

May 7, 2023

8:30 & 10:45 AM

Gathering

WELCOME

*If you are visiting with us, we'd love to hear from you. And if you have a prayer concern, we will be glad to add it to our prayer list. Please fill out the Connection Card on the back of the pew in front of you or contact the church office for more information.*

PRELUDE

Hallelujah Leonard Cohen

*We invite you to use this time for quiet prayer and preparation for worship.*

Connecting with God

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 22)

Leader: We will tell our brothers and sisters about God's goodness.

**People: In the midst of the congregation we praise you!**

Leader: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify God!

**People: We stand in awe of God's majesty.**

Leader: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

**People: Those who seek God shall praise the LORD.**

Leader: May your hearts live forever!

**People: For we shall praise the LORD!**

\*HYMN 277 Christians, We Have Met to Worship HOLY MANNA

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45) Annalise Bacon

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Psalm 92:1-4  
*In the pew Bibles, on page 548 of the First Testament*

CHILDREN'S TIME (10:45)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

ANTHEM By Our Love Christy Nockels  
Katherine Steckler, soprano

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:14-30  
*In the pew Bibles, on page 28 of the Second Testament*

SERMON "Hugging the Trunk" Rev. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN 322 O, God, We Yearn for Safety ANGEL'S STORY  
(See Insert)

Responding to God's Word

MOMENT FOR MISSION Habitat for Humanity Steve Seithers

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

His Eye Is on the Sparrow arr. Martha Mier

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

\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FROM SCRIPTURE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arr. Tracey C. McKibben

*Please eat the bread when you receive your communion cup, then wait and drink the juice after the Elder's prayer. Please let the deacon know if you would prefer a gluten-free option. We encourage you to recycle your communion cup after the service.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Putting Faith into Action

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*If you are interested in joining the church, please come forward during the closing hymn.*

\*HYMN 611 Rise Up, O Saints of God! FESTAL SONG

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE (10:45) Amen

POSTLUDE

Christians, We Have Met to Worship arr. Mary Hayes

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Scan this code to register for this year's VBS!



**PLUG IN!**

*Using Your Time and Talents at Crestwood*

Whatever your interests and skills, Crestwood offers so many ways to connect to God and each other through service and ministry. What opportunities speak to your heart? Whether you've served on a ministry team for years or are looking for a new way to connect, we are excited to see how you can plug in and find a way to transform your gifts into service at Crestwood.

Spring is a time of renewal and growth. It's also when we conduct our annual Time and Talents Campaign. On May 7 and 14 you'll have an opportunity to complete a survey. You can complete the quick survey online by scanning the code to the right (if you'd like a paper copy, let Kory or Amy Wheeler know). You can indicate that you'd like to continue serving where you are or specify your interests and talents that you can contribute in a new way, or we can reach out to you to help find a way for you to connect.



**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FUNDRAISING**



This is an important year for the Disciples churches in Lexington in its collaboration with Lexington Habitat for Humanity. This year Disciples for Habitat will help build and sponsor its 40th house! (Crestwood will have helped with 38 of them!)

This year's house is located at 429 Ash Street. The homeowners will be Uunda, Claris, and their three daughters. They fled the Democratic Republic of Congo and spent a few years in Tanzania before arriving in the U.S. Uunda works in production and Claris cares for their daughters.

As co-sponsors of a house, we contribute toward the cost of the building materials through fundraising during the month of May. Crestwood's goal is \$20,667. To make a monetary contribution make your check out to Crestwood Christian Church with "Habitat" on the memo line, or place cash in the pew envelope annotated "Habitat" on the outside.

The dates for Phase 1 of the construction are May 17, 18, 19, 20, June 2, 3, 9, 10. If you would like to volunteer please register with Eli O'Neal via email at [elio@lexhabitat.org](mailto:elio@lexhabitat.org). Please let him know you are a Disciple! No matter the skill level there is a job for everyone. Together we can build a safe, affordable home for a deserving family.

\*Please stand as you are able.

## Joys and Concerns

**MEMBERS:** Joe Clark, Wayne Dennis, Jo Fulkerson, Jeanna Ott, Mike and Dianne Toll

**FAMILY:** Anne Kopenhoefer King (step-sister of Becky Ernst), Ken Slone (father of Beth Hoffmann)

**FRIENDS:** Betty Lou Evans (of Crestwood), Frank Giardina (of Ed Gardner), Dean Henricksen (of Bev Tucker), family of Jewel Johnson (of Alma Kidd), Carol Rogow (of Libby Watchtel), the Trowbridge family (of Alice Williams)

**ARMED FORCES:** Anar Aliyev (of Crestwood), Paul Baird (grandson-in-law of Minva Hodgins), Karlis Bowman (nephew of Debbie Bowman Gardner), Matt Holman (son of Gaye Holman), Daniel Day (grandson of John and Carol Royse and son of Tracy Day), Bud DeLacey (nephew of Matt and Michelle DeLacey), Zoe McIntyre (granddaughter of John Sims), Ashlyn Marra-Sigler & Daniel Sigler (daughter-in law & son of David and Pam Sigler), Dalcus Sparks (nephew of Andrea Back)

**HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS:** Jean Aspley, Karen Billings, Lucy Booker, Margaret Buchanan, Joe Clark, Faye Cooper, Jacqueline Lindsey, Betty Shanklin, John Sims, John & Carolyn Thomas

**OUR WORLD COMMUNITY:** We pray for the victims & loved ones impacted by violence, inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center & their families, for an end to the war in Ukraine, for the peace of God to rule in the hearts of our local & national leaders, for those affected by COVID & natural disasters, & for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.

### Our Vision

Connecting People to God  
and Each Other

### Our Mission

Crestwood Christian Church connects people to God and each other by being a community that welcomes and accepts all people; invites questions about how faith and life intersect; encourages people to take the next step in their spiritual journey; cares for each other and the stranger; and serves God through serving others.

### Next Sunday

*Going Up!*

Acts 1:1-11

Rev. Kory Wilcoxson

### Today's Worship Leaders

#### Elder

8:30 Libby Wachtel

10:45 Rick Jouett

#### Liturgist

8:30 Kelly Hale

10:45 Jeanette Knowles

## WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD May 7, 2023

Sunday, May 7

8:30 AM

Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:30 AM

Sunday School

10:45 AM

Worship Service - Sanctuary

11:45 AM

DWM Board meeting - MC3

4:00 PM

Combined Youth Groups - Youth Sunday Practice

Tuesday, May 9

2:00 PM

Property Committee - Bradford Room

Wednesday, May 10

1:00 PM

Bible Study - Bradford Room

2:00 PM

Safety and Security Comm. - Admin Wing

Thursday, May 11

11:00 AM

Bible Study - Bradford Room

5:30 PM

Space for God - Chapel

7:00 PM

Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Saturday, May 13

8:00 AM

Men's Breakfast - Bradford Room

Sunday, May 14

8:30 AM

Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:30 AM

Sunday School

10:45 AM

Worship Service - Sanctuary

4:00 PM

Combined Youth Groups - Youth Sunday Rehearsal



## Hugging the Trunk Matthew 25:14-30 Rev. Kory Wilcoxson

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*Welcome to Crestwood!  
We are glad you have joined us for worship.  
We hope your time with us is meaningful and  
that you return soon.*

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