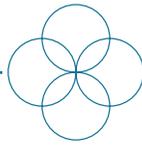


We embrace all as we journey  
**the way of Jesus**



CHRIST  
CHURCH UCC



October 19, 2025

## Welcome

## Prelude

**“Lonesome Valley”**  
Chancel Choir

*Traditional*  
*arr. Gilbert M. Martin*

## Call to Worship

Janet Fischer, Liturgist

One: As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship -  
**All: We bring the burdens of the week.**  
One: We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.  
**All: We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions.**  
One: We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.  
**All: We bring all this to each other and to God, whom we worship today.**  
One: Amen! Alleluia!

## Song

**“Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord”**

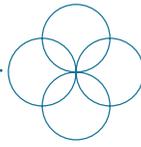
*Paul Baloche*

<b>Verse:</b>	<b>[Back to Verse 2x]</b>
Open the Eyes of My heart, Lord,	<b>[Chorus 2x]</b>
Open the Eyes of My heart;	Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see You,	Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see You.	Holy, holy, holy.
<b>[Repeat]</b>	I want to see You.
<b>Chorus:</b>	<b>[Repeat]</b>
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.	

## Praying Together *(unison)*

Lord Jesus, in our moments of agony, we seek Your strength to carry us through.  
When the weight of our burdens feels unbearable, grant us the courage to persevere  
and the faith to trust in your divine plan. Forgive us when we bargain for a new life.  
Help us to be faithful even when the future looks bleak!  
Surround us with Your love and comfort, reminding us that we are never alone.  
May your peace fill our hearts and guide us toward healing and wholeness. Amen.

## Moment with Children



## Assurance of God's Presence

### Offertory

**"Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child"**  
Anna Berringer, vocals; Jacob Priddy, piano

*Traditional Spiritual*

### Prayer of Dedication

### Scripture

**Matthew 26:36-46**

### Sermon

**Bargaining With God**

Rev. Diane Vego

### Red Hymnal #290

**"God, Be Merciful to Me"**  
*Verses 1,2 and 5*

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

### Black Hymnal #463

**"I Look to You in Every Need"**

### Benediction

### Postlude

**"Gethsemane" from *Jesus Christ Superstar***  
Josh Woodward, tenor; Jacob Priddy, piano

*Andrew Lloyd Webber*

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## Offerings

If you would like to make an offering, you may put it in the plate during the service or give online using this QR code:



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## 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

## • 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>



## • Fall Fest – Today!

Please stay after worship for a chili cook-off. Vote for your favorite chili by adding money to the jars. The chili with the most money at the end wins a gift card! All proceeds from the Chili Cookoff will go to support the Children's Ministry at Christ Church.

## • Prepare Affair

**Saturday, November 15 – 8:30 a.m.**  
**Please save the date!**

We need to get a crew together to help our elderly and disabled neighbors with their outdoor chores. Please look for an email with the link to sign up. Lunch is provided afterwards. We need you!

## • Mac & Cheese for Brighton Center

We are collecting boxes of macaroni and cheese (the type that has a squeezable cheese pouch) through 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

Guy Karrick  
Brandon Fugate  
Lucy Houben  
Larry Stinson  
Carolyn Honchell  
Eugene & Carole Lukjan

## • Discipleship Opportunities

Pastor Diane is facilitating our three discipleship groups (Sunday at 9 a.m., Wednesdays at 3 p.m. on Zoom, and Thursdays at noon at the church).

## • Lunch and Learn

**Next Tuesday, October 28 at 11:30 a.m.**

For centuries tourists have traveled to hike or bike the numerous trails that lead to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in the city of Galicia, Spain. The **Camino de Santiago** or the **Way of Saint James** has drawn pilgrims to this place where tradition holds the remains of the Apostle James are believed to be buried. Our guest presenter will be **Marcia Storm**, a member of the Christ Church family, who will share her experiences and photos from her walk that started in Portugal of 2024.

**Reservations Required for Lunch**

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., Bènè, Don Seifert, Mike & Laura Randall, Shane, Dave, Tim, Karen, Jan Kennedy, Allen, Tammy Weidinger, Jim Rehtin Jr., Carol Manning, Danny Manning, Jana Guido, Nelly, Carol Blair, Tony Asher, Shelley, Steve McCall, Jackson Vanderpool, Warren Witt, Jason Pierce, Donna Hoffman, Tim Kennedy, Barbara Walkenhorst-Derby, Mark Helminiak, Donna Prues and family, Tom Raney, General Fernbach, Mary Hertzman, Gordon Braun, Karma Klingenberg, Marcia & David Hosea, Jeff K., Richard Lloyd, Katie Leftin, Barb Stinnett  
(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

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