



# Christ Church UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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# Welcome to Christ Church!

We are so glad you are here this morning! Please be so kind as to wear your name tags and also please sign the attendance sheet in the red Friendship Register at the end of your pew. If you are visiting, please stop by the desk in the room behind the sanctuary to pick up your Welcome Gift. Thank you!

**A Word from Pastor Andy** - Most of you reading this grew up in a time when you expected to go to work for a company as a young person and stay there until you retired. I imagine some of you did just that. But today that sort of thinking seems to have gone the way of the horse and buggy. It seems words like "faithfulness" and "loyalty" no longer have much meaning in the working world. But what about in the rest of our lives? How do we measure the things that are important to us? Today we'll hear how God set down a plumb line to measure the faithfulness of God's people. We'll also see Jesus offering another way to measure, which is simply by assessing our capacity to love God and our neighbors. I wonder...could that be the real and true measure of our faithfulness? But come now, for now is the time for worship!

\*Please stand as you are able

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**Prelude**

*Bind Us Together*

B. Gillman/arr. Wolaver

**Words of Welcome**

**\*Opening Hymns**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**Hymn #59**  
**Hymn #71**

**\*Our Call to Worship**

One: Summer dances in on golden beams,

**All: and all creation is bathed in new light.**

One: It is an abundant display of God's love,

**All: and a shower of God's beauty.**

One: Summer, a season filled with laughter and delight.

**All: Grace-filled days and gentle nights.**

One: God's gift of summer days,

**All: and our joyous response in praise and thanksgiving!**

**\*Opening Prayer**

O God, let this summer be for us a time to linger with those who matter most to us; people we often hurry past on our way to someplace else. Let this be a time of laughter, play, and barefooted delight! Most of all, slow us down and bend us close to You, that we may be renewed in love and recommitted to justice and peace. Amen.

Glory 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.

Gift of Music

*Look What You've Done*

Nancy Charles, soloist

Readings for this Day

Amos 7:7-9 (NIV) - This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord asked me, "What do you see, Amos?" "A plumb line," I replied. Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. "The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam."

Luke 10:25-30a (NIV) - On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho..."

Sermon

What Must I Do to Measure Up?

Andy Oren

\*Sermon Response

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

Hymn #273

Prayer Song

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Hymn #131

Prayers of the People

*Hear Our Prayers, O God...*

- Please pray for **Darlene's father-in-law, Steve**. He is in hospital after a surgery with severe internal bleeding and anemia that they can't get under control. Thank you.
- Prayers for **Gloria and Ron K** who are both dealing with ongoing health concerns.
- Please pray for **Judy B's, daughter Chris**, as her cancer is back again. Pray for the upcoming surgeries and radiation.
- Pray for **Nancy C's brother-in-law, Jerry**, who needs chemo and a bone marrow transplant.
- Asking for prayers of healing and courage for **Dan V** in his battle against cancer and strength for his family as they navigate through this condition with him.
- Continued prayers for **Ken & Sue's son-in-law, Karl**, who is restarting chemo and for **Ken K's sister, Kathy**, who is in hospice with an infection in her hip and knee.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## Call to Offering

"You shall love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, with all your mind; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." This same love motivates our giving. As God has loved us, we now return that love through our time, talent, and treasure.

## \*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

## \*Prayer of Dedication

O Holy God, may these gifts and our very lives bear fruit in many ways. We are thankful for the mercy You have shown us. We now pledge ourselves and these offerings that they might extend mercy to others. Amen.

## \*Closing Hymn

*As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

Hymn #551

## \*Words for the Journey

One: No matter the situation,

**All: No matter the problem,**

One: No matter the trouble,

**All: God is always with us.**

One: God is always ready to receive us,

**All: to redeem us,**

One: to renew us,

**All: to restore us,**

One: to refresh us,

**All: to rebirth us now and always!**

## \*All Praise

We thank you, God, for hanging a plumb line in our midst. Help us now to not tilt our heads or move our bodies to get just the angle we want. Instead help us face that line head on so we might know what we need to do to align ourselves with You. Amen!

## \*Benediction & Sending Forth

## Postlude

*Let All Things Now Living*

arr. Jan Sanborn

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Coffee Hour**

**Quilting**

Tuesday, July 12 at 9:30am

**Workday Wednesday**

Wednesday, July 13 at 10am

**Share Our Suppers**

Friday, July 15 at 4:45pm

*Volunteers needed*



## *In Loving Memory*

Thank you to Nancy & David Wareham and Gloria Konkel for their donations to Christ Church in the memory of Noelle Simons.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED THIS WEEK JULY 11-15.**

## **ARTS AND SCIENCE LITERACY CAMP** ***Supplies Needed for the Summer Camps***

**We need your help to reach our goal!!!** The Christ Church goal is to provide 300 snacks to the children attending the ASLC summer camps. We have 70 snacks so far. Can you please help provide the additional 230 snacks needed?? We will collect items until July 24th. Containers will be located by the office and chapel for donations. Please contribute the following items to support this literacy program:

**Snacks:** A week's supply of 300 items are needed. Individually wrapped items (preferably organic and nut free) such as: Gold Fish • Pretzels • Cheez-Its • Granola bars • Water bottles

**Classroom Supplies:** *This is an ongoing need and quantities vary of*

*Kleenex • Copier paper • Paper towels • Lined notebook paper • Clorox wipes • Sidewalk chalk • Liquid hand wipes • Diaper wipes • Rubber gloves (adult large for food prep, etc) • Ziploc bags (gallon size and freezer) • N95 masks for 60 children (8 week supply) • N95 masks for 5 adults (8 week supply)*

**Amazon gift cards** for supplies (used for Guest Presenters)

**Money** to purchase fresh fruit

*Thank you for your support! Jim Wick*

## **FERMENTING THE FAITH**

**Wednesday, July 20 at 6:30 PM at Humboldt Park Beer Garden**

*(The pavilion is available in case of inclement weather)*

The focus this month will be Chapter 2 of the book titled *If the Church Were Christian, Rediscovering the Values of Jesus* by Philip Gulley. Chapter 2 is titled "Affirming Our Potential Would be More Important Than Condemning Our Brokenness." If your schedule is too busy and you haven't had time to read the chapter, come to join in the conversation. Jim Wick has additional copies of the book available for you to read. There are a variety of beverages and snacks available at the beer garden. No purchases are needed to enjoy an evening of conversation.

## **Thank you!!!**

We'd like to thank Christ Church and the people who made it happen—Dick Gaeth, Dean Kothrade, and Jim Wick—for the new air conditioners in the pastor's office and the main office!!!! They are working GREAT and keeping us cool! We really appreciate your thoughtfulness! *from Pastor Andy and Darlene*

## **Positively Milwaukee New Story**

To see the news story that Positively Milwaukee did on Ken Klockow & his crocheting/knitting groups click this link or copy this into your browser: <https://www.tmj4.com/news/positively-milwaukee/milwaukee-seniors-crochet-more-than-700-items-for-people-fighting-cancer>

## ***You are invited to attend the Memorial Service Celebrating the Life of Robert Kroening***

There will be a memorial service celebrating the life of Robert Kroening on Saturday, July 16th at Emerald City (formerly Walker's Maple Grove), 3555 S. 13th Street from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a buffet lunch at noon. Bob was a life-long member of Christ Church who passed on April 15, 2022. All church members are welcome to attend.

## ***Share and Care***

We are looking for volunteers to be a contact person for a few people on our Share and Care list. The contact persons have assisted with delivering our Easter and Thanksgiving baskets to our shut ins. Other suggestions might be an occasional phone call or visit to let these church members know they are still an important part of our church. Please consider volunteering. Thanks from your Social Concerns Committee!

## **Workday Wednesdays**

**7/13, 7/27, 8/10, 8/24, and 9/7**

Beginning June 1, 2022 and every other week thereafter, there will be an opportunity for our retired members and those who are available during the day to work on projects around our building. We'll begin at 10:00 am and work until Noon. We'll then gather for refreshments. If you'd like, you can bring your lunch. There are many areas around our church that could use a little tender loving care. Watch the calendar for the dates through September 7. We appreciate any time you have to offer. *Dick Gaeth*

## ***School Supplies***

We will be collecting school supplies to donate to our local Milwaukee Public Schools this fall. Please, please bring any donated items to church **by August 28th** and place them in the chapel. The list of needed items include 24 count colored pencils, 24 count crayons, large pink erasers, 8 oz glue bottles (washable), glue sticks, pocket folders in various colors, 70 page spiral notebooks, scissors, 12" rulers with both inches and cm, 20 count # 2 pencils, 8 count washable markers and pens either black or blue. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Thanks from your Social Concerns Committee! *Debbie Hansen, Mary Ann Mowery, Sara Rogers, Randene Wick*

## **Share Our Suppers Volunteers Needed**

Please help fill up the Friday dates as building reps for DI-Share Our Suppers. The time goes quickly with set-up at 4:45pm and lasts until 6pm every Friday evening. We are always willing to train anyone wishing to participate in this ministry. You will be amazed at seeing 45 hot meals distributed in about 15 minutes each Friday evening! Contact the Wicks to sign up: [jameswick73@gmail.com](mailto:jameswick73@gmail.com) or 414-614-2612

If you should need pastoral support, please contact  
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