



CHRIST CHURCH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

AN OPEN & AFFIRMING WISE CONGREGATION.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



July 20, 2025

9:30 AM



Enghebrechtsz, Cornelis, ca. 1475-1527. Christ in the House of Mary and Martha.

Welcome to Christ Church United Church of Christ – Des Plaines

"We serve to be a beacon of God's love; a place of hope & belonging."

We're so glad you're here. Whether you're visiting or looking for a church home, we hope you experience belonging in this sacred space.

📍 Our **worship services** are livestreamed and available on:

🌐 christchurchuccdesplaines.org

📺 facebook.com/christchurchuccdesplaines

We also invite you to join us after worship for fellowship—a time to connect, enjoy refreshments, and get to know one another.

👶 CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP

We joyfully welcome children of all ages in our services. Feel free to move about as needed—this space is for your whole family.

Helpful Resources:

- **Toys & Activities:** Located in the Narthex—ask an usher for assistance.
- **Sunday School:** Offered every other week during worship, with fellowship & activities.
- **Play Area:** Available during fellowship time after worship.

FACILITIES & AMENITIES

♿️ **Gender-neutral Restrooms:** Wobbe Hall (accessible, changing table) & Sacristy

♿️ **Gendered Restrooms:** Downstairs via Narthex (changing tables)

💧 **Water Cooler:** Outside the Narthex (right-hand side)

🌿 **Quiet Spots:** Memorial Garden & Little Library Courtyard for peaceful rest or prayer.

🌍 OUR VISION

To make a lasting difference in our lives, community, and world.

📖 Want to learn more?

You can find additional details about our ministries, history, beliefs, and justice commitments at

👉 christchurchuccdesplaines.org

OUR DENOMINATION

We are part of the **United Church of Christ (UCC)**—a progressive, justice-seeking denomination known as a “church of firsts” and a community of extravagant welcome, the UCC unites faith and action in a shared vision “...that they may all be one” (John 17:21). Christ Church UCC belongs to the **Illinois Conference** and the **Chicago Metropolitan Association** of the UCC.

ABOUT US

We are an **Open and Affirming (ONA)** and **WISE for Mental Health** congregation.

At **Christ Church UCC**, we embrace diversity and affirm the sacred worth of every person. We welcome people of all races, ethnicities, ages, gender identities, sexual orientations, abilities, marital statuses, and faith backgrounds into full participation in our life, ministry, and leadership.



UCC Mental Health Network

Welcoming • Inclusive • Supportive • Engaged

As a **WISE congregation**, we recognize the gifts of those living with mental health challenges, including mental illness, addiction, and trauma. We commit to:

- Reducing stigma through education and inclusion
- Supporting individuals and families through companionship and advocacy
- Including people with lived experience in all aspects of church life
- Partnering with organizations engaged in mental health and faith-based work



🌿 OUR MISSION

“Share God’s teachings through worship, prayer, and ministries while striving to continue the work of Jesus Christ by treating all with compassion and kindness and helping those in need.”

“O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?”
- Psalm 15:1

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

Quiet meditation at the first note of the prelude.

PRELUDE

***** LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES *****

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God calls us to hear the cries of those who hunger and thirst for justice.

People: We come to listen for the Word that challenges and transforms us.

Leader: Christ, the image of the invisible God, holds all things together in love.

People: We gather to be rooted and grounded in this grace.

Leader: Let us worship the God who renews us and calls us to faithful living.

All: Thanks be to God!

***** BELL *****

OPENING PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

HYMN *"My Lord, What a Morning"* *(see music insert)*

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION *(unison)*

God of mercy, we confess that we sometimes seek profit over people, silence voices that need to be heard, and cling to busyness over being present. Forgive us when we neglect your call to justice and compassion. Turn our hearts back toward you, and make us agents of your peace.
Amen.

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Even when we stray, God's love never fails us. Through Christ, we are made whole, forgiven, and renewed. Receive this assurance, and live in the freedom of God's grace. Amen.

WAVING OF PEACE 🙌

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

READINGS *(NRSVUE)*

Amos 8:1-12

Colossians 1:15-28

*Luke 10:38-42

My Lord, What a Morning

708

Refrain

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

Fine

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Verses

1. You'll hear the trum-pet sound, to wake the na-tions un-der-ground,
2. You'll hear the sin-ner moan, to wake the na-tions un-der-ground,
3. You'll hear the Chris-tian shout, to wake the na-tions un-der-ground,

Response

D.C.

look-ing to my God's right hand,
look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.
look-ing to my God's right hand,

More Precious than Silver

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Lord, you are more pre - cious than

sil - ver. Lord, you are more cost - ly than

gold. Lord, you are more beau - ti - ful than

Cue notes optional

dia - monds, and noth - ing I de - sire com - pares with

you. you.

OFFERING HYMN

JUSTICE & PEACE

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A Place at the Table



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble, for
2 For wo - man and man, a place at the ta - ble, re -
3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble, a
4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble, a -
5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble, to



ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread, a
vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share, with
voice to be heard, a part in the song, the
bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give, in
live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be, to



shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing, for
wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er, for
hands of a child in hands that are wrink - led, for
an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy, for
work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship, for

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MUSIC: Jane Marshall (1924-)

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OFFERING HYMN

JUSTICE & PEACE

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Refrain

ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
wo - man and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
young and for old, the right to be - long, and God will de - light when
just and un - just, a new way to live,
ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,

God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy!

The Church's One Foundation

Eph. 2:13-22; 4:4-6; 1 Cor. 3:11

Samuel J. Stone, 1866; alt.

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of our war,
 4 Yet we on earth have un - ion with God, the Three - in - One,

we are Christ's new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
 one char - ter of sal - va - tion, one God, one faith, one birth,
 we wait the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;
 One name to - geth - er bless - ing, one ho - ly food we share,
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, our long - ing eyes are blessed,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! God, give us grace that we,

with pre - cious blood Christ bought us for all e - ter - ni - ty.
 to one hope we are press - ing, at one in work and prayer.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

Like the writings of Ambrose many centuries earlier, this hymn was born out of a doctrinal dispute. The young priest Samuel J. Stone composed twelve hymns on the articles of the Apostles' Creed in support of those reacting against nontraditional views of biblical scholarship. This hymn is based on article nine, "the holy Catholic Church."

Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.
 Samuel S. Wesley, 1864



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SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

FAITH FORWARD ADVENTURES



growing in
 faith together

Get ready for a summer of fun! Faith Forward Commission invites all youth to join us for special activities that spark creativity, connection, and community. (During 9:30-10:30 AM worship service unless noted otherwise)

ACTIVITIES:

🎬 June 29 - Movie Day

Join us in Wobbe Hall for a fun, family-friendly movie and snacks

🎳 July 27 - Intergenerational Bowling (after service)

All are welcome for an intergenerational game. Meet us at River Rand Bowling for some strikes, spares, and summertime fun. RSVP: <https://bit.ly/July27Bowling> or sign-up sheet available in the office.

🌿 August 3 - Worship in the Park & Picnic (9:30am)

Enjoy a joyful outdoor service and a picnic—plus lawn games for the kids. There will be a splash pad!

🎲 August 24 - Board Games

Wrap up the summer with classic games, laughter, and connection



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Church in the Park



Get ready for our annual worship service and picnic at Lake Opeka—plus fun activities for the kids!

 **Sunday, August 3, 2025**

 **9:30 AM - Worship Service**

 **Optimist Pavilion Lake Opeka**

We'll have grilled & fried chicken! Bring a side or dessert to share. Sign-up sheet for dishes is available in the office.



IN MEMORY / HONOR

ALTAR FLOWERS



May we continue special prayers for...

Marion Meseth*
Dawn Mashek
Linda Steckel
Jack Storm
Marilyn Hoover*
Sue Prunty

Marilyn McCown
Dorothy Zemke*
Kelly Roberts
Hope & Bruce Tschappat*
Helen Harney
George Bielat

Rev. Marcia Urban
Homebound*
Documented &
Undocumented
Immigrants

Our Country
Ukraine, Lebanon, Palestinian,
and Israeli citizens



Special prayers for:

Those living with mental illness, illness, without a home or food, our church community, service people, veterans, our nation, and our leaders.

Happy Birthday!

20 - Jack Branding
22 - Gary Smith
26 - Leslie Thomas

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Thanks to everyone scheduled to help with worship:

Guest Speaker	Mary Burke-Peterson
Liturgist/Lector	Jessica Busse
Church Pianist	Karen Wilberg
Council Greeter	Mandy O'Donnell
Ushers	Jan Storm, Donna Boyko, Alice Barnhart, Julie Radman, Carolyn Amick

Choose
kindness

ANNOUNCEMENTS

inspire

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 48±
*Our attendance is calculated using our
LIVE Facebook viewers and those in person.*

GET IT TOGETHER: Tiny Toes & Big Hearts! Our Get It Together group crafted blankets, hats & booties for Project Baby Blanket! They'll bring a little love to NICU babies. Can you crochet or knit? Consider joining our group! The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the lounge. *The next meeting will be on August 20th, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.*

MEN'S LUNCH: Held on the second Monday of every month at 11:45 am, at Sunrise Grill.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: Held the second Tuesday of every month at 9:00 am, at Sunrise Grill

SELF-HELP CLOSET & PANTRY: They are in dire need of the following items: ketchup, mustard, mayo, pasta sauce (plain), flour, sugar, instant coffee, breakfast cereal (chocolate), new or like-new clean bed linens and towels, men's, women's, children's underwear (all sizes), body wash, shampoo, dish soap, laundry detergent, and paper towels. Please bring clean, dry plastic grocery bags.

COMMUNITY BACKPACK PROJECT: If you would like to bring items for The Community Backpack Project, these are the suggested items (please no glass jars): single serve breakfast cereal, instant oatmeal packets, pancake mix, canned red beans, one-pound bags of rice, pasta and pasta sauce, canned soup, canned pasta, stew or chili, peanut butter and jelly, fruit cups, pudding cups, fruit snacks, individually-wrapped snacks and chips. Please place them in the blue bins. For Iroquois School, please use cardboard box across from the office.

COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UP: Looking for a way to get involved? Sign-up for coffee hour in the office.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Sign-up sheet is available in the office. 

LAKE OPEKA WORSHIP & PICNIC: A sign-up sheet for dishes for the Annual Lake Opeka Worship & Picnic is in the office.



PLASTIC RECYCLING CHALLENGE

We're off to a fantastic start in our plastic recycling challenge, a joint effort between Trinity Lutheran ELCA, St. Martin's Episcopal Church, and First United Methodist Church. A total of 171 pounds have been collected as of July 15, 2025. To reach our goal of **1,000 pounds by June 30, 2026**, we need 829 pounds! Please continue bringing in your recyclable plastics to help us earn a bench for the Self-Help Closet & Pantry of Des Plaines!



Watch our worship services live on Facebook. Can't join us live? Catch the replay later in the week on YouTube via our website at christchurchuccdesplaines.org. Worship from the comfort of your home!



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Tuesday - Friday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS
Tues. & Wed. 10 am - 3 pm;
Days off: Friday & Saturday



For after-hour pastoral care emergencies,
please call Rev. Gilbert on his cell phone at 224-250-9898.

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Council greeters are available to listen to your questions, concerns
& positive feedback about worship and all areas of church life.

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