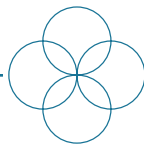


We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



CHRIST
CHURCH UCC



October 4, 2026

Welcome

Prelude

"African Psalm"
Chancel Choir

Trad. Zambian Folk Song
arr. Victor C. Johnson

Call to Worship

Jean Braun, Liturgist

One: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

All: We gather together to worship the Holy One in unity!

One: How very good and powerful it is when we commit to the kingdom of God!

All: We gather together to discern God's will and declare God's reign!

One: How very good and hopeful it is when we reconcile and repair our brokenness and bless one another!

All: We gather together to love and to serve! Praise the Holy One!

Black Hymnal #400

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Praying Together (*unison*)

Gracious and Healing God, in your presence, we find the fullness of joy, love and life.

Expand our vision and write a new way forward upon our hearts. We seek your wisdom and guidance. We need your comfort and conviction. We trust your provision and power.

As we come near to you, we affirm your goodness and the goodness within us.

Receive our presence and our dreams of the world you help us make possible. Amen

Children's Moment

Assurance of God's Presence

Offertory

"All Are Welcome"
Max Gise-guitar

Marty Haugen

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture

Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon

One Salty Solution

Rev. Melissa Stephens

Black Hymnal #539

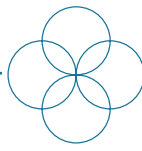
"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

"Bread of Life"

Bobby Fisher

Anna Berringer-vocals, Max Gise-guitar, Jacob Priddy-piano



Song

"We Bow Down"

Twilia Paris

You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life,
Lord of the land the sea.
You were Lord of the heavens
before there was time,
And Lord of all Lords You will be.

We bow down and we worship You Lord.
We bow down and we worship You Lord.
We bow down and we worship You Lord.
Lord of all Lords You will be.

You are King of creation and King of my life,
King of the land and the sea.
You were King of the heavens
before there was time,
And King of all kings You will be.

We bow down and we crown You the King.
We bow down and we crown You the King.
We bow down and we crown You the King.
King of all kings You will be.

We bow down.
We bow down.

We bow down and we worship You Lord.
We bow down and we worship You Lord.
We bow down and we worship You Lord.
Lord of all Lords You will be.

Benediction

Postlude

"Lifesong"

Mark Hall

Max Gise–guitar, Danny Manning–saxophone, Jacob Priddy–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:



CHURCH STAFF

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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 October are Macaroni and Cheese.**

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.

• We Want to Involve Our Children

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

• New Sunday School Curriculum!

We purchased some colorful, fun Christian Education information to share with the kids on Sunday mornings! With so many wonderful things planned, be sure to bring your children!

• Birthdays and Anniversaries

Abby Vogel
Dana Pendery
Donna Hoffman
Jenny Herrmann
Andy & Bridgette Luken

• Needed for *The Guide*

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

• Easy Ways to Help Christ Church

- Invite your friends and neighbors to come here.
- If you're on social media, consider sharing posts about Christ Church. If you click "like" on the post or make a comment, more people will see it.
- Consider leaving a review about Christ Church on Yelp or Facebook. Be sure to click "like" on the other reviews about Christ Church too!
Don't keep this amazing place to yourself!

• 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, family of Bill Wilson, Alma & her family

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

Please contact the office to make any changes.