



# Welcome to Christ Church!

*Christ Church United Methodist is a Welcoming Community of Faith, Hope and Love Serving our Neighbors and the World as the Hands of Christ.*

Sunday, July 30, 2023  
9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

11:00am  
† - Those who are able, please stand

## VOLUNTARY

*"Sarabande for Organ".....David Ashley White*

## WELCOME

Rev. David Donathan

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as a community of faith, hope and love serving in God's subversive world.

***We gather to celebrate that no darkness can extinguish light, to remember that love will always be more powerful than death, and to trust that peace will always be stronger than violence.***

We gather, people of faith in the light of God's world.

***Thanks be to God!***

## † HYMN OF PRAISE #158

UM Hymnal

*"Come, Christians, Join to Sing".....SPANISH HYMN*

## † GATHERING PRAYER

***Holy God, we come together to worship,  
a people who would like to think that we love you  
with all our hearts and souls, with all our might,  
but there are so many other things in our lives  
that clamor for our attention  
that we often relegate you to Sundays  
and times when we want you to rescue us.  
Most of us really do want you to be the one  
in whom we live and move and have our being.  
We really do want to hear your voice  
above all of the other voices in our lives.  
But we get bogged down in the daily routine.  
We forget who we are.  
We forget who you are.  
We forget what the church is supposed to be.  
So here we are, standing before you today,  
with our human foibles  
and our short attention spans,  
asking that you would make yourself known to us,  
that you would help us to recognize  
the presence of the Holy,  
that you would continue to challenge us, inspire us,  
and make us into the people you want us to be.  
Amen.***

## WORSHIP NOTES

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. You have chosen to be a part of the Body of Christ that has been worshipping together for over 218 years. Welcome! We are glad you are here.*

The 11:00 service is broadcast on 1240AM and 95.7FM. The livestream of our service can be found on the Christ Church Facebook page, which is also accessible from our church website: [www.ccumwv.org](http://www.ccumwv.org).

All songbooks are located between the seats. Texts will be projected on the screens.

Congregational responses are in ***bold italic***.

Please see an usher if you need a hearing assist.

The Church is now in the season of Pentecost, a season of celebration. It is a time when we recognize the unleashing of the Holy Spirit into the world on the day of Pentecost. The color for the season of Pentecost is green, however some churches elect to continue to use red.

## WORSHIP NOTES

The text to Hymn #158 was first published in 1843 in a Scottish collection entitled, "Sacred Melodies for Children." The text has been credited to Rev. Christian Henry Bateman, a Congregational minister ordained into the Church of England. However, it has been discovered that Rev. Bateman had actually edited an original version by an unknown author reducing the text from five verses to the three we sing today. The tune is a traditional Spanish melody first published in 1826 by Benjamin Carr as a solo piano piece.

The Gloria Patri is a hymn of praise and is Trinitarian in nature, praising God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The tune, composed by Charles Meineke in 1844, was included in his collection, Music for the Church, 1844

The Preparation for Prayer was composed in 1973 by blind church musician, Ken Medema. This is just the chorus of the song that actually contains three additional verses. It was written during a prayer gathering Medema was leading in the early 1970s while serving a church in New Jersey.

The text to the solo was originally written by the great American hymnwriter, Fanny Crosby. Blind since she was 6 weeks old, Crosby is known as one of the most prolific American hymnwriters of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries writing over 8000 hymn texts. The music was composed by John Ness Beck, a co-founder of Beckenhorst Press in Columbus, OH, who was known as a composer and arranger of sacred choral music in the 20<sup>th</sup> c. The solo was originally written as a choir anthem in 1984, but was later adapted into a solo.

## † THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us share in signs of reconciliation and peace.

## † GLORIA PATRI #70

MEINEKE

***Gloria be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.***

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,***

***World without end. Amen. Amen.***

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## MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

## SHARING OF OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

## LIGHTING OUR PRAYER CANDLE

## PREPARATION FOR PRAYER #2193

The Faith We Sing

*"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*.....Ken Medema

***Lord, listen to your children praying,***

***Lord, send your Spirit in this place;***

***Lord, listen to your children praying,***

***Send us love, send us power, send us grace.***

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## SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

***Our Father, who art in heaven,***

***hallowed be thy name.***

***Thy kingdom come,***

***Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.***

***Give us this day our daily bread.***

***And forgive us our trespasses***

***as we forgive those who trespass against us.***

***And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom and the power,***

***and the glory forever. Amen.***

## SOLO

Annie Hancock, soprano

*"Lord, Here Am I"*.....John Ness Beck

## PSALTER - *The Two Ways*

Psalm 1

UM Hymnal, pg. 738

*(Please join in singing Response 1 where indicated.)*

## † GOSPEL LESSON - *The First Commandment*

Mark 12: 28-34

Bible, pg. 49

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Thanks be to God.***

† AN AFFIRMATION LITANY

written by Christine Sine

God, today we believe that you dwell in all  
 who confess Jesus as the Son of God,  
**God, today we will open our ears**  
**to hear each one who confesses Jesus as the Son of God.**

God, we believe you invite us  
 to accept each other as sisters and brothers,  
**God, today we accept and embrace**  
**all who call themselves by your name.**

God, we believe you call us to love each other  
 as we do ourselves,  
**God, with all our hearts,**  
**we will strive to love our brothers and sisters**  
**from every denomination and group.**

God, we believe you ask us to use our gifts  
 to serve each other in unity and understanding,  
**God, may we, in a spirit of love and care,**  
**use our gifts to build each other up.**

God, we believe that in unity together  
 we will come to a full knowledge of Christ,  
**God, may we grow together into the knowledge**  
**of the one in whom all things fit together.**

The Doxology is a hymn of praise and, like the Gloria Patri, is Trinitarian in nature praising God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

"Offertory in C Major".....Colin Mawby

† DOXOLOGY #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**  
**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**  
**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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The text to Hymn #344 is a personalized story of Jesus' call to Peter and Andrew to become fishers of people. (Matthew 4: 19.) The first published version of this hymn appeared in a pocket-sized hymnal printed in Madrid, Spain between 1973 and 1979. The text and the tune were written and composed by the late Father Cesareo Gabarain, a Spanish priest and composer of liturgical music. Father Gabarain recorded 37 albums of liturgical music and was a frequent workshop leader in the United States. One of his favorite duties was to service as a minister to the cyclists participating in the bicycle race, the Tour de France.

† HYMN OF DEDICATION #344

UM Hymnal

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore".....PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

† BENEDICTION

† VOLUNTARY

"Trumpet Tune".....Brenda Portman