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Welcome to Christ Church!

A Lighthouse Congregation
of the United Methodist Church

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*Christ Church United Methodist is a Welcoming Community of
Faith, Hope and Love Serving our Neighbors and the World
as the Hands of Christ.*

Sunday, March 8, 2026 - 8:45am
The Third Sunday in Lent

Lent, 2026 - "Take Time to Be Holy"

The Crosses of Jesus Worship Visual

The Worship Arts Committee of Christ Church created a worship visual that will help us focus on our 2026 Lenten theme, "Take Time to Be Holy." Each cross has a unique meaning. As you look from left to right:

The Processional Cross - This cross was created by church member and artist, Chris Dutch. The cross is made of Amboyna wood accented with dichroic glass and stained glass. The pole is oak.

The Old, Rugged Cross - Made from simple lumber, this cross represents the old, rugged cross mentioned in the hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross," which is based on Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23 and John 19. The small rope around the middle of the cross could make this a Wrapped Cross, which represents the crucifixion.

Retrome Metal Celtic Cross - This cross is often used in home and office décor and is based on the ancient symbol of the Celtic Cross. Crosses of this type are normally made of cast iron or rustic metal molded in an ornate floral design.

Tau Cross - This cross is often used during the Advent season. The Tau cross, or *crus commissa*, is named after the Greek letter 'tau,' which looks like a Latin letter "T". It was often used by the Franciscan religious order as a symbol of salvation. The colors blue, purple and dark red are penitential colors normally used during the penitential liturgical seasons of the church: Lent and Advent.

Calvary Cross - This type of cross is always seen with a Latin cross mounted above three steps that represents the hill of Golgotha where Jesus was crucified. This cross also contains the letters "IHS." Many people interpret this as "in his service." The letters are actually the first three letters of the Greek name for Jesus. This particular cross was used for decades as part of the Men's Bible Class of Christ Church. The cross and matching candlesticks are now part of our church archives.

Jerusalem Cross - The Jerusalem Cross, also known as the Crusader's Cross, is a prominent Christian symbol throughout the world. The symbol originated in the 11th or 12th century and became closely associated with the First Crusade to the Holy Lands. Through the centuries, it has taken on many additional meanings. One tradition suggests that the large cross in the middle represents Christ, and the four small crosses represent Christ's wounds to his hands and feet during the crucifixion. Another interpretation is that the center cross represents Christ and the four small crosses represent the four Evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Calvary Cross - This cross is significant to our church history. This is the cross from the old sanctuary that was destroyed by a fire in 1969. The cross survived the fire and is normally placed on the altar in the church columbarium located at the base of the bell tower. This cross is a "Tribute to Mrs. Roy Reger, Good Cheer Class, 1936."

The Lenten Cross - The round design of this cross symbolizes the encircling love of Christ. The gold cross in the middle is called a Greek cross because the cross has two equal arms that intersect in the middle of the circle. Purple is the liturgical color of Lent.

Celtic Cross - This cross, we believe, belonged to the late Malinda Crothers, who served this church as the Director of Children's Choirs. The Celtic Cross originated in Ireland and Britain during the early Middle Ages. The ring, or 'nimbus' at the center of the cross arms of the cross is a classic symbol of Celtic Christianity that represents the union of the spiritual and material worlds.

Calvary Cross - Unlike the other two Calvary Crosses, which are made of brass, this Calvary Cross is made of wood.

Evangelist Processional Cross - This silver cross contains the symbols of the four gospel writers of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. At the center of the cross is the symbol of a lamb, representing the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Abstract Cross - The sculpted dark bronze cross on the communion table was obtained by the late Rev. Dr. E. David DuBois who served as the Lead Pastor of Christ Church from 1983-1991. The design of the cross is abstract and minimalist with sweeping lines and organic shapes instead of the angular lines associated with the traditional Latin cross. The cross was gifted to Christ Church by the late Richard and Virginia Hanlen and Family in memory of Sarah E. Hanlen, Richard Hanlen's mother.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

† If able, please stand.

GATHERING MUSIC

"Seventh Day"

by Jim Brickman

WELCOME

Rev. David Donathan

† SONGS OF PRAISE

"Goodness is Stronger than Evil"

"Your Grace Is Enough"

TFWS #2219

W&S #3106

† OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Timothy Bias

† SHARING IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WELCOME CHORUS

"You Are Welcome Here"

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Chris Muglia

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WORK OF THE CHURCH

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jeff Bratchett

SHARING OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYER CHORUS

"Change My Heart, O God"

TFWS #2152

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

OFFERING OUR TIME, TALENTS, GIFTS, SERVICE AND WITNESS

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING

"Take My Life"

arr. Dan Galbraith/Chris Tomlin

GOSPEL LESSON - *Concerning Anger*

Matthew 5: 21-26

Bible, Pg. 4

SERMON - *"Holy Relationships"*

Dr. Bias

† CLOSING SONG

"Draw the Circle"

W&S #3154

† SENDING FORTH

Welcome Chorus

By Chris Muglia



You are wel-come here; come as you are.

You are



wel-come here, with o-pen arms.

Bring your



bur-dens, bring you pain, bring your sor-row and shame. You are



wel-come here; come as you are.