

July 9, 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

Michael, Row the Boat/Shall We Gather at the River
arr. Pepper Choplin

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

Connecting with God

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 82)

Leader: We glorify you, O God,

People: For You are the most high God.

Leader: You give justice to the weak and the orphan;

People: You maintain the right of the lowly and destitute.

Leader: You rescue the weak and the needy;

People: You deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

Leader : Rise, O God, and judge the earth;

People: For all the nations belong to You!

*HYMN 53

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45)

Clara Wallace

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Psalm 20

In the pew Bibles, on page 499 of the First Testament

BAPTISMS OF PATTON BARLOW-FIERO, GRAE PERCIO, HAMPDYN PERCIO (10:45)

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

In Water We Grow
Doug Hutcherson, baritone

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Mark 4:30-32

In the pew Bibles, on page 38 of the Second Testament

**Please stand as you are able.*

KIN-DOM OF GOD SERMON SERIES

SERMON

Mustard Seed Faith

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

*HYMN 638

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Matt Schinske

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

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.

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.

OR

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FROM SCRIPTURE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

Morning Has Broken

arr. Joel Raney

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 622

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Standing on the Promises

arr. Cindy Berry

* * *

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #A-732007; CCLI, License #20883820 (Streaming).

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 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

BAPTISMS

PATTON BARLOW-FIERO

MENTOR: JOAN STAFFORD

Patton Barlow-Fiero is an 11-year-old fifth grader who attends SCAPA. Her parents are Melissa Barlow and Valerie Percio, and Kate Fiero. She also has two adorable sisters, Hampdyn and Grae. As her service project, Patton has chosen to collect dance shoes for Dominican Republic children. Those shoes will be delivered by a family friend this summer. A fan of the arts, Patton enjoys competition dance, drama activities, and voice instruction. Sensitive, inquisitive, smart, and well-rounded describe this special girl. Her kind remarks referring to her friends and life in general are endearing. Whether she becomes an orthodontist or a star on Broadway, Patton will be a success! I look forward to following her as she grows in her faith and continues to ask questions. She is a gem!

GRAE and HAMPDYN PERCIO

MENTOR: PATTI BRIDGES

HAMPDYN and GRAE PERCIO are 11-year-old twins. They recently moved from Columbus, Ohio, with their mother Valerie and now reside in Lexington with their family, Melissa and Patton. They attend Edythe J. Hayes Middle School and play regional volleyball, spending much of their weekend time traveling for practices and games. Their family enjoyed a spring break trip to Costa Rica; they gave ziplining a try with mixed reviews and had more than one adventure! HAMPDYN, the older twin, plays oboe. For her project, she chose to clean out her closets and donate the clothing and goods to charity. GRAE, the younger, plays trumpet. She plans to host a lemonade stand when the weather warms and intends to donate the proceeds. Both girls are in honors band. These courteous, intelligent, well-rounded twins read aloud the Book of Mark with great interest and an amazing grasp of the teachings of Jesus. They look forward to celebrating their baptism with their sister, Patton.

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), **Emily Barr Richards** (of the McDonalds), **Donna Smith** (sister-in-law of Mitchell Smith), **John Schiano** (father of Steph Wallace)

FRIENDS: **Family and friends of Ben Cowherd** (of Andrea Nielsen), **Family and friends of Paul David Jett** (of Dabney Parker), **Erin Laswell & Casey Rusher** (of Crestwood), **Jeremy Vannoy** (of Andrew Nielsen & Peter Menner), **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

God Watches Over Us
Psalm 33:13-19
Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

Today's Worship Leaders

Elder

8:30 Libby Wachtel
10:45 Tara Wilkinson

Liturgist

8:30 Kelly Hale
10:45 Mike Murray

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD July 9, 2023

Tuesday, July 11

2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

Wednesday, July 12

1:00 PM - Bible Study - MC4

2:00 PM - Safety & Security Committee - Zoom/Admin Wing

Thursday, July 13

6:00 PM - Finance Team - Bradford Room

Sunday, July 16

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

9:30 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

12:00 PM - Elders Meeting - Chalice Hall/Zoom

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior 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

Mustard Seed Faith

Mark 4:30-32

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

July 9, 2023
8:30 and 10:45 AM

*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.*

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1882 Bellefonte Drive · Lexington, KY 40503 · (859) 266-0459
office@crestwoodchristian.org · www.crestwoodchristian.org