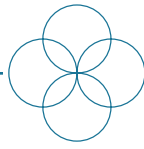


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CHRIST
CHURCH UCC



September 21, 2025

Welcome

Prelude

"It Is Well With My Soul"
Chancel Choir

Phillip P. Bliss/Horatio G. Spafford
arr. Milt Friesen

Call to Worship

Scott Turner

One: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!
ALL: We come in celebration and song.
One: We come in gratitude of your inheritance.
ALL: We come as those who have received blessing upon blessing.
One: We hear the cry of the poor in the land and ache to offer them relief.
ALL: We come to bring them blessing upon blessing, in Jesus' name.
One: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!
ALL: We come in celebration and song.
One: Amen! Alleluia!

Song

"Enough"

Chris Tomlin/Louie Giglio

Praying Together

Gracious God, your people are suffering.
Where there is woundedness, help us bring healing.
Where there is discouragement, help us bring support and comfort.
Where there is dismay and mourning, help us bring the power of new life
and new opportunities.
Heal us, O God, for you are our help and our hope,
the One we turn to in times of trouble.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

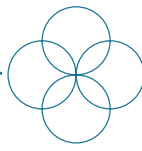
Assurance of God's Presence

Offertory

"If We're Honest"
Talía Zoll, vocalist; Max Gise, guitar; Mike Darrah, piano

Francesca Battistelli/Jeff Pardo/Molly E. Reed

Prayer of Dedication



Scripture

Luke 16: 1-13

Sermon

Being Trustworthy

Rev. Melissa Stephens

Red Hymnal #295

"Search Me, O God"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Red Hymnal #415

"Trusting Jesus"

Benediction

Postlude

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Max Gise, guitar

Traditional Spiritual

arr. Max Gise

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.

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.

- **Service Schedule Change!**

Starting on Sunday, September 28, the Children's Time will be at the beginning of the service instead of the end. Please bring your children into the sanctuary. After the Children's Time, Ms. Madeline will take them downstairs and you can pick them up there after the service. Thank you!

- **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.

- **Diapers! Diapers! Diapers!**

Nathan and Laura Randall are having **Twins!** Excited grandparents are Laura and Mike Randall. Please support this mission by filling the diaper bin in the Narthex with diapers and wipes. The twins are expected at the end of the year.

- **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Jean Mettens
Katie Leftin
Pam Weber
Melody Gold Bizzarro
Emma Lyman
Marcia Hosea

Natalie & Brandon Fugate

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.

- **Volunteer for Hosea House!**

Sunday, October 5

Christ Church will be serving dinner at Hosea House and we need your help to make it a success. Please check your calendar and sign up at the link emailed out. Thank you!

- **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, Karma Klingenberg, Jeff K.

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

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