

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Niles, OH 44446

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Rev. Christopher Stark, Minister

10:45 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

MAY 19, 2019

WE BEGIN OUR TIME TOGETHER

NEWS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign and pass the attendance pad across in your row, recognizing and greeting members and guests. Include children/family elsewhere in the building.)

WE MEET OUR LORD TOGETHER AND OFFER OUR PRAISE

*** CENTERING (Responsively)**

Leader: Praise God with your whole being!

People: We will praise God as long as we live!

Leader: Don't trust the plans of humanity. Only God's expansive love is eternal.

People: Praise God!

Leader: We praise the creator, the God of Jacob. The one who straightens the bent, who loves the hungry and poor.

People: Praise God!

Leader: We are here to praise our God, who protects the alien and immigrant, who helps the orphan and widow.

People: Praise God!

Leader: Praise the creator whose love flows from generation to generation until all is as God dreams it can be.

People: Praise God!

***PRAISE SONG** 'Crown Him with Many Crowns' v. 1, 3, 4 CH p. 234

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Benevolent God, you see those who are hungry, poor and marginalized, who too often we overlook. You recognize their humanity and their suffering, and promise to overthrow the rejection they encounter in our world. Help us be part of that transformation. Take our gifts to feed the hungry and sustain the poor. Multiply our gifts to erase the margins of our society, embracing us all in Your inclusive love. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WE PRAY TOGETHER

PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM 'Standin' in the Need of Prayer'

(Grades Kindergarten through Grade 4 to go to Junior Worship. Please gather at the back of the sanctuary.)

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13: 18-30

NT pgs. 76-77

MESSAGE

'THE GREAT REVERSAL IN LUKE'

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP 'I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table' v. 1,3,4 CH p. 424

Elders Serving: Becky Carpenter and Jeff Jornigan

COMING TO THE TABLE

(Please come forward from the center aisle and dip the bread into the cup. Those unable to come forward please stay seated and a deacon will bring the bread and cup to you.)

OFFERTORY MOMENT

OFFERING OUR GIFTS (Deacons will pass trays)

DOXOLOGY

CH p. 47

PRAYER FOR THE GIFTS

WE DEPART TO SERVE

THE INVITATION

(All who will accept Christ as Lord of their lives and those who desire to transfer membership are invited to come forward at this time.)

HYMN OF INVITATION

'The Voice of God is Calling'

v. 1, 2, 4 CH p. 666

LITANY OF BLESSING

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!

People: We have been called,

Leader: we have been anointed,

People: we have been given a task.

Leader: So go out from this place into the mission field that is the world.

People: We go carrying Good News to the world: news about freedom from oppression and healing for the afflicted.

Leader: The time of the Lord's favor is now! Hallelujah! Amen.

CLOSING SONG

'O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life'

CH p. 432

* Please stand if able

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS on what would have been Bob and Ginny Hughes' 62th wedding anniversary.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING today following worship, board room

CYF MEETING following worship today, CYF Room

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 26. Worship service will be held at **10 a.m.** through Labor Day Sunday, September 1. There will be no church school classes and no Junior Worship. Families are invited to worship together. Preschool care will be provided in the preschool room for nursery through age 4. Activity bags will be available for children in worship.

DISCIPLE WOMEN'S JAIL MINISTRY May 20, 6:45 p.m., Trumbull County Jail

BIBLE STUDY May 21, 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY MEALS continue this Thursday, May 23, 4:45-5:45 p.m. Monetary donations are being accepted for these meals. If you wish to contribute, make checks payable to First Christian Church labeled 'meals.'

THERE WILL BE A KIDS' CLOTHING RESALE SATURDAY, JUNE 1 at our church. From 8-9 a.m., early bird admission costs \$5. From 9-2, admission is free. We will also be accepting donations of school supplies and canned goods for Niles Community Services. Table rental is \$20 for non-church members and \$10 for church members. You get to keep all the money you make from selling your new or gently used kids' clothes, baby gear, toys, and maternity clothes. Proceeds will go towards Vacation Bible School. Contact Monica Lott at 330-980-3619 for more information. There has been a lot of interest, so act quickly to reserve your table with your deposit!

ADULT CONFERENCE will be held June 17-21 at Northwest Christian Church in Columbus. Pastor Chris will lead the class '*Finding Community Among the Divided*'. Registration fee for the week is \$225, payable to Christian Church in Ohio. Part-time registration is also available. For more info, visit ccinoh.org.

BUDGET RECEIPTS LAST WEEK WERE:	\$3,280.50
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CALENDAR

Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12 p.m.	Official Board Meeting – board room
		CYF Meeting – CYF Room
Mon.	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Women's Jail Ministry
Tues.	7 p.m.	Bible Study – parlor
Thurs.	4:45-5:45 p.m.	Community Meals – fellowship hall
Sat.	12:30-2:30 p.m.	Fellowship Hall in use
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service