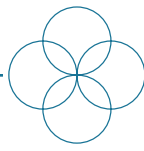


We embrace all as we journey  
**the way of Jesus**



CHRIST  
CHURCH UCC



September 20, 2026

## Welcome

## Prelude

**"Goodness of God"**  
Chancel Choir, Anna Berringer-soloist

*arr. Mary McDonald*

## Call to Worship

Scott Turner, Liturgist

One: When the path is long and the future is unclear,  
**All: God provides manna for today, enough for our daily need.**  
One: When we face the trouble of our lives, and fear grips our hearts,  
**All: God hears our cries and meets us in our murmuring.**  
One: Open your eyes to the wonder around you; in the evening quail, in the morning dew,  
**All: We shall see the glory of God.**  
One: Come, let us worship the God who feeds our hunger and sustains our souls.  
**All: Amen**

## Red Hymnal #581

**"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"**

## Praying Together (*unison*)

O God of the wilderness, from your providing hand, even the grumbling and dissatisfied receive what they need. Transform our anxieties and complaints into a trust that relies on your daily bread, and lead us from our troubled mindsets into the practice of your unfailing generosity.

## Children's Moment

## Assurance of God's Presence

## Offertory

**"Hungry (Falling on my Knees)"**  
Anna Berringer-vocals, Max Gise-guitar, Jacob Priddy-piano

*Kathryn Scott*

## Prayer of Dedication

## Scripture

Exodus 16:2-15

Grayson and Ben Petracco

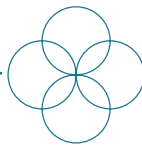
## Sermon

Tension in the Wilderness

Tom Daria

## Red Hymnal #413

**"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**



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

### Song

#### "Blessed Be Your Name"

Matt and Beth Redman

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

Blessed Be Your Name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say

##### **Refrain:**

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

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

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all that it should be  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say  
**[Refrain 2x]**

##### **[Instrumental Interlude]**

##### **Verse 3:**

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name

##### **Bridge:**

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord, blessed be Your name [2x]

##### **[Refrain 2x]**

### Benediction

### Postlude

#### "Tell Me A Bedtime Story"

Max Gise-guitar

Herbie Hancock

### 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:



## • 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 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.

## • Our New Digital Sign is Installed!

In case you didn't come through the front door, be sure and take a look at our new digital sign that is up and running. A huge thank you to the Gracey family for funding this sign in memory of Jim Gracey

## • Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jean Mettens

Katie Leftin

Pam Weber

Melody Bizzarro

Emma Lyman

Natalie & Brandon Fugate

## • Lunch and Learn

**This 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.**

## • Involving Our Children

We would love to get our older children involved in the service! If you know of a child that would like to be a greeter, or pass out bulletins, or read a scripture on Sunday mornings, please contact **Linda Gracey**. I know everyone is busy but this is a small way to be involved in our church life.

## • 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, Bill Wilson

*(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)*

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