



CHRIST

United Methodist Church

Being and Making Disciples Of Jesus Christ

Sunday, July 25, 2021

400 Penman Road, Neptune Beach

904-249-5370

www.christumcnb.org

Order of Worship

CHIMES

PRELUDE—"Open Our Eyes, Lord" arr. Carmen Johns

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Liturgist, Aaron Brunner

Worship Guidelines

Masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated and strongly encouraged for those who are unvaccinated as a sign of neighborly love. We continue to provide online worship options for those who are unable to join us at this time.

Children

Each week, we offer childcare for infants through age 3. Upon exiting the main sanctuary doors, the nursery is the first room on the right.

Coffee is coming back to Wilson Hall after the 10:15 service starting August 15th. Just beverages and cookies, and they don't have to be homemade. We need 1 person to put up the sign-up sheet, and we need all of you to volunteer to take a Sunday to be responsible for the beverages and cookies. The sign up sheet will be on the Information Table. Questions? Call Cindy Kastner 904-221-4103.

Freedom Circle Fundraiser Takeout Baked Potato Lunch pick up after morning service today.

Thanks to Nancy Rist, Kathy Sheets, Steffanie Stuart, Karen & Dan Long, Mike & Sonni McEvoy, Hannah Thomas, Wanda Lee, Carol & Fred Boyd, Eileen & Sven Sloth, Sandy Pavlick, Edith Jenkins, and Anne & Jim Ransom for all their hard work preparing the parsonage for the arrival of Pastor Nelson and his family.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come to hear the Word.

ALL: Come to do the Word.

One: Come to experience Comfort

ALL: Come to experience Challenge.

One: Come to find Cost.

ALL: One: Come to find Joy.

One: Come to find Humanity.

ALL: Come to find Community.

One: Come to find Church.

ALL: Come to find God.

OPENING HYMN—"Come, Christians Join to Sing" Hymn #158

Verse 1

Come, Christians, join to sing:
Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

Verse 2

Come, lift your hearts on high:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky:
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!

Verse 3

Praise yet the Lord again:
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore:
Alleluia! Amen!

INVOCATION

PSALM 145:10-18 (said in unison)

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

GLORIA PATRI

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING—Ephesians 4:1-16 (NRSV)

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

⁹(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON— "Grow Up!"

Rev. Nelson Cowan

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.

OFFERING

You can give today by visiting the church website: www.christumcnb.org and click the donate button, text "Give" to (866) 731-5370, or mail an offering to the church. Church mailing address is:
400 Penman Rd., Neptune Beach, FL 32266

MESSAGE IN MUSIC—"There was Jesus" by Zack Williams; *Duet*—Beth Gustafson and Aaron Brunner

DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN—"How Firm a Foundation" Hymn #529 (verses 1, 3, 5)

Verse 1

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Verse 3

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

Verse 5

The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE—"Blessed be the Tie that Binds" arr. Carmen Johns

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

—Our Church Family—

Brian Walker | Rick Terry | Erma Christian | Ron Powell | Shana Arflin
Hewlett and Mary Ann Belisario Jane Mezza | Tamara Ellison
Gary Kirkland | Debbie Santacrose | Marilyn Porterfield

—Homebound—

Peggy Lampros | Bob & Nell Webster | Helen Rose | Tanya Roche
Dorothy Boutwell | Betty Curry | Roy & Claudia Dickson

—Our Family And Friends—

The McCurdy family on the passing of Ann Marie's mother | Paul Ellison, son of Tamara Ellison—major surgery | Laura Whitehead, daughter of Anne Young—Cancer | Sarita Shipman, sister of Karen Long—Progressive glaucoma | Brian Powell, son of Ron and Faye Powell —NH Lymphoma | Johnny Tallent, ex-husband of Rosie Tallent—Stage 4 Mesothelioma | Melanie Weisenborn, D-in-L of Paula—Health Concerns | Joanne Conrad, sister of Joyce Bishopp—Stage 4 Cancer | Dan Carpenter, brother of Debbie Santacrose—Heart Janet Gray, cousin of the Stuart's—RA, MRSA, and OA Ruby Jones, cousin of Debbie Santacrose—Cancer Jeanie Tombaugh, friend of Steffanie Stuart—Stage 4 Cancer

—Our Community, Nation and World Leaders—

Medical Personnel | Police | Firefighters | First Responders

—Our Pastor, Church and Mission Field—

Christ United Methodist Preschool | Methodist Church in Cuba
Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School | Rev. Dr.s Cleivy and Leo Garcia | Pat and Melenda Edmiston, Wycliffe Bible Translators

—Those Serving Our Nation—

Charles Berry—Navy | Seth Buswell—Coast Guard | Brandon Goodner, son-in-law of the Pauza's—Army | Whitney Heer—Navy | Vincent LaGrasso, nephew of Fred & Carol Boyd—Navy
Jeff Ransom, son of Jim & Anne Ransom—Navy | Timothy Rogers, brother of Drew Rogers—Army Christopher Sherrill, son of Virginia Sherrill—USAR | Kelly Spencer, niece of Mike and Becky Chambers—Army | James Wade, son of Lori Swann—Marines
Cameron Watson, grandson of Larry Barz—Air Force
Michael Weaver, grandson of Nancy Russell—Navy
Andrew Young, grandson of Larry Barz | USAR

This Week at Christ UMC

Sunday, July 25

9:00 am Heavenly Hash
9:00 am Adventure Kids
9:00 am Youth Sunday Hang Time
10:15 am In Person & Online Worship
11:30 am Potato Lunch Pick-up
RampUp Team Practice
5:00 pm RampUp Rehearsal & set-up
6:00 pm RampUp Worship

Monday, July 26

6:00 pm BSA/Cubs
6:30 pm Summer Bible Study

Tuesday, July 27

7:00 pm Ministry Team Meeting

Wednesday, July 28

6:00 pm Youth Group

Thursday, July 29

10:00 am Christ Quilters

Sunday, August 1

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