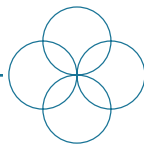


We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



CHRIST
CHURCH UCC



October 26, 2025

Welcome

Prelude

"Blessed Assurance"
Chancel Choir

Fanny Crosby/Phoebe Knapp
arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

Shelley Kappesser, Liturgist

One: The earth shakes, the mountains quake -- tempting our hearts to fear.

All: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

One: Rivers overflow their banks—too far away to quench the wildfires, yet we remember,

All: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

One: When our children are away from home and out of our sight, we take comfort in knowing.

All: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

One: Whether we have reached the end of our days or the end of our diagnoses, we rest in the truth that

All: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

One: When disagreements create roadblocks and obstacles,

All: God is our refuge and strength.

One: God, you alone are our refuge; you alone are our strength.
We look to you in these troubling times.

All: Amen! Alleluia!

Black Hymnal #547

"Amazing Grace"
Verses 1-3

Praying Together *(unison)*

Holy God, no matter how far from you we feel on any given day, no matter how many obstacles we face in this life, or in the church, you encourage us not to lose heart. In your amazing and persistent grace, you pursue us no matter what. Lord, meet us here as we worship. Receive all our cares and concerns. Bless us with a sense of your presence and peace. Amen.

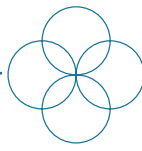
Moment with Children

Assurance of God's Presence

Offertory

"Hear My Cry, O God "
Anna Berringer, vocals; Mike Darrah, piano

Cesar Franck



Prayer of Dedication

Scripture

Psalm 69:1-16

Sermon

Sometimes, We All Hit Rock Bottom

Rev. Diane Vego

Red Hymnal #209

"Jesus, I Come"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Song

"God Will Make a Way"

Refrain:

God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way.
He works in ways we cannot see.
He will make a way for me.
He will be my guide,
Hold me closely to his side.
With love and strength for each new day,
He will make a way.
He will make a way.

[Repeat Refrain]

Verse:

By a roadway in the wilderness
He'll lead me,
And rivers in the desert will I see.
Heaven and earth will fade,
But His word will still remain.
He will do something new today.

[Back to Refrain]

Benediction

Postlude

"It is Well with My Soul"

Max Gise, guitar

Horatio Spafford / Philip Bliss

arr. Max Gise

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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• 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>



• 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!

• Mashed Potatoes – Brighton Center

We will be collecting instant mashed potatoes for Brighton Center in November and December. Thanks to everyone for helping with this!

• A HUGE Thank You!

Thanks to all the hard work of a large group of people in our congregation *and* the generous donations of **so** many, our church is looking better than ever. Still more work planned so if you would like to help, please contact **Linda Gracey**.

• 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

Howard Storm

Margo Menefee

Joyce Grau

Jack Gise

Jane & Barry Petracco

Announcements

• 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—This Tuesday!

This 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 Rechten 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, Amber, Amirah

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

**If you would like to make a change,
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