

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

August 30, 2020



Heart with Cross

Common Worship shared by:

Christ Church, United Church of Christ Ft. Thomas, KY
St. John United Church of Christ Bellevue, KY
St. John's United Church of Christ Newport, KY

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode, Christ Church
Evan Hurley, St. John's Church Newport
Steve Milloy, St. John Church Bellevue
Kelly Kuhnhein, Christ Church
Talia Broering Zoll, Christ Church
Toni Sheffer, Christ Church
Dobin Park, St. John's Church Newport
Michael Sullivan, St. John's Church Newport
Cindy Bathiany, Christ Church

Order of Service

Prelude

“Pie Jesu” -*Andrew Lloyd Webber*
Evan Hurley, violin

Welcome and Call to Worship

Cindy Bathiany

Loving God,
you call us to turn away from our own selfish interests,
to take up our cross, and to follow you.
To find our lives,
may we live them in service of your mission.

As we come before you this morning,
give us open hearts and open hands.
Make us eager to hear your voice
and seek your guidance.

Open our minds to your ever-present spirit
that is always moving within and around us
Open our spirits to your nudging
and open our lives to your love.

Opening Hymn

“Nearer My God to Thee” -*Adams/Mason, arr. Dan Forrest*
Talia Broering Zoll, vocal leader; Toni Sheffer, piano

Prayer of Confession

Cindy Bathiany

Lord Jesus Christ,
We call you Lord,
Yet it is too easy for us to worship other things.
Other activities, other relationships, other gods.

You tell us we cannot serve two masters,
Yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere,
Diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away from you.

Forgive us, gracious Savior,
When our hearts are led astray
When we serve other gods and worship them.

We turn away from our distractions and sin.
Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem,
To take up our cross and follow you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response of Gratitude

Dobin Park & Michael Sullivan

All Praise and Thanks to God, the Father now be given,
The Son and him who reigns with them in highest heaven.
The one eternal God whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.

Scripture

Matthew 16.21-28 (New Revised Standard Version)

Cindy Bathiany

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Children's Time

Kelly Kuhnhein

Sermon

"Which Way?"

Guest preacher, Edward Goode

Pastor, Christ Church, UCC - Ft. Thomas, KY

Offering

"Blessed Assurance" -John Ness Beck

Dobin Park, soloist; Evan Hurley, violin; Michael Sullivan, piano

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Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Edward Goode

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Song

"Take Up Your Cross" -arr. Eric Knechtges
Steve Milloy, vocal leader

Tune: O WALY WALY

"Take up your cross," the Savior said, "if you would my disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart and humbly follow after me."

Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength will bear your spirit up, and brace your heart, support your arm.

Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your foolish pride be still;
For Christ did not refuse to die upon a cross on Calv'ry's hill.

Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down,
for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Benediction

Edward Goode

Postlude

"Come Thou Almighty King" -arr. Albin Whitworth
Michael Sullivan, organ

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