



**Being human,
Being love**

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Office and Building Hours

Office Monday - Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Building will be open:
Monday - Thursday,
7:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Other building hours by
scheduled appointment only.

Welcome to Christ Community!

This community is open to all who would join and continue the human journey, seeking to learn, to grow, to love deeply, and live more meaningfully! We are glad you are here. Let us know how we can connect with you.

Ian Lawton, Executive Minister,
Preaching and Theological Inquiry
Bob Kleinheksel, Minister of Care
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Abbie Rockwood, Organist and Music
Coordinator
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The Small, Inspired Miracles
Sunday, July 16, 2006
8:30 & 9:30 a.m.
Christ Community Church

Prelude

Sunrise over Sunset Hill

...**Abbie Rockwood**

...Ned Rorem

I Don't Want To Be A Bother

...**Brian Vander Ark**

*...so he cast me out like an exorcist into the arms of a late night evangelist and for a thousand dollar vow I made the list of all his weekly prayers well I guess I would be quite surprised if he were the devil in disguise it would be more clever to hide behind a political agenda and so I turned to the government to make some noise 'cause I had one vote and I had one voice
I heard you can't be religious and pro-choice
I don't know why I even bother*

now, I believe in God, there is no debate, but I believe in separation between church and state

*I went back to the church to seal my fate and they brought me to the father, he said you can't come in with that point of view
just ask yourself what would Jesus do*

I would've said Jesus was a rebel too, but I didn't want to be a bother

*the last time I was born again, I found nirvana from within the eyes of a girl who took me in, swaddled up in dirty flannel
we went back to my neighborhood and heard you can't get to heaven just being good
I smiled and said that I understood.*

Welcome and News of the Community

Celebration of Baptism

Parents are asked:

Will you strive to nurture your child in his own spiritual development; to respect life, to love deeply and to be agents of peace and justice?

Will you, by example, teach your child to respond with optimism rather than react out of fear, to embrace discovery rather than a belief system, and to believe that there is no such thing as failure, only opportunities in disguise?

I baptize you, Taylor Ethan Smeyers, in water to signify your connection to all of life. Above you are stars. Beneath you is the earth. Within you is the light of life. Like the stars may your love be constant. Like the earth may your life be grounded. Like the light may your spirit shine. You are embraced by God; within as self-worth, between as the strength in community, and beyond as the endless possibilities that line your future.

Welcoming New Members

Do you, Brian & Lisa Highstreet and Ken & Sarah Swart, commit to participating wholeheartedly; giving and receiving in this community, to continuing your spiritual development, and joining us in exploring the beauty and miracle of life?

Children's Message

Children are invited forward to the chancel steps for a story and video this morning.

Participants:

Preacher: Ian Lawton

Liturgist: Allison Rockey

Organist: Abbie Rockwood

Guest Musician: Brian Vander Ark

Ushers: Kevin Baldus (Captain), Kath Alward, Steve Alward, Ryan Cotton, Paul Crowell, Dave Lindberg, Paul Reitemeier, Cathy Saurman, Vic Wilhelm.

The gold team ushers next week.

Greeters: Barb & Ed Post, Anita Pellgrom

Sound Booth: Brian Drabczyk

Camera: Kate Ujlaky, Brian Vander Ark

Growing Place: Chris Platt

Ministry Council Host: Keith Arteaga

C3/CCC Summer Kids Program

Children are released during the 9:30 a.m. service to join us downstairs in the Great Room for books and/or videos. We conclude at 10:30 a.m. Our summer volunteers today are Kurt & Cathy Forrest and Katie Reitemeier. We are still in need of volunteers. Please call Jan Hood at 616-846-5523. Thank you!

Wayne Dyer's 'Inspiration'

Today is the second part in a series stimulated by Wayne Dyer's latest book, *Inspiration: Your Intimate Calling*. "There's a voice in the universe calling each of us to remember our purpose—our reason for being here now, in this world of impermanence. The voice whispers, shouts, and sings to us that this experience of being in form, in space and time, knowing life and death, has meaning. The voice is that of inspiration, which is within each and every one of us."

Thank you to Joe & Katie Baker for donating the DVD set of *'Inspiration'* by Wayne Dyer now available in our library.

Church Family

- Jean Nummerador has moved to the Hume Home in Muskegon.
- Ruth Klouw is now at Providence House in Ferrysburg.
- Phy Brammer is now home from the hospital.
- Congratulations to Bill and Sara Peterson on the birth of their son Liam.
- Gina Zornes is in training now and will soon be deployed to Kosovo for a year.

Catch Brian Vander Ark's Latest Album

All of the songs performed today are found on Brian's latest album, "Angel, Put Your Face On," which will be available for purchase following this morning's gathering.

Reading

When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. --John 6

Children Unleashed to Morning Activities

Musical Reflection

"Belong"
"Nothing But Time"

...Brian Vander Ark

Prayer

...Allison Rockey

Sermon

"The Small, Inspired Miracles"

...Ian Lawton

Offertory

Prelude

...Abbie Rockwood
...George Gershwin

The Heart That Keeps You

*Speak your mind, don't hold your breath
a tongue that lay in atrophy, it's an idle threat
and if you need to shout, let 'em hear you everywhere
just don't store it further down until you don't care
'cause it will spoil with opportunities
at least the ones you've missed
and the times you felt you didn't belong
somewhere with the anger, I believe you're blessed with a heart that
keeps you hanging on*

...Brian Vander Ark

*Let the angels fly, make the devils crawl
they'll be begging at your feet in a free-for-all
and what I've found is it will all come back around and some you
recognize, some you won't know at all
there'll be brand new disappointments that weigh upon your chest but
you'll have the strength to face them head on
though you feel you're cursed with, I believe you're blessed with a heart
that keeps you hanging on*

*So speak your mind, don't hold your tongue
we're all in this together, everyone
we all feel disappointments, but at least we have some friends
arm and arm, right there all along
though we feel we're cursed with, we all need to depend upon a heart
that keeps us hanging on.*

*Blessing

We're all teachers, and what we teach is what we learn, and so we teach it over and over again until we learn.

--A Course in Miracles