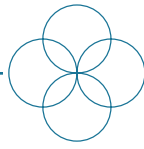


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CHRIST  
CHURCH UCC



April 26, 2026

Welcome

Prelude

**“And the Father Will Dance”**  
Chancel Choir

*Mark Hayes*

**Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 23)**

Carolyn Tyler, Liturgist

One: The Good Shepherd is the gate. Let us enter with thanksgiving and praise!

**All: The Shepherd restores our souls, satisfies our needs, and leads us on the right path.**

One: The Good Shepherd is the gate. Let us live with courage and conviction  
not fear and timidity.

**All: Through valleys and storms, chaos and confusion, threats and concerns, the Shepherd comforts us with power and strength, love and compassion, hope and peace.**

One: The Good Shepherd is the gate. Let us worship in the presence of the Holy One!

**All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all our days of my life.  
Let us dwell in God’s presence forever!**

**Red Hymnal #373**

**“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life (unison)**

Shepherd of our lives, like sheep, we wander and stray. We come to you for sustenance yet distance ourselves from your realm when you require more from us. We bite one another with words that cut and attitudes that reflect more apathy than care. We lie down and become stuck when you would expand our territory and sphere of belonging. We give you thanks for not giving up on us and continuing to lead us by your Spirit. Give us courage and confidence to do your will and to love with our lives. We devote ourselves anew to your teaching, to community and to prayer. Lead us in the ever full and renewed life in Christ. Amen.

**Children's Moment**

**Invitation to Generosity**

**Offertory**

**“Rise Again”**

*Gloria and William J. Gaither*

Danny Manning – vocals, Max Gise – Guitar, Jacob Priddy – piano

**Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

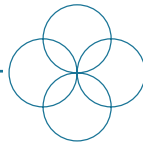
**Scriptures**

**John 10:1-10**

**Sermon**

**It's Jesus**

Rev. Marjorie McDaniel



Red Hymnal #372

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

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

#### Song

#### “King of Glory”

Chris Tomlin and Jesse Reeves

##### **Verse 1:**

Lift up your gaze, be lifted up,  
Tell everyone how great the love,  
The love come down from heaven's gate,  
To kiss the earth with hope and grace.

##### **Refrain**

Who is this King of Glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty!  
Who is this King of Glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty!  
*(1st time to next verse, 2nd time to bridge)*

##### **Verse 2:**

Lift up your hands, be lifted up.  
Let the redeemed declare the love;  
And we bow down at heaven's gate  
To kiss the feet of hope and grace.

##### **[Refrain]**

##### **Bridge:**

There is one God;  
He is holy.  
There is one Lord  
Over everything.  
There is one King;  
He is Jesus,  
King of Glory,  
Strong and mighty. [2x]

##### **Final Refrain:**

You are the King of Glory,  
The Lord, strong and mighty!  
You are the King of Glory,  
The Lord, strong and mighty! [2x]

#### Benediction

#### Postlude

#### “God is So Good”

Max Gise – guitar

arr. Walter Rodrigues Jr.

#### 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:



#### 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>



## • Madeline and Game Time

**TODAY! After the service in the Parlor,** we'll be wishing Madeline a fond farewell with hope for her future. We're also having a **Play and Laugh Game Time** that Madeline organized. All ages, children and adults, are welcome! We'll share pizza for lunch and enjoy a fun time of fellowship together. We hope to see you there!

## • Church Council Needs You

We still have one position to fill. **Please consider volunteering to be the Secretary** Please see Snezana Tenhunfeld, Jen Korpik, Jane Petracco, or Debbie Paillette if interested.

## • Creative Conversations

**On May 17, please meet right after the church service in the History Room** to welcome and get to know people who are either coming back or those that are new. We look forward to seeing you!

## • The Green Team Needs You!

If you'd like to spend time with a great group of people who care about the environment, please join us! **We will have a work day to take apart the recycling station on Saturday, May 23, at 10:30 a.m. if you'd like to help.**

## • Brighton Center Donations

We will be collecting **Canned Meat** (tuna, chicken, salmon, spam) for April. Thanks for helping with this!

## • Birthdays and Anniversaries

Kathryn Lukjan  
Terry & Jorene Lyman

# Announcements

## • Discipleship Opportunities

Each week – All are welcome! No need to sign up.

- **Sundays, 9 a.m., History Room**  
Adult Discipleship
- **Wednesdays, 3 p.m. (Online)**  
Small group discussion.  
(Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/ccwednesday>)
- **Thursdays, 12 p.m., History Room**  
Book study group

## • Lunch and Learn

**This Tuesday, April. 28 at 11:30 a.m.**

Our guest presenter is **Jennifer Williams**, Director of the Newport Historical Preservation Department. She will be teaching us about the City's efforts to preserve the character and architectural elements of the elegant homes in Newport, while allowing the home owners to modernize and refurbish their home to today's living standards. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the presentation at noon. **For lunch reservations contact Nancy Hunter.**

## • Urban Mission Volunteers Needed

Engage with children from the urban core in enrichment programs such as worship, recreation, reading, writing, and field trips. No planning, prep, or teaching required. For more information, contact Pastor Melissa.

## • Prayer Changes Us

**Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:**

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

**Prayer Requests:**

David Hosea, Makayla, Kelly Greenwalt, Karma Klingenberg, Katie Leftin, Suzanne Jones, Jim Rehtin Jr., Maggie, Sallie Schmidt, Jeff McCall, Marcia Storm, Chris P., Mike Bizzarro, Mark Helminiak, Tim Kennedy, the family of Marcia Hosea, the family of Joyce Fehler, Laura, Jeff, Jack Emmerich, Melissa Brockman, Joe, Jed, Kelsey Morgan, Rich, Carolyn Honchell, the family of Barb Stinnett, Donna Hoffman, Elsie Sent, Ellen C.

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

**Please contact the office to make any changes.**