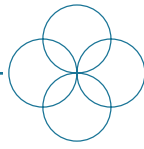


We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



CHRIST
CHURCH UCC



October 25, 2026

Welcome

Prelude

"The Truth"

Megan Woods, Matthew West, and Jeff Pardo

Elinor Tepe-vocals, Max Gise-guitar, Jacob Priddy-piano

Call to Worship

Jane Petracco, Liturgist

One: Let your light shine!

All: Let your hearts be glad!

One: God is faithful to us, and God rules in love.

All: Then let us worship God.

One: Friends, we know what God desires of us:

All: That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

One: We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

All: To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.

One: So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

Song

"Cry of My Heart"

Terry Butler

Chorus

It is the cry of my heart to follow You

It is the cry of my heart to be close to You

It is the cry of my heart to follow

All of the days of my life

Verse 1

Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord

So I can walk in Your truth

Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord

And make me wholly devoted to You

[to Chorus]

Verse 2

Open my eyes so I can see

The wonderful things that You do

Open my heart up more and more

And make me wholly devoted to You

[Final Chorus]

Prayer for Confession and Honesty

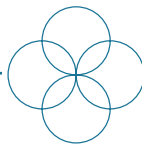
Loving Father, we come to You seeking openness and honesty in our lives.

We acknowledge the times when we have failed to act truthfully, both with You and with others. Help us to confess these moments and seek Your grace and forgiveness.

Guide us in cultivating a spirit of sincerity, so that we may grow closer to You and align ourselves with Your truth. We thank You for Your endless love and the chance to start anew each day. May our hearts be filled with honesty as we strive to follow Your path.

Amen.

Children's Moment



Assurance of God's Presence

Offertory

"The Greatest Commandment"
Chancel Choir

Pepper Choplin

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture

Matthew 22:34-46 NIV

Sermon

Which is the Greatest?

Rev. Marjorie McDaniel

Black Hymnal #454

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Red Hymnal #480

"All for Jesus! All for Jesus!"

Benediction

Postlude

"Lord, You Have My Heart"
Talía Zoll—vocals, Max Gise—guitar, Jacob Priddy—piano

Martin Smith

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>



• Prepare Affair Needs You!

Saturday, 11/21/2026

Prepare Affair, presented by People Working Cooperatively (PWC), brings together volunteers to help elderly and disabled homeowners prepare their homes for winter. **Please register by November 8.** Go to www.pwchomereparis and click on "Events," then click on "Saturday, Nov 21 Prepare Affair." **Use the following criteria:** Team Leader: Melissa Cox, Team Name: Christ Church UCC. After the work is done, **the Mission Team will provide lunch for the volunteers** as part of our thanks for your hard work. If you have questions, please contact Melissa Cox.

• Brighton Center Donations

Donations for October: Macaroni and Cheese
Donations for November: Canned Yams & Potatoes

• Including Children in Worship

If you know of a child that would like to be a greeter, pass out bulletins, or read a scripture, please contact **Linda Gracey**.

• Many Hands Make Light Work

We need help with our Fellowship hour on Sundays. If you can help, please contact **Jenny Herrmann**.

• Birthdays and Anniversaries

Margo Menefee	10/28	
Joyce Grau	10/30	
Jane & Barry Petracco	10/31	45 yrs.

• Lunch and Learn

This Tuesday, October 27 at 11:30 a.m.

Our guest presenter will be local author and historian, **Robert Webster**. He will be sharing information from his book "**A Tradition Reborn: From Old Latonia Race Track to Turfway Park Racing and Gaming – A 140-year History.**"

Learn how the history of horse racing in our state and in our local area has contributed greatly to the growth and economy of our region.

Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the presentation at noon. **For lunch reservations contact Nancy Hunter.**

• 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!

• Prayer Changes Us

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Prayer Requests:

David Hosea, Makayla, Kelly Greenwalt, Karma Klingenberg, Katie Leftin, Jim Rehtin 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, the family of Mike Cook, Jim Korpik, Brenda Scharber, Alma & her family, the family of Bill Wilson, Greg Vogel and family, Mike Randall, the family of Jean Mettens, Erin, Jeff

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

Please contact the office to make any changes.