

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2020



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

Order of Service

Prelude

"Pie Jesu" (Andrew Lloyd Webber)
Evan Hurley - violin

Welcome & Call to Worship

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.

Hymn

"Nearer My God to Thee" (Adams/Mason arr Dan Forrest)
Talia Broering Zoll, vocal; Toni Sheffer, piano

Prayer of Confession

**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

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.

Dobin Park & Michael Sullivan

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

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."

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Time with the Children

Kelly Kuhnhein

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