



*a diverse, inclusive church experiencing and reflecting the love, hope and joy of Jesus Christ  
to each other and our community*

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP | 11am | sunday | august 24, 2025**

### **PRELUDE**

*Blessed Assurance* | arr. John Carter

Wes Kassulke, piano; Doug Friend, percussion

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### **WELCOME** | Pastor Monique McBride

### **WAYS TO CONNECT** | [christchurchfl.org/ways2connect](http://christchurchfl.org/ways2connect)

Please see below.

#### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP** | Jeanne Deinken, liturgist

Come, people of God, remember the mighty acts of the Holy One.

**We remember how God has been faithful through every generation.**

In times of trial, God has been our refuge; in seasons of joy, our song.

**The past bears witness to a love that does not fail.**

Trust in the one who has never abandoned creation.

**We trust that God is with us now, guiding and sustaining us.**

Let us worship with confidence, knowing that God will be forever faithful.

**We worship with joy, for God is with us—yesterday, today, and always.**

#### **\* GATHERING HYMN**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 139 (verses 1,2,3,5)

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**

**O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!**

**All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning**

**bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.**

**God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;**

**surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.**

**Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!**

**All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!**

**Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.**

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## **\* OPENING PRAYER**

Loving God, we give thanks for the ways you have revealed your love and power throughout history. When we look back, we see your hand at work—redeeming, restoring, and guiding your people. We trust that the same Spirit who was present then is present with us now. In our uncertainty, you are our steady ground. In our weakness, you are our strength. In our journey forward, you are our constant companion. Open our hearts in this time of worship to trust more deeply, to rest in your presence, and to walk with courage into the days ahead, knowing that we are never alone. Amen.

## **\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*World Methodist Social Affirmation of Faith*

**We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people;  
and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again;  
and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.**

**We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom: in the upholding of human dignity and community;  
in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;  
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;  
in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough;  
in all responsible use of the earth's resources.**

**We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action:  
through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, sexual identity, nation, or faith;  
through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference;  
through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life;  
through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence;  
through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.**

**We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ:  
to take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;  
to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come.**

## **\* 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.**

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## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

*God of All My Days* | Mark Hall and Jason Ingram  
Richard Cristobal Harris, tenor

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## **SCRIPTURE**

**Exodus 3:13-15** | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

<sup>13</sup> But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.' " <sup>15</sup> God also said to

Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations."

These are the words of God for us, the people of God. **Thanks be to God**

## MESSAGE

*Remember and Repeat* | Phil Woodard, Christ Church School Music Teacher

## OFFERING

worshiping through the offering of our lives and gifts

- Place offerings in the plates or wooden boxes
- Give online at **christchurchfl.org/give**
- Text GIVE to 954.880.3885
- Mail a check to Christ Church, 4845 NE 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

Connect cards may also be placed with your offering.

Christ Church is a congregationally supported ministry. We thank you for your faithfulness as we reflect the love, hope and joy of Jesus to our community.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

*Jesus is All the World to Me* | Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

*Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all. Jesus gives me strength each day; without him I would fall. When I am sad to him I go, no other friend can cheer me so for Jesus is all the world to me, he's my friend. Jesus is all the world to me, my friend in trials sore. Jesus, my source of joy each day, he blesses over and over. He sends the sunshine and the rain; he sends the harvest's golden grain. Jesus is all the world to me, and true to him I'll ever be. O, how could I this friend deny when he's so true to me? Jesus is all the world to me, I need no better friend. Jesus, my only hope each day, and when my days shall end. Beautiful life with such a friend; beautiful life that has no end for Jesus is all the world to me. He's my friend.*

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## \* 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.**

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## MORNING 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## \* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*Great is Thy Faithfulness* | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 140 (verses 1,2,3)

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

*(refrain)* **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!**

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *(refrain)***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(refrain)***

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## \* SENDING FORTH

### \* RESPONSE

*Spirit Song* | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 347

**O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove  
will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

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## MUSIC FOR CLOSING

*The Royal Banners* | James Mansfield  
Chuck Stanley, organ

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**\* *please stand in body or spirit.***

Join us next Sunday as we begin the message series, *The Anatomy of Love*, with the message *Do Love*, based on Luke 10:25-37.

**WAYS TO CONNECT | [christchurchfl.org/ways2connect](http://christchurchfl.org/ways2connect)**

## TODAY

**CONNECT CARDS** We want to stay in touch. Please fill out a Connect Card, to tell us that you are here, how we can pray for you, and which ministries you're called to. We'd love to hear your ideas also. You'll find paper Connect Cards in the worship space and digital cards at [christchurchfl.org/connectcard](http://christchurchfl.org/connectcard).

**HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE TIME** Every Sunday, coffee and snacks are available before the 9am and 11am services. Join your friends at the kitchen window in the gym lobby for coffee and conversation.

**AT THE TABLE today | 10:05am | fellowship halls 1-3** *At the Table* is a time to explore the scripture of the day and meet new people as you do. Invite friends and newcomers to join you. Plan to stay after the 9am service or come early for the 11am service; you don't need to hear the day's message to participate in the conversation. Holy Grounds is open, so grab a snack and coffee, and join us.

**FREEWAY KICK-OFF PARTY today | august 24 | 12noon-1:30pm | fellowship halls** Freeway, the group for 6th-12th graders, is launching into a year of faith, fun, and connection like never before. This is your chance to be part of a group that's open, welcoming, impactful, and ready to make a difference — together. We'll get together for games & challenges, snacks & hangout time, a sneak peek at our events calendar through December, and space to connect, laugh, and share. Bring your friends. Bring your energy. Let's make this the start of something unforgettable. Questions? Contact Jess Woolverton, director of student ministry, [jwoolverton@christchurchfl.org](mailto:jwoolverton@christchurchfl.org)

**LUNCH FOR PARKWAY OUTREACH today | august 24 | 12noon** Come enjoy great food to support the outreach ministries on the Parkway Campus. This is an opportunity to financially support Parkway's outstanding ministries: feeding people and helping those in crisis. This is the second mini-fundraiser, this time a lunch after the 11am service. We'll be treated to music by musicians of the traditional service. Suggested donation day of the event: \$20/person or \$50/family. You'll hear more about outreach at Parkway and be inspired to take action. If you attended last month's brunch, you're welcome to attend the lunch as well.  
[christchurchfl.org/events](http://christchurchfl.org/events)

**INTERFAITH PRAYER VIGIL today | august 24 | 5-6pm | united church of christ, 2501 NE 30<sup>th</sup> street, fort lauderdale** Join us to pray and witness against the inhumane and unconstitutional treatment of our neighbors held at the Everglades Detention camp, derisively called Alligator Alcatraz. Every Sunday at 5pm, persons of faith and conscience from across Florida hold an interfaith vigil outside the detention camp. If you can't travel there this Sunday, you are invited to pray with others at the United Church of Christ, 2501 NE 30th St, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306. The vigil will return to the Christ Church Fort Lauderdale Sanctuary on Sunday, August 31, at 5pm.

## CONNECT

**SHARED MEALS** You are invited to share a meal and community twice each week on the Parkway Campus. On Wednesday, 4:30-6pm, dinner is served to all who come. On Sunday, breakfast is shared 9-10am. This is a great way to build community with our neighbors. The Parkway Campus is located at 100 NE 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach.

**CHRIST CHURCH AT TRIVIA NIGHT** **mondays | 7:30pm | Funky Buddha Brewery** Join us as we play trivia. It's an informal gathering of folks who have fun trying to answer the questions and catching up on one another's lives. Look for the Christ Church team at the Funky Buddha, 1201 NE 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland Park, on Monday nights.

**WELCOME BRUNCH** **sunday | october 19 | 10am | fellowship hall 1** If you or someone you sit next to during worship is new to Christ Church, we'd love to get acquainted at the next Welcome brunch. This is an opportunity to learn more about the church and meet others. If you're interested or have questions, please send an email to [welcome@christchurchfl.org](mailto:welcome@christchurchfl.org)

## **GROW**

**INVITATION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT** required orientation **wednesday, september 10 | 6:30-8pm**  
**8 sessions september 24 | october 1, 8, 15, and 29 | november 5, 12, 19** Join Pastor Cathy for this 8-week covenant learning community that will explore the wonder of Creation, important wisdom teaching that shapes our faith, voices of the prophets, and the beauty of poetry. It is appropriate for those new to Bible study, as well as those with Bible study experience. Participants secure their own book before orientation on September 10. Sign up for the class by September 3. Child care is provided with advance registration to Lisa Jones, coordinator of Children's Ministry. Get all of the details and sign up at [christchurchfl.org/events](http://christchurchfl.org/events)

**SOUTHEAST FLORIDA IMMIGRATION TOWN HALL** **saturday | september 20 | 9:30am-12noon** District Superintendent Vidalis Lopez will lead the main session of this interfaith initiative. Join the Anti-Racism Task Force and the Florida Immigration Coalition to be inspired and take action in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors. If you can volunteer for the morning, contact Susan Spragg, [sspragg@christchurchfl.org](mailto:sspragg@christchurchfl.org), or Linda Bajkowsky. Bring friends and neighbors to stand up for human dignity. Sign up at [christchurchfl.org/immigration](http://christchurchfl.org/immigration)

**MORNING PRAYERS** Join your church family for morning prayers Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 7:30am. Begin the day praying with your church family on the Christ Church Facebook page, [@christchurchfl](https://www.facebook.com/christchurchfl). If you can't be online at 7:30, a recording of morning prayers is available on Facebook. Morning prayers take a break on church and federal holidays.

## **SERVE**

**CHURCH COUNCIL APPLICATIONS** *"Here I Am Lord, Send Me!"* These words from the prophet Isaiah ring through the centuries to today. The Leadership Development Team invites you to pray about using your gifts as a member of the Christ Church Council. We are seeking people with a heart to serve Christ, a strong desire to bless others with the love, joy, and hope of Christ, and a willingness to be servant leaders in our faith community. If you have questions, please see Pastor Cathy Johns or Brian McComb. You can pick up an application on tables outside of worship spaces or fill out the online application, [christchurchfl.org/leadership](http://christchurchfl.org/leadership).

**SAVE THE DATE | TRUNK OR TREAT** **saturday | october 19 | 5-7:30pm** Get the word out! Christ Church's annual Halloween fun on the field will be Saturday, October 19, 5-7:30pm. There will be plenty of ways to be involved before, during and after the event. But for now, just put that date on your calendar and plan to join the party!

**BLOOD DRIVE** Thank you to everyone who donated blood last Sunday. Every donation can save three lives. Your next opportunity to donate at Christ Church will be Sunday, November 2. [christchurchfl.org/events](https://christchurchfl.org/events)

**ZOE EMPOWERS** Please pick up a prayer card for a family that's part of the Arise and Shine Kironya Empowerment Group, our Zoe Empowers group. We will be supporting this group of 24 orphaned and abandoned teens and young adults as they learn the skills to be self-supporting and join in community through Zoe Empowers. Our partnership with them will run through December 2027. The skills taught by Zoe will help each young adult support themselves and their families in their context. You can learn more at [christchurchfl.org/zoe](https://christchurchfl.org/zoe)

**FOOD FOR THE BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY** The following items would be greatly appreciated: canned tuna or chicken, canned or boxed soups, cereals, instant potatoes, tomato sauce, rice, pasta, mac-and-cheese, canned beans, canned vegetables, jelly, peanut butter, coffee/tea, canned fruit, canned ravioli, canned meat such as Spam, and cereal bars. Items may be taken to the pantry during pantry hours, 9-11am Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or brought to the Fort Lauderdale campus on Sunday morning. Learn more at [christchurchfl.org/ blessings](https://christchurchfl.org/ blessings)

**PREPARE BREAKFAST FOR PARKWAY** The Parkway community breakfast is prepared in the Fort Lauderdale kitchen early Sunday morning. This is a great opportunity for families to serve together, wrapping and heating breakfast sandwiches. Students can earn service hours. Send an email to Outreach Coordinator Paige Darnell, [pdarnell@christchurchfl.org](mailto:pdarnell@christchurchfl.org) if you, your family or group can help.

**HEAT DINNERS FOR PARKWAY** On Wednesdays, we're preparing Christ Church's famous and tasty meatloaf and side dishes in the Fort Lauderdale kitchen for our guests on the Parkway Campus. Flex volunteer time 2-4pm. This is a great opportunity for families to serve together after school. Students can earn service hours. If you are interested, please send an email to Outreach Coordinator Paige Darnell, [pdarnell@christchurchfl.org](mailto:pdarnell@christchurchfl.org).

**JOIN THE WELCOME TEAM** Do you enjoy greeting your church family and welcoming guests? The Welcome Team would be a great place for you to serve. Welcome Team members also help serve communion and collect the offering. Some welcome team members serve as ushers and greeters for memorial services and other special events. Linda Bajkowsky coordinates the team and would love your help. Serving with the Welcome Team is a great way to get to know your church family. Sign up at [christchurchfl.org/serve](https://christchurchfl.org/serve)

**BE PART OF THE WORSHIP TECH TEAM** Put your tech skills to work for God. If you would like to be part of the team that helps run the cameras and visuals for worship, send an email to [info@christchurchfl.org](mailto:info@christchurchfl.org)

## HEALING

**FAITH CARING GROUP mondays | 1pm** The Faith Caring Group reflects and addresses the need for caring and assistance as well as grief support. The group meets on Zoom every Monday of the month, except the second Monday when members have lunch at the Fort Lauderdale Olive Garden. For more information, send an email to [info@christchurchfl.org](mailto:info@christchurchfl.org) with your contact information. A Faith Caring Group leader will get back to you.

## **CHURCH BUSINESS**

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT INSTALLATION** **sunday | september 7 | 4 pm | plantation umc** Rev. Vidalis Lopez will be installed as Superintendent of the South East District of the Florida Conference on Sunday, September 7, at 4pm, at Plantation United Methodist Church, 1001 NW 70th Ave, Plantation, 33313 *Where Hope Grows* is the theme for this service. All are welcome.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** **monday | september 8 | 6:30pm | fellowship halls 1-3**