

Sunday Worship

July 2
Speaking God's
Language
Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

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SERMON SERIES – THE KIN-DOM 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

VBS WAS OUT OF THIS WORLD!

This year's VBS was amazing! Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success (see the complete list of volunteers page 3). We had over 100 kids join us for a week of fun, games, and learning about how to shine God's light. This was one of the most successful VBS programs we've ever had. Praise God!



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A WORD FROM KORY...



My Uncle Jack died in October 2021. He was my dad's brother, the oldest of four siblings. He was kind and generous, a wonderful singer and supporter of local theater. I just assumed he would live forever. I was supposed to perform his funeral but got

COVID a few days before and had to miss it. His death, along with my parents' recent health issues, was a stark reminder that my relatives are not getting any younger and we are entering a new phase in life where we have to say goodbye to people we love.

Not long after Uncle Jack's funeral, my Uncle Mark suggested that he, my cousins (Jack's two sons), and I go on a hiking trip out west. Life is fleeting, and we need to make memories and hold connections as long as we can. We take way too much for granted and live with regrets about promises unfulfilled and opportunities not taken. So, this Sunday evening, my cousins and I will fly to Denver to meet up with my uncle and aunt for a few days of hiking and reconnecting. I'm looking forward to my time with family.

That theme of connection was also prevalent during our time in Costa Rica on the CYF mission trip. Four high schoolers and four adults spent a week serving God by mixing concrete, hauling rocks, and leading Vacation Bible School for the kids of the community. We stayed at Strong Missions, hosted by Charlie Strong, his sidekick Oscar Solano, and the kitchen staff. They were incredibly gracious and flexible, patiently dealing with this group of people who had great intentions (if not always the skills to follow through). Thanks to them and the gifts of our group (which ranged from concrete work to craft-making to excellent knowledge of Spanish), we were able to make some progress in the work the mission was doing in the community.

Along the way, we made some life-long connections. Oscar became everyone's new best friend, joking with us and leading us each day. Sol, the homeowner, made us lemonade while we worked in the hot sun to build her a new kitchen. We served along side Reuben and Warner, who spoke zero English but showed us

how to do the job. Not surprisingly, I connected with Charlie over our love of puns and with Sam, the mission center dog. And, of course, the eight of us connected with each other over shared experiences, delicious meals, and travel challenges.

Connections are the fabric of life. In Genesis 2, God says about Adam, "It is not good that man should be alone." We find our truest selves when we see our identity reflected in the eyes of someone else. It is through our relationships that we discover who we are and who we're called to be. It is in connection that we are shown those two most important words: "You belong."

I hope you have felt that sense of belonging here at Crestwood. We strive to treat everyone with compassion and see in them the beautiful image of God. We take seriously the call to love God and love our neighbor, especially those among us who are hurting, grieving, or facing unknown futures.

To make sure we continue this important work of connecting with each other, the Personnel Committee has approved the creation of an Interim Minister for Pastoral Care position. The person in this position will coordinate all aspects of care within our church family. That doesn't mean they will do all of that themselves. Instead, they will work with the rest of the staff and with me to make sure everyone is being visited, loved on, and cared for. I hope to have someone in place for this position by mid-July.

In this time of transition at Crestwood, it's more important than ever that we stay connected. As Trish said so eloquently in her last sermon, the church is bigger than any one person. The church is not just each of us, it is ALL of us, and we need each other to continue doing the work God has called us to do.

In my 13 ½ years here, my door has always been open to you. I welcome your comments, your questions, your cares, your concerns. I love being connected with you! Please let me know how I can serve you as we look forward to the future God has in store for Crestwood.

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), **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.

MISSY'S CORNER

Thank you, Crestwood for a FABULOUS Vacation Bible School! We had 102 kids in attendance for our STELLAR VBS. Together with over 70 volunteers, we were shining bright with the light of Jesus! It truly takes a village, and this experience would not be possible without the love and support of our entire church family. Children's ministry would like to say a special thank you to this year's volunteer team:

Aimee Graham	Gabe Owens (Youth)	Mariah Spikard
Alice Williams (Youth)	Harper Wells (Youth)	Matt Anderson
Amy Knight	Heather Pergram	Megan Bacon
Amy Treneff	Heidi Guckenberger	Mitchell Smith
Amy Wheeler	Jacob Wallace (Youth)	Monte LaFrana
Becky Thompson	Jim Cristi	Morgan Larkin
Bella Craig	Jo Ann Mudd	Nathan Simpson
Ben Thompson	Joanne Brown	Noah Graham (Youth)
Beth Pickrell	Joey Kingsolver	Parker Guckenberger (Youth)
Bob Wheeler	Joey Williams (Youth)	Pat Nielson
Caitlin Reams	John Gretz	Rachel Wilkinson (Youth)
Caleb Joy	Julie Blackburn (Youth)	Rebecca Anderson
Candace Brancato	Julie Lewis	Sarah Barker
Carter Wallace (Youth)	Kara Wells	Sarah Martin
Cindy Abernathy	Karen Blakeman	Sarah Pergram
Clara Wallace	Kate Joy	Sarah Trimble
Dallas Kingsolver	Kathryn Rasnick	Saralyn Kingsolver
Dana Adamson	Katie Neal	Scott Wallace
David Allen	Katie Rush (Youth)	Shawn Caudill
Denise Murray	Kay Thomas	Sherry Peace
Dennis Murray	Kelly Hale	Sice Shanklin
Donna Thor	Kenzie Claus	Stephanie Wallace
Doug Wilkinson	Kevin Wallace	Susie Jolliffe
Elaine Lollis	Kory Wilcoxson	Tanner Petty
Eliana Brancato (Youth)	Laura Prather	Tara Monson
Ellen Williams	Lindsey Whealton	Trish Standifur
Emily Hobbs	Lyndi Van Deursen	
Erin Laswell	Mandy Deerhake	
Estee Riling		
Fran Allen		

MAY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 2

8:30AM - Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:30AM - Trish's Reception
9:30AM - Sunday School
10:00AM - Choir Practice
10:45AM - Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:00PM - Trish's Reception

Monday, July 3

7:00PM - Local Outreach

Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day

Church Office Closed
9:00AM - Library Team

Wednesday, July 5

1:00PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Sunday, July 9

8:30AM - Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:30AM - Sunday School
10:00AM - Choir Practice
10:45AM - Worship Service - Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 11

2:00PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

Wednesday, July 12

1:00PM - Bible Study - MC4
2:00PM - Safety and Security Committee - Zoom/
Admin Conference Room

Thursday, July 13

6:00PM - Finance Team

Sunday, July 16

8:30AM - Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:30AM - Sunday School
10:00AM - Choir Practice
10:45AM - Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:00PM - Elder's Meeting - Chalice Hall/Zoom

Wednesday, July 19

1:00PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
7:00PM - Administrative Board - Zoom

Sunday, July 23

7:30AM - CHI RHO Mission Trip - Asheville NC
8:30AM - Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:30AM - Sunday School
10:00AM - Choir Practice
10:45AM - Worship Service - Sanctuary

Monday, July 24

7:30AM - CHI RHO Mission Trip - Asheville NC

Tuesday, July 25

7:30AM - CHI RHO Mission Trip - Asheville NC

Wednesday, July 26

7:30AM - CHI RHO Mission Trip - Asheville NC
1:00PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, July 27

7:30AM - CHI RHO Mission Trip - Asheville NC

Friday, July 28

7:30AM - CHI RHO Mission Trip - Asheville NC

Sunday, July 30

8:30AM - Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:30AM - Sunday School
9:40AM - Wake up with Wallace - Panera Bread
10:00AM - Choir Practice
10:45AM - Worship Service - Sanctuary

ADD YOUR VOICE TO OUR WORSHIP

We are looking for people who would be willing to serve as a liturgist for either the 8:30 or 10:45 AM service each Sunday. The liturgist leads the congregation in the Call to Worship and reads the first scripture (both of which are provided for you ahead of time). This is open to all ages! Please consider adding your voice to our worship service on Sunday morning. You can sign up here:

[Liturgist Signup](#)



Andrew, Gabe, and Katherine Owens



Gabe Owens and Alice Greene



Laura and Kim Bryan



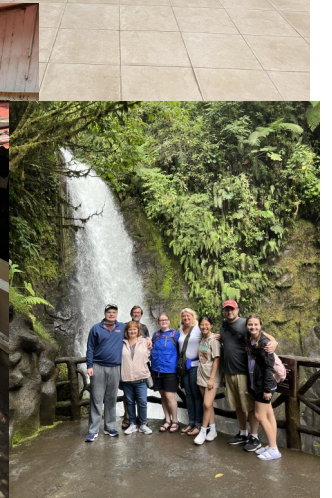
TJ, Adrianne, Kash and
Cooper Strong



Loraye and Tom Jones

**We welcome our new
members to the
Crestwood Christian
Church family!**

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP



YOUTH CORNER

By Steph Wallace

July always strikes me as the very heart of summer, but also as a transitional month in the year, as we start to think about the coming school year and what the future holds for us and our youth. This July, I am especially grateful for how many of our Crestwood youth have gotten involved over the past year, participating in fellowships, service projects, and mission trips. I am so excited to look ahead to the upcoming season, when we will welcome in our new 6th graders and continue to build and strengthen our bonds as we grow, learn, and serve together!



In June, 8 faithful servants (4 high school youth and 4 adults) spent a week in Costa Rica, on our first international mission trip in 5 years! They spent grueling hours working to improve living conditions for families in the San Juan region and making connections with the children living there through VBS. Please ask one of these wonderful team members about the trip when you see them in church - they have such amazing stories to share! And they will be sharing many details about their experience (along with a slideshow of pictures) at the Stockholders' Appreciation Dinner in Chalice Hall on August 6th at 6:00pm.

SAVE THE DATE! Upcoming Youth Events:

- Friday, July 21st: Friday Night Fellowship!
- All existing Chi Rho and CYF Youth are invited to come to the CYF room from 5:00-8:00pm for Bible Study, games, and fellowship. Dinner will be served!
- Sunday, July 23rd: Chi Rho Mission Trip departs for Asheville, NC
- Friday, July 28th: Chi Rho Mission Trip arrives home
- Sunday, July 30th: - Wake up With Wallace, 9:40 am - Meet at Panera Bread (Nicholasville and Zandale)
- Tuesday, August 1st: Welcome incoming 6th Graders Field Trip (with ALL youth!) - Countdown Games in Hamburg, 12:30 - 2:00 pm
- August 6th: Stockholders' Appreciation Dinner - Chalice Hall, 6:00 pm (CYF Costa Rica Mission Team will share their experiences and provide a fellowship meal)
- Sunday, August 13th: Youth Parent Informational Meeting - 12:00pm (following second service) Chalice Hall - ALL parents/families of youth from incoming 6th grade -12th grade are invited to attend
- Sunday, August 20th: Back to School Bash (all church-fellowship)
- Sunday, August 27th: Youth Group Kick-Off meeting, 4:00-6:00 pm in Gym

Until I see you in church, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Steph Wallace

THANK YOU CRESTWOOD

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your compassion and generosity; your gift makes it possible for Christian Care Communities to fulfill its faith inspired mission of providing care, healing, hope, and a home for seniors.

Since 60% of our residents live on a limited fixed income, we appreciate you choosing to help relieve them of the burden and anxiety that comes with an inflationary economy. Your generous support will help keep their housing costs affordable. Your dedication to our mission helps ensure Christian Care will continue to serve older adults across Kentucky.

Jim Patton
Christian Care Communities

MAGAZINES NEEDED

Do you have extra magazines piling up around the house? Teachers would LOVE those for hands-on assignments in class! It doesn't matter how out-of-date they are or what topics they cover, teachers can use them all. Feel free to drop your magazines off on Giving Lane or give them to Tara Wilkinson, who will distribute them among Crestwood's educators.



DOC GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN LOUISVILLE

Our denomination's national gathering, the General Assembly, will take place this summer in Louisville. It's a time of worship, learning, and sacred community. You're welcome to join us! You can register and find more information at www.ga.disiples.org.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

in Louisville, Kentucky
JULY 29 - AUGUST 1, 2023



ADULT EDUCATION

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 AM

MC4 - Led by Kory
Bradford Room - led by class members

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
1:00 PM - Bradford Room

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY
11:30 AM - Bradford Room

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BUILDING TRIP TO WESTERN KENTUCKY



Thirteen Lexington Disciple church members volunteered in a successful mission building trip to Western Kentucky 5/7/23 - 5/12/23. The trip's purpose was to help rebuild after the tornadoes of 12/10/21. Crestwood and its World Outreach Committee helped sponsor the trip. Crestwood's volunteers were Lucy Wells, John Brown, and Steve Seithers. Becky Ewalt Tossey, a former Crestwood member, who

lives in Cincinnati, also volunteered. We stayed at a very nice church, the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Madisonville, KY.

Under the leadership of the Fuller Disaster Rebuilders we were able to work on four houses in and near Dawson Springs, KY. We painted most of the interior and exterior trim and doors, and installed an exterior door on a remodelled house that had lost its entire roof due to the tornado. We built a wooden porch deck that stretched across the front and part of one side for a replacement house. We installed a countertop at another replacement house. And finally we did touch up painting and laid sod at another replacement house. Two pairs of our old shoes were thrown out due to the rain and mud while installing the sod! The homeowners were very appreciative of our efforts.

It will take several years to rebuild Western Kentucky. But thanks to Crestwood and volunteers we are making a start!

Our next Mission Building Trip to Western Kentucky is scheduled for 9/17/23 - 9/22/23. The cost is \$125. If you are interested in going, please contact Steve Seithers at Sseithers@gmail.com!



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THANK YOU

Dear Friends @ Crestwood,

We are so grateful for your ongoing support & prayers for our sisters. Your gift will go a long way toward serving our sisters with excellence. Thank you!

On behalf of the family of Traci Letcher, we thank you for the gifts, cards, calls, texts, emails and prayers of support. We truly appreciate every one of them. The kindness and caring that Crestwood has shown us made this difficult time more bearable.

Tim, Russell and Rex Letcher

Dear Friends @ Crestwood,

We are grateful for your gift of \$16,524 received on 5/26/2023. Because of your support and others like you, we have been able to rehabilitate and build homes that are more than shelters

Darryl Neher

Chief Executive Officer

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship — 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM

10:45 AM service is available on Facebook and YouTube

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Rev. Trish Standifur, Associate Minister
Steph Wallace, Student Associate Minister
Missy Wallace, Children's Minister
Frank Spragens, Music Director
Jane Johnson, Organist
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