

November 26, 2023, Celebration Service (8:50 AM)

Prelude

Gathering Music: Sunshine Gospel Singers *Here Comes the King*

Welcome

†Congregational Hymns

*Come Thou Almighty King
Rejoice the Lord Is King
Majesty, Worship His Majesty*

A Rite for Commissioning Stephen Leaders

A Note to Today's Worshipers

While this service of commissioning reminds our congregation that caring ministry is a part of the life of every Christian, it specifically recognizes those who are offering themselves to organize, teach, and supervise our Stephen Ministers, the trained caregivers who minister to hurting people in our congregation and community.

Presentation and Commissioning of Stephen Leaders

Response of the Congregation

Leader: Members of Christ Church, will you open your hearts to the ministry of Hayley and pray for her as a servant of Christ?

Congregation

Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have called Hayley to lead us into new paths of caring ministry. You have gifted and empowered her for this task. Grant her joy in her service and a spirit of bold trust in you, that her ministry may stir us to greater caring and more fruitful service. Help us all to be both willing servants and thankful recipients of this ministry, so that your name may be glorified, your people live in peace, and your good and gracious will be done, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Joys

Thanksgiving Prayer

Offertory: Celebration Choir: *Ride on King Jesus*

Doxology 95

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.

Call to Prayer *The King of Love my Shepherd Is*

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Prayer Response *Lift High the Cross*

†Prayer of Illumination

Holy One, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13; Matthew 25:31-40

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Invitation to Christ and the Church

Invitational Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Receiving of New Members

(Congregational Response)

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you at Christ United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Benediction

Benediction Response *Lift High the Cross*

Postlude