

November 26, 2023

Christ Alive Service

Welcome

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King Of Kings

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Light Of The World (Sing Hallelujah)

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.

Congregation

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

Prayers of the People

Prayer

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O Come All You Unfaithful

Children's Time

Message

Matthew 25:31-40

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,

and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;

for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?

And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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.

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Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Light taken out into the World)

Go in Peace