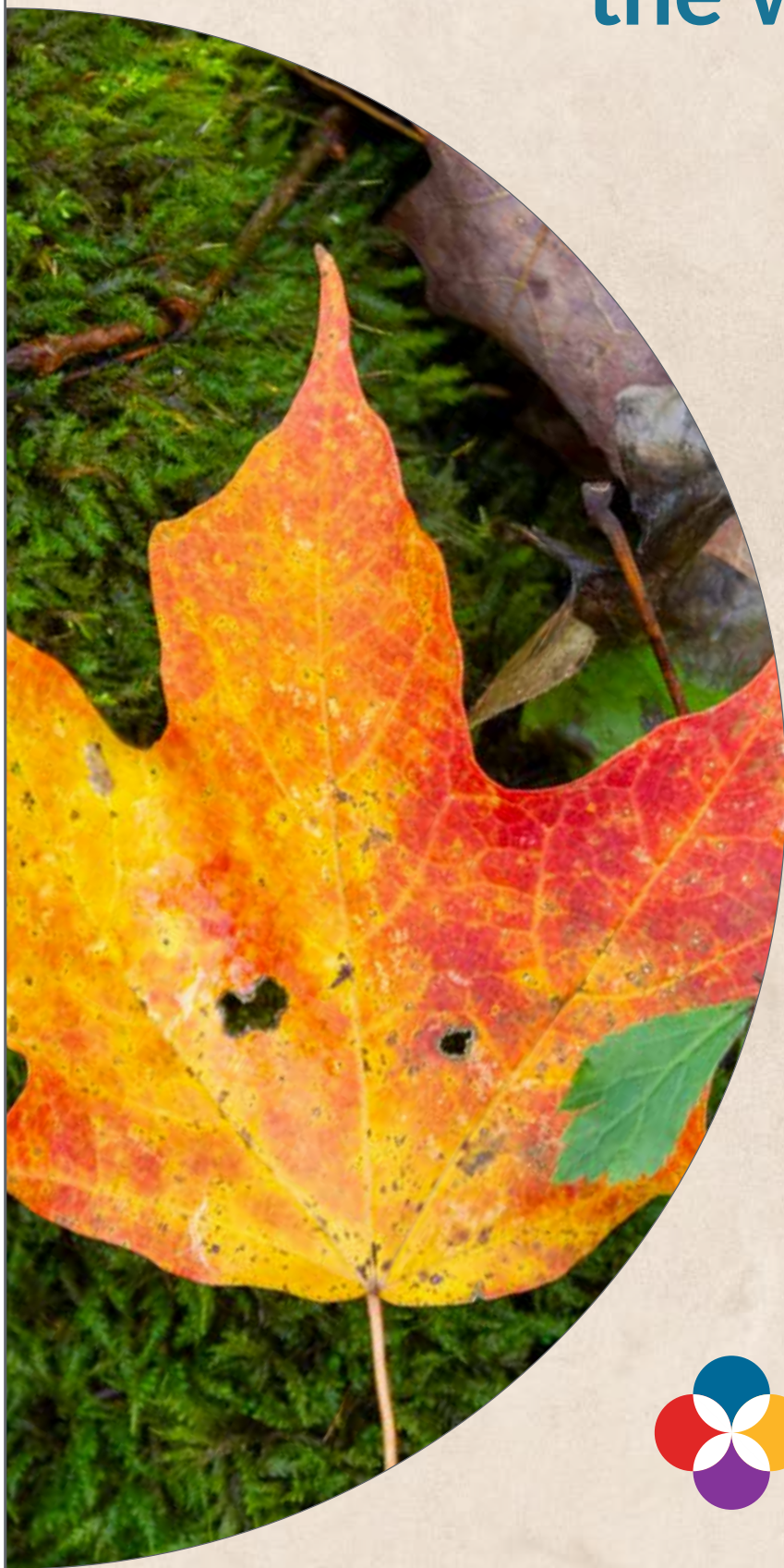
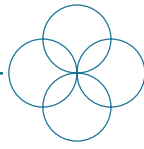


We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



CHRIST
CHURCH UCC



August 30, 2026

Welcome

Prelude

"Londonderry Air"
Max Gise—guitar

Trad., arr. Walter Rodrigues Jr.

Call to Worship

Laura Petracco, Liturgist

One: God of the blazing bush, you meet us in the ordinary moments of our lives
and catch our gaze with your wild and holy fire.

**All: We turn aside from our hurried paths, open our wonder,
and step closer to the mystery of your presence.**

One: Remove the weariness from your feet, for the space we share right now is holy ground.

All: We come to worship the great I AM

One: Listen, for the great I AM calls your name, promising: "I will be with you."

All: Mere mortals, we welcome the great I AM to be with each of us day by day.

Red Hymnal #57

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God meets Moses in the ordinary and unexpected places of daily life. In the flaming bush God promised deliverance to the Israelites. The revelation of God's identity as the "I AM" hears the cries of our hearts and desires. When our curiosity is aroused by your presence, help us to step closer and realize that we all have a purpose. Moving past our fears and comfort to accept holy and demanding work.

Children's Moment

Assurance of God's Pardon

Offertory

"Come Share the Spirit"
Max Gise—guitar, Mike Darrah—piano

Vicki Vogel Schmidt

Prayer of Dedication

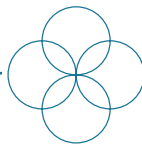
Scriptures

Exodus 3:1-15

Sermon

The Radical I Am

Tom Daria



Red Hymnal #67

"Holy Ground"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Song

"God of Wonders"

Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong

Lord of all creation
Of water, earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on High

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy

Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
And as I stumble through the darkness
I will call Your name by night

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy

Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

Benediction

Postlude

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Matt and Beth Redman

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

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>



• Brighton Center Needs Donations!

The Brighton Center is overwhelmed with requests for food and other necessities. **Donations for August are Knorr side dishes or something similar.**

Here are Two More Ways to Help:

1) Buckets of cleaning supplies for youth aging out of foster care. Please pick up a shopping list in the narthex or at the front of the sanctuary.

2) Food Pantry orders through Amazon. Please scan the QR code on the flyer that is taped near our two collection sites in the narthex and parlor for monthly food pantry donations.

• Our Kids Need You!

We need volunteers for our Children's Christian Education program! If you are interested in supporting our team, please see Carolyn Honchell, Debbie Paillette, or Ellen Turner.

• No Names, No photos

We won't use your name if you don't want us to, and we aren't using photos. Please send 1 or 2 short sentences for a slide show that say why you are a member of Christ Church. Thank you!

• Missing Your Keys?

A set of keys was found in the church. They are in the church office. If they're yours and you are here on a Sunday, Linda Gracey knows where they are. During the week, stop by the office Monday through Thursday to pick them up from Michele.

• (No Birthdays) Anniversary

Timothy & Rebecca Borah

• NKY UCC Lunch Gathering!

Come enjoy a day of food and fellowship with all our NKY UCC churches!

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.

• Needed for *The Guide*

1) If you have become a member in the last two years or so, please contact Michele so she can write a short introductory paragraph about you to put in *The Guide*.

2) Is there a special recognition or event happening in your life? Please let Michele know so she can put it in the newsletter.

3) Take photos! Anytime you are at an event associated with the church or a special service, please consider taking photos and emailing them to Michele. Always appreciated!

• Prayer Changes Us

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Prayer Requests:

David Hosea, Makayla, Kelly Greenwalt, Karma Klingenberg, Katie Leftin, Jim Rechten 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, Brady Evans, Gary Hunter, the family of Mike Cook

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

Please contact the office to make any changes.