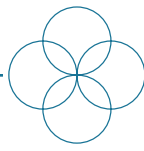


We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



CHRIST
CHURCH UCC



September 13, 2026

Welcome

Prelude

"Hear Am I, Send Me"

John Purifoy

Chancel Choir, Danny Manning–alto saxophone

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 107)*

Carolyn Tyler, Liturgist

One: Children of God: welcome!

All: Welcome to this place of love and grace.

One: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

All: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.

One: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

All: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

One: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Black Hymnal 16

"Let Us with a Joyful Mind"

Praying Together

One: Most merciful God,

**All: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors
as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.
Amen.**

Children's Moment

Assurance of God's Pardon

Offertory

"Forgiveness"

Matthew West

Talia Zoll–vocals, Max Gise–guitar, Jacob Priddy–piano

Prayer of Dedication

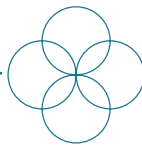
Scripture

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

Forgiveness is Necessary!

Rev. Marjorie McDaniel



Black Hymnal #23

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Song

"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly"

Chris Tomlin, Pat Barrett, & Jason Ingram

Verse 1:

It all comes down to this
What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things

Refrain:

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly
With You, God
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly
With You, God

Verse 2:

It all comes down to this
To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world
Oh the truth will set us free
[to Refrain]

It's beauty for ashes,
It's mourning to dancing.
It's closer and closer,
The Kingdom of heaven.
Beauty for ashes,
It's mourning to dancing.
It's closer and closer,
The Kingdom of heaven.

Verse 3:

Years from now we'll see,
The fruit our hands have sown.
Faith just like a seed,
The only way it grows.

[Instrumental Interlude]
[to Refrain 2x]

Benediction

Postlude

"Sing to the Mountain"

Max Gise-guitar, Jacob Priddy-piano

Bob Dufford

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 September are toothbrushes and toothpaste.**

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!

• Birthdays (No Anniversaries)

Gary Plummer
Sarah Huelsman
Tom Luken
Joyce Steinman
Jean Braun
Bob Witte

• Hosea House Opportunity!

In just one week (**Sunday, September 20**), Christ Church will have the privilege of helping our less fortunate neighbors. **We need your help to make it a success!** An email was sent out with a link to sign up. Please contact **Melissa Cox** if you have any questions.

• Lunch and Learn

Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 11:30 a.m.

It all started with two men and a dream. After over 50 years and more than 320,000 services later, **People Working Cooperatively** has become the region's leader in providing professional home repairs and services for low-income elderly and disabled homeowners. Join us to hear our guest presenter, **Sara Bourgeois, Executive Director of People Working Cooperatively.**

Reservations are 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:

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, Jim Korpik, Brenda Scharber

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

Please contact the office to make any changes.