

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 22, 2026 (8:00 am & 10:00 am)

The Rt. Reverend Anne B. Jolly, Bishop of Ohio

The Reverend Doctor Robin R. Woodberry, Rector

James W. Shiell, Director of Music

Paul W. Keriotis, Director of Spiritual Formation

Prelude

Wondrous Love – arr. Dale Wood

AT THE PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR

The People stand for the Processional Hymn and remain standing through the Collect of the Day

Processional Hymn No. 439 What wondrous love is this – *Wondrous Love*

A Penitential Order

BCP p. 351

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: **His mercy endures for ever**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

**that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Celebrant stands and says.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy

setting: Swee Hong Lim

Sung through twice

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray together.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath:

Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,” says the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130 (*spoken at both services*)

De profundis

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;

LORD, hear my voice; *

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *

O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; *

therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *

in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the LORD,

more than watchmen for the morning, *

more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the LORD, *

for with the LORD there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption, *

and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Romans 8:6-11

A Reading from the book of Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn No. 516 Come down, O Love divine – *Down Ampney*

The Gospel: John 11:1-45

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Kathi Kovacic

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able and together say

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Leader As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing
on the church, the world, and all of creation.

[*silence*]

Leader Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the
leaders of your church be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its
resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace,

People **receive our prayer.**

Leader Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil.
Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering
from natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all creatures that
live in them. God of grace,

People receive our prayer.

Leader Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnerships and uplifts those on the margins of society. God of grace,

People receive our prayer.

Leader Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims of war, racism or cultural bias, and all who long for respite or restoration. Inspire us to bring your health to the sick, and your encouragement to the discouraged, especially; Al Novak, Norman Coupland, Gloria Duran, Virginia, and Raymond Takach, Jean Pinti, Eric Tracey, Faith Scarmuzzi, Hunter Stringham, Cindy Thirion, Roger Carnahan, Jim Adgate, and Ralph Snelson. Are there others? God of grace,

People receive our prayer.

Leader Inspire and empower us to do your work in the world. Bless us with mutual trust and respect, courage, and foresight as you shepherd our community through the work set before us. Make us faithful, God of grace,

People receive our prayer.

Leader Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints. Are there those you wish to name? God of grace,

People receive our prayer.

Leader We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Al Novak and Dave Susa. Are there those you wish to name? We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, giver of all light and vision, by your Word you made the day and night. Let your wondrous work be revealed in us so that your glory might shine like the sun; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of Christ

Welcome and Announcements

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.
Psalm 50:14

The Offertory Anthem Jesus is the Rock that Last – Jamie Shiell

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer EOW 2

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels

in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

SANCTUS

St. Bride's Setting

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.
On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

The Celebrant continues

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.
In the fullness of time bring us,
with all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. *AMEN*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

St. Bride's Setting

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us your peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant: Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and
receiving communion spiritually.

Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not altogether in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. *Amen.*

Distribution

All are welcome and invited to the altar rail for communion. If you need communion brought to your pew, please inform an usher. You may eat the bread and take a sip from the common cup, or you can dip the bread into the common cup. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the church office

Hymn at the Distribution My Chains are Gone (Amazing Grace) – Chris Tomlin

Post Communion Prayer—*Celebrant and People (stand or kneel)*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Blessing

Recessional Hymn No. 567 Thine arm, O Lord – *St. Matthew*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Toccata in E minor – Johann Pachelbel

Assisting with our Worship:

8am Bill Baran /10am Amie Prezioso – Lector
8am Jan Henrey/10am John Panagis -Lector/Chalice
John Panagis-Prayers of the People
Diane Orr & Peter Day– Ushers
Peter & Linda Day-Greeter
8am Beth Landers – Altar Guild
10am Kevin Knowlton, Amie Prezioso & Sam Davis– Altar Guild
Liz Clark – Coffee Hour
Cub Scout Troop 11 – Happy Baggers
Deb Murphy & Aaron Woodberry– A/V

Leading our Music

The Parish Choir
Beni El-Dalati-Cruz & Erika Scharff - Soloists

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

We are happy to have you worship with us today! If you are a visitor or would like to know more about the life, work, and ministry of Christ Church, please fill out a “Connect Card” in the pew rack. The greeter in the Narthex will help you complete a “Connect Card”. You can drop the completed card in the offering plate or give it to a member of our staff, an usher, or a Vestry member following the service. We are glad you are here!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION FOR CHILDREN is held each week during 10 am worship service. We use the Montessori-based curriculum, Godly Play. Interested children (K-5) are welcomed to join in the procession. Children return to the Sanctuary during The Peace so they may join their families for Holy Eucharist.

THE PARISH CHOIR REHEARSALS are on Thursdays at 7pm in the choir room. New members are always welcome!

PALM SUNDAY CHILDREN’S CLOTHING DRIVE: As part of our children’s ministry’s outreach, we will collect new or gently used children’s Easter clothes each Sunday in Lent. You may deposit them in the narthex in the bins marked “Palm Sunday Clothing Drive”. On Monday of Holy Week, Paul and children will take the clothes to Warren Family Mission to be distributed.

KISS THE DONKEY: Shirley, the donkey, will be back to help us with our Palm Sunday festivities and procession. As in the past, we will have a fundraiser and sell tickets to vote on who will kiss the donkey on Palm Sunday. The candidates are Mother Robin, Paul Keriotis, Jamie Shiell, Johnna Ben, or Tiffany Fisher. Please see Paul after worship to purchase your ticket and make your vote(s) count. Tickets are \$10 each.

RUMMAGE SALE: Donations for the rummage sale may now be dropped off. Please place items by the handicap-accessible door near the parish hall. The rummage sale will be held May 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you’re available to help, please let Liz Clark or the church office know. And keep those donations coming!

DINNER & A MOVIE WITH JESUS

5:30pm Light Supper in the Narthex
6:00pm Movie: THE CHOSEN

ORGAN RECITAL RESCHEDULED: The organ recital originally planned earlier this month has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 27th, at 7:00 p.m. We are pleased to welcome Ralph Holtzhauser as our guest organist for the evening. Please join us for a wonderful night of music in the church. All are welcome, invite a friend! 🎹

BEATLES MASS IS BACK!!!: Our **Beatles Mass** has been rescheduled and will now take place on **Saturday, April 11 at 4:00 p.m.** The service will feature music by The Beatles woven into the liturgy. Following the service, everyone is invited to stay for a **Chili Cook-Off** in the parish hall. Come for worship, stay for food and fellowship! 🎸 🌶️ All are welcome.

2026 Easter Memorials: Please use the form below to indicate how you would like your contribution to be used and return it by March 26th.

I (we) wish to contribute to:

Easter Altar Flowers

In memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving for _____



Given by: _____

Scout Troop 11: Palm Sunday, March 29th, Our Scouts will have a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser from 9 am til 1 pm. Come and support our Scout Troop.

Scout Troop 101: Palm Sunday, March 29th, The Scouts from Blessed Sacrament will hold a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser from 12 pm til 6 pm. Please support the Scouts.

Breakfast and Dinner will be taken care of for the day.

It doesn't get much better than that!!!

THE WEEKLY WORKINGS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Monday, Mar 23	Boy Scouts 7 pm Office Open 9 am – 2 pm	Parish Hall
Tuesday, Mar 24	AA Meeting 6 pm Office Open 9 am – 2 pm Happy Baggers deliver food/clothes to Lincoln 10 am	Parish Hall Rm 7 & 9
Wednesday, Mar 25	Growing Deeper Study & Eucharist 10 am Deadline to submit Bulletin Announcements 12 pm Office Open 9 am – 2 pm Dinner & a Movie with Jesus, The Chosen 5:30 pm	Chapel Office Narthex

Thursday, Mar 26	Cub Scouts 6 pm Staff Meeting 10 am Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6 pm Parish Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Office Open 9 am – 2 pm Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm	Parish Hall Library Handbell Room Choir Room Rm 8 & 10
Friday, Mar 27	Office Closed Ralph Holtzhauser-Organ Music of African-American Composers	Sanctuary
Saturday, Mar 28	Office Closed Toastmasters 8 am-1 pm Community Outreach Easter Party/Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt	Rm 8 & 10
Sunday, Mar 29	Worship 08:00 am Worship 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Office Closed Happy Baggers Packing for Lincoln Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast 9 am-1 pm Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner 12 pm – 6 pm	Chapel Sanctuary Rm 7 & 9 Parish Hall Parish Hall



Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Church Events!

We have some exciting events coming up, and we need your help to make them a success! If you have a heart for serving others and a desire to contribute to our community, we invite you to volunteer for the following opportunities:

1. Easter Egg Hunt: March 28 Community Outreach w/Shining Stars Preschool Help us make this year’s Easter Egg Hunt a fun and memorable experience for

our children! Volunteers are needed to hide eggs, assist with activities, and provide a warm, welcoming environment for families.

2. Vacation Bible School (VBS): June 8, 2026-June 12, 2026 8am til 1pm

VBS is just around the corner, and we’re looking for passionate volunteers to help with teaching, crafts, snacks, and games. This is a wonderful opportunity to impact children’s lives and share the love of Christ in a fun and engaging way.

3. Fine Arts Camp – June 15th til June 19th, 9am til 1pm

4. Gardening Projects: Our church grounds need some TLC! Whether you have a green thumb or just want to lend a hand, we need volunteers to come alongside the youth and help with maintaining our beautiful garden spaces.

How You Can Help

If you're interested in volunteering for any of these events or would like more information, please contact the Church Office at 330-372-4998 and leave your information, or see Paul Keriotis.

Together, we can make these events meaningful and impactful for our community!

PRAYER GROUP

Steve Watts is reaching out to see who may be interested in participating in a prayer group. Anyone interested is invited to meet at the church on March 22nd at 11:30 a.m., immediately following the service, in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Steve at 330-770-4763.



March Birthdays

19 Cindy Thirion
20 Tiffany Fisher
25 Al Novak
29 David Susa



Agape Meal Contributions Appreciated

We invite everyone to help make our upcoming Agape Meal a time of fellowship and abundance by bringing a food item to share. Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex with suggested dishes. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us gather in community!

The meal will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!!

Arts on Atlantic

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ORGAN RECITAL

Ralph Holtzhauser—Organist

NEW DATE: Friday, March 27 at 7pm



Shining Stars Community Engagement Event!

Saturday, March 28, 2026

9 AM - 1 PM

Pancake Breakfast 9AM-11AM

FREE BREAKFAST &
PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY!

Easter Egg Hunts

- ★ 11:30 AM – Under Age 2
- ★ 11:45 AM – Ages 2-3
- ★ 12:00 PM – Ages 4-5
- ★ 12:15 PM – Ages 6-8

Find Eggs with Candy, Trinkets & Tickets
for a Chance to WIN A POWERWHEEL!

Prize Drawing at 12:50 PM!



Journey with Us Through Holy Week to the Joy of Easter!

You are warmly invited to join us for the sacred journey of Holy Week, the most profound and meaningful week of the Christian year. Together we walk with Jesus from the shouts of “Hosanna!” on Palm Sunday, through the humility of the Last Supper, the sorrow of the cross, and finally to the joy and hope of the Resurrection on Easter morning.

These beautiful and powerful liturgies invite us to reflect, pray, and enter more deeply into the story of God’s love for the world.

Palm Sunday March 29th, 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Procession of the Palms and Holy Eucharist as we remember Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday– April 2nd, 6:00 p.m.

Communal Agape Meal w/ Hand and Foot washing, Holy Eucharist and the Stripping of the Altar as we remember the Last Supper and Jesus’ commandment to love one another.

Good Friday – April 3rd

Stations of the Cross at 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel

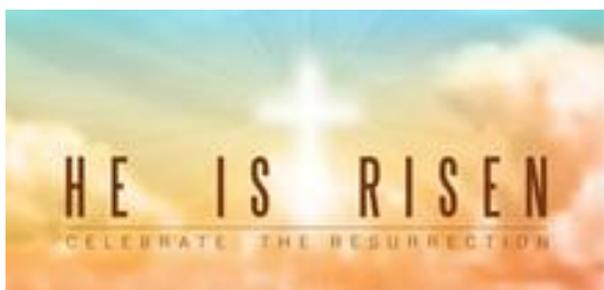
Good Friday Liturgy at 7:00 p.m. as we reflect on the passion and death of Christ.

Easter Sunday – April 5th, 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Join us on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the Resurrection with the joyful release of the Alleluias, Holy Baptism, and a special reception following the service. Children are also invited to take part in our festive Easter Egg Hunt. Come celebrate this joyful day together!

Bring your family, invite a friend, and come experience the hope, renewal, and new

life of Easter with us. All are welcome.   



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ECW National Day of Prayer Save-the-Date

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) are planning a National Day of Prayer (NDP) gathering this May. The ECW Prayer Life team will host an informational session on the history and purpose of the NDP on **April 21** at 7:00 p.m. They will also share details about the ECW's National Day of Prayer gathering that will take place on May 7 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Mark your calendars for both dates. Registration details will be forthcoming.

BBQs and Canoes Lake Day for Father's Day at Bellwether Farm

Dive into a day packed with action: paddle around the lake, reel in some fish, take a refreshing swim, or explore our scenic trails. It's all about creating lasting memories together. With the smoker and grill fired up, you can look forward to a mouthwatering feast featuring a variety of meats and fresh, farm-to-table ingredients. Mark your calendars for **June 20** from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., perfectly timed for Father's Day. Let us enrich your traditions with a day of fun and relaxation. We can't wait to celebrate with you! [Registration is now open](https://www.bellwetherfarm.com/calendar/events/2026/06/20/fathers-day-bbq-canoe) at <https://www.bellwetherfarm.com/calendar/events/2026/06/20/fathers-day-bbq-canoe>

Lincoln Elementary Raffle for United Way

A representative from Lincoln Elementary School will be in the narthex with raffle baskets. The school is hosting a raffle to benefit United Way, a strong supporter of the school and its needs.

They invite us to show our appreciation by participating—tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Please consider supporting this effort as we help them give back to those who support them.



COMMUNITY PRAYER GATHERING



All are Welcome

Holy Monday: Collaborative Prayer Gatherings with the Diocese of Southern Ohio

Responding to the Presiding Bishop's call for public worship on the Monday of Holy Week, the Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly, Bishop of the Diocese of Ohio, and the Rt. Rev. Kristin Uffelman White, Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, ask Episcopalians across Ohio to join in two collaborative prayer gatherings.

Join Bishop White and Bishop Jolly at the Ohio Statehouse Rotunda for the Holy Monday Service of Prayer & Public Witness at 12:15 p.m. on **Monday, March 30**. Through prayer, song, and presence in the public square, we will offer a visible reminder that the Gospel calls Christians to stand for human dignity, mercy, and peace. This is an opportunity for the church to proclaim that love guides the way.

Later that evening, at 7:30 p.m., Bishops Jolly and White will host a collaborative [online service on Zoom](#), giving people across Ohio another opportunity to gather in prayer. With readings and music offered by participants from both dioceses, we will witness to our conviction that Christians must come together across our unholy divisions.

Everyone is invited to join one or both of these shared services.

CARPOOLING: If you would like to carpool—either as a driver or a passenger—please contact the Church Office by Thursday, March 26. Be sure to include your name, phone number, and whether you can offer a ride or need one, so we have time to make arrangements. Church Office 330-372-4998.