! Right after church**

Please join us for this important and meaningful mission project! Formerly called School Kits, these colorful bags are filled with school supplies for children in refugee camps and disaster areas, both in the U.S. and abroad. They help children have a much needed sense of structure in difficult times.

- **Pastoral Search Committee**

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

- **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., Bènè and Janis, Don Seifert, Mike & Laura Randall, Shane, Dave, Tim, Karen, Jan Kennedy, Allen, Tammy Weidinger, Jim Rechten Jr., Carol Manning, Danny Manning, Jana Guido, Bénè, Nelly, Carol Blair, Tony Asher, Shelley, Steve McCall, Jackson Vanderpool, Warren Witt, Jason Pierce, Donna Hoffman, Barbara Walkenhorst-Derby, Tim Kennedy, Mark Helminiak, Donna Prues and family, Tom Raney, Jim Oates, General Fernbach, Mary Hertzman, Gordon Braun, Chris Evans, Marcia & David Hosea

*(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)*

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