

July 2, 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

8:30 This Is My Song arr. Mark Hayes
10:45 American Pastoral arr. John Beckel

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

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 96)

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song:

People: Sing to the LORD all the earth.

Leader: Tell of salvation from day to day,

People: Declare the LORD's glory among the nations.

Leader: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,

People: Honor and majesty are before the LORD.

Leader: Strength and beauty are in the LORD's sanctuary.

People: Sing praise to the LORD!

*HYMN 263 Surely the Presence of the Lord (sing twice) WOLFE

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45) Clara Wallace

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Psalm 104:24-35
In the pew Bibles, on page 555 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

8:30 Just As I Am/I Come Broken
Katherine Steckler Soprano
10:45 Battle Hymn of the Republic
Ward/Steffe, arr. Peter J Willousky

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Genesis 11:1-9
In the pew Bibles, on page 9 of the First Testament

SERMON KIN-DOM OF GOD SERMON SERIES
Speaking God's Language Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

**Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN 687 In Christ, There Is No East or West ST. PETER

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY
8:30 Let There Be Peace on Earth arr. Dan Coates
10:45 Early American Voluntary John Zundel

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FROM SCRIPTURE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP
8:30 Let Us Break Bread Together arr. Mark Hayes
10:45 Model Elevation Dom Paul Benoit

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 431 Go, My Children, with My Blessing AR HYD Y NOS

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE (10:45)
The Lord Bless You and Keep You John Rutter

POSTLUDE
8:30 Eternal Father, Strong to Save arr. Larry Shackley
10:45 Celebration Charles Callahan

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CELEBRATE TRISH'S MINISTRY

The Pastoral Relations Committee of Reverend Trish Standifur

invites you to a celebration of her ministry

at Crestwood Christian Church today

following the 8:30 service in Narthex and 10:45 service on in Chalice Hall.

Please plan to attend to honor Trish for her almost eight years of service to our congregation and greater Lexington.

**SERMON SERIES – THE KINDOM OF GOD:
WITHIN US, AMONG US**

The theme for the 2023 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is "Kindom of God: Within us, Among Us." As Rev. Yvonne Gilmore, Associate General Minister and Interim Administrative Secretary for the National Convocation, wrote: "'Kindom' is not a spelling error or a replacement for the word kingdom. It's a way of connecting the 'kin' that God makes and expanding our imagination about Jesus."

In the last few years, violent political radicalization, a literal plague, cascading natural disasters, all have served to deepen fractures in our faith communities and bodies of belonging. We are much more likely to imagine our neighbor as our enemy than as our kin in the body of Christ.

By dwelling on what it means to be the Kin-dom of God, we invite the Holy Spirit to once again reorient us around the True Love which saves and liberates and unites us all. Remember what Paul taught the church in Ephesus: "now you are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, you are fellow citizens with God's people, and you belong to God's household." We became God's household because Christ came and dwelled amongst us, bringing the Kin-dom of God near. Christ's power and presence is not diminished! The Kin-dom of God is here.

July 9 - Mark 4:30-32 - Parable of mustard seed

July 16 - Psalm 33:13-19 - God watches over us

July 23 - 2 Peter 1:1-11 - God has given us everything we need

July 30 - General Assembly Sunday

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 4 OF JULY



Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Joe Clark, Jo Fulkerson, Alma Kidd, Family and friends of Traci Letcher, Jeanna Ott, Family and friends of Skip Redmond, Family and friends of Dotty Williams

FAMILY: **Blake and Cody Brewster** (Nephews of James Pelfrey), **Dan Carey** (brother-in-law of Libby Wachtel), **Family of Geri Faris** (sister of Sandi Smith), **Family of Bill Lindsay** (brother-in-law of Dave Miller), **Ellie Michaels** (granddaughter of Sue Michaels), **Mack Ramsey** (grandson of Mitzi Ramsey), **Donna Smith** (sister-in-law of Mitchell Smith)

FRIENDS: Family and friends of **Ben Cowherd** (of Andrea Nielsen), Family and friends of **Guy Waldrop** (of Crestwood), **Jacob Whitt** (of Libby Wachtel)

ARMED FORCES: **Anar Aliyev** (of Crestwood), **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

Mustard Seed Faith
Mark 4:30-32
Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

Today's Worship Leaders

Elder

8:30 Libby Wachtel
10:45 Tara Wilkinson

Liturgist

8:30 Katherine Steckler
10:45 Frank Spragens

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD July 2, 2023

Monday, July 3

7:00 PM - Local Outreach

Tuesday, July 4

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, July 6

9:30 AM - Stephen Ministers

Sunday, July 9

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister
Rev. Trish Standifur, Associate Minister
Steph Wallace, Student Associate Minister
Missy Wallace, Children's Minister
Erin Laswell, Office Administrator
Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager

Frank Spragens, Music Director
Cindy Abernathy, Pianist
Jane Johnson, Organist
Amber Combs, Childcare Director
Tara Monzon, PDO Director



KINDOM OF GOD WITHIN US AMONG US

Speaking God's Language

Genesis 11:1-9

Rev. Dr. 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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