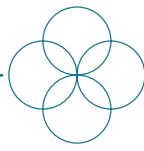


We embrace all as we journey  
**the way of Jesus**



CHRIST  
CHURCH UCC



July 26, 2026

## Welcome

## Prelude

### **"Love the Lord"**

*Lincoln Brewster*

Stella Thomas-vocals, Max Gise-guitar, Mike Darrah-piano

## Call to Worship

Jean Braun, Liturgist

One: God's Word tells us that love is patient and kind.

**All: It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.**

One: Love does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered.

**All: It keeps no record of wrongs. It does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.**

One: Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

**All: Love never fails.**

## Black Hymnal #43

### **"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

## Praying Together (*unison*)

Holy God, You call us "beloved" And you Love us with a fierceness that is at once unsettling and comforting. May your Divine Love dwell within us and be enacted through us so that no matter what language we speak, Love will dance within each word we say; When you call us to stand up for justice, Love will be the power that drives our actions; When we seek knowledge, Love will compel us beyond idle curiosity all the way to truth; When we offer our prayers in faith, Love for you will fill our hearts with peace; When we give of ourselves and our possessions, Love for you and your people will shine above love for worldly things. Thank you, God, for the gift of love, And empower us to walk the path love opens before us. Amen

## Children's Moment

## Assurance of God's Presence

## Offertory

### **"Love Can Build a Bridge"**

*Paul Overstreet, John Jarvis, Naomi Judd*

Talia Zoll-vocals, Max Gise-guitar, Mike Darrah-piano

### **Congregation join on refrain:**

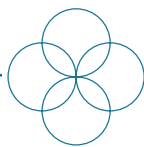
Love can build a bridge

Between your heart and mine

Love can build a bridge

Don't you think it's time?

Don't you think it's time?



## Prayer of Dedication

### Scriptures

1 Corinthians 13 & Mark 12: 28-34

### Sermon

The Loving Response: A Discernment Issue

Rev. Diane Vego

### Mission Update

The Brighton Center

Eric Owsley

### Song

"They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love"

*Pete Scholtes*

#### Verse 1:

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that our unity may one day be  
restored.

#### Verse 2:

We will work with each other, we will work  
side by side;  
We will work with each other, we will work  
side by side;  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save  
each man's pride.

#### Chorus:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

**[Back to Chorus]**

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

### Song (see insert)

"The Bond of Love"

*Otis Skillings*

### Benediction

### Postlude

"All you need is Love"  
Max Gise-guitar

*John Lennon/Paul McCartney*

## 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**  
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Choir Director

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**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>



## • Brighton Center Needs Donations!

The Brighton Center is running really low on food. We are collecting **Canned pastas with meat or cheese (such as cheese ravioli) for July. Donations for August have been changed to Knorr side dishes.** If you already purchased pancake mix, please bring them in. Thanks for helping!

## • Our Kids Need You!

We are so excited about the new Children's Christian Education program, Kids for Christ, but we need your help! If you are interested in supporting our team, please see Carolyn Honchell, Debbie Paillette, or Ellen Turner.

## • Send Your Summer Photo ASAP!

For the August, edition of *The Guide*, please send a photo from a recent vacation or a highlight from your summer **ASAP** for everyone to enjoy. Thank you!

## • NKY UCC Lunch Gathering!

Come enjoy a day of food and fellowship with all our NKY UCC churches! There will be dartball set up for anyone who is interested. Pick up a flyer at the front or back of the church. **Sunday, August 30, at 12:30 p.m.**  
**St. John's Newport, 415 Park Avenue**  
**Please bring a side dish.**

## • Birthdays and Anniversaries

Diane Vego  
Benjamin Kuhnhein

Donna & William Wilson  
Jim & Barb Korpik

## • 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, July. 28 at 11:30 a.m.**

In keeping with the celebration of our Nation's 250th anniversary, our July Lunch and Learn will feature a presentation about **John Dunlap**, best known as the printer of the first copies of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Our guest presenter will be **Gary Walton, owner and Director of the Cincinnati Print and Type Museum of Cincinnati**. He will be teaching us about the life and work of John Dunlap and the different printed versions of the Declaration of Independence. **Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.** followed by the presentation at noon. **For lunch reservations call Nancy Hunter.**

## • Prayer Changes Us

**Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:**

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

**Prayer Requests:**

David Hosea, Makayla, Kelly Greenwalt, Karma Klingenberg, Katie Leftin, Jim Rechtin 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, the family of Elsie Sent, Ellen C., Barb Walkenhorst Derby, Jim Jones, Jeff Krohmer, Joe Hall, Bob Daley, the family of Jeff Bathiany, the family of Carol Himes

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

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