



Sunday, October 4, 2026 (10 am)

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

The Reverend Dr. Robin Woodberry, Rector

James W. Shiell, Director of Music

Paul W. Keriotis, Youth & Community Outreach Coordinator

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, talk to a member of our staff, an usher, or a Vestry member following the service. You can also fill out a Connect Card located in the pews. Fill it out and hand it to an Usher.*

Prelude

Nimrod from *Enigma Variations* – Edward Elgar

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. 525 The Church's one foundation – *Aurelia*

Opening Acclamation (BCP p. 355)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Song of Praise

O God beyond all praising

Thaxted



O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day and sing the love a-ma-zing that songs can-not re-pay; for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send, at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word, we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

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

Psalm 80:7-14 [*sung by the choir*]

Qui regis Israel

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.
You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.

Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

The Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

A Reading from the book of Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Sequence Hymn no. 474 When I survey the wondrous cross – *Rockingham*

The Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-46

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Joyce Penfield

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

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 – Plenty Good Room

All remain standing.

Celebrant: Jesus said, “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.” Trusting in God’s abundance and welcome, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation.

Leader: Gracious God, you have made plenty good room for us in your household. Inspire your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love. We thank you for the resources you have entrusted to us, and we pray for wisdom to use them in service of your mission.

People: *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Leader: God of community, you bind us together in relationships of care and compassion. Strengthen the bonds within this congregation and guide us to extend hospitality to our neighbors near and far.

People: *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Leader: God of abundance, you invite us to respond with gratitude for all your gifts. Bless this stewardship campaign, that our pledges of time, talent, and treasure may be faithful signs of our trust in you.

People: *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Leader: God of creation, you have made a world with plenty good room for all living things. Teach us to care for the earth and to share its resources with justice and joy.

People: *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Leader: God of mercy, your dwelling place has room for all who suffer. Be present with those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in any kind of need especially all who are listed on the Parish Prayer List. Surround them with your healing and your peace.

People: *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Leader: God of hope, you prepare a place for us in your eternal home. We remember before you those who have died, confident that they now rest in your embrace.

People: *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Let us pray for all those who are celebrating birthdays this week...**Especially Marilyn Snyder, Rev. Robin, and Carter Lewis.** Are there others?

Celebrant: Loving God, you call us into your abundant life and promise that there is plenty good room for all your children. Hear our prayers and accept the offerings of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Priest 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.**

The Peace

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Offertory Sentence: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation – Dale Wood

Offertory Response: We are coming Lord, to the Table (*from Sierra Leone*)



Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP p.361)

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:"

Sanctus S-125 – Holy, holy, holy

setting: Richard Proulx

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

**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.***

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem no. S152. Christ our Passover (setting: Ambrosiana Chant)

Celebrant: 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.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *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.

Hymn at the Distribution

The Open Table

Mark Miller

Come, oh come, come to the ta - ble. Gath - er 'round, come with-out
Cir - cle round, let's join to - geth-er. Share your joys and bring your
God is love; Love is cre - a - ting some - thing new, right here, right
7
fear. Known by name, here at the ta - ble, this ta - ble;
tears. Strength and hope found at the ta - ble, this ta - ble;
13
now. We're chil - dren of God, here at the ta - ble, this ta - ble;
wel - come here, to the ta - ble of love.
wel - come here, to the ta - ble of love.
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Post Communion Prayer

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

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

Beloved of God, the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at God's right hand—is at work in each one of us who believe! So go from here in confidence and peace, knowing that God's presence and power go with you. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn no. 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus! – *In Babilone*

Dismissal

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

Postlude The Church's One Foundation – David Cherwien

Assisting with Worship Today:

The Parish Choir

Mike Maggiano 8am & Jeff Heakin 10am – Lector
Joe Gladd 8am & Sally Mazey 10am – Lector/Chalice
Dan Mason & Joe Yaksich - Ushers
Jan Henrey 8am – Altar Guild
Debbie Clary & Carol Senne 10am - Altar Guild
Pat Sullivan - Greeter
Amie Prezioso & Sam Davis – Coffee Hour
Deb Murphy & Aaron Woodberry – AV/Video

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PARISH CHOIR IS FOR YOU

Rehearsals for the Parish Choir have resumed and are held on **Thursdays at 7:00 PM** in the Choir Room. This ensemble is open to all adults and high school students (grades 9 and above), and we are currently looking to grow. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Jamie at music@christchurchwarren.org or call/text **330.647.5570**.

DINNER & A MOVIE WITH JESUS (THE CHOSEN): Join us this Wednesday at 5:30p as we continue watching The Chosen series. We will gather in the Narthex for a light meal and an episode of the series we have all come to love. We will have a brief discussion afterwards.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Join us on Saturday, October 10th at 1:00 p.m. for a Pet Blessing Service! The service will be held in the Outdoor Chapel (weather permitting). Please be sure pets are leashed or in appropriate carriers for their safety and the safety of others.

GROWING DEEPER, HEALING SERVICE & EUCHARIST: Join us on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel for this meaningful midweek opportunity for prayer, healing, reflection, and Holy Eucharist.

DATE CHANGE: STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: Please note that **Stewardship Sunday has been moved from Sunday, October 18 to Sunday, October 25.**

There's **Plenty Good Room** at Christ Church! On October 25, we will celebrate all that God is doing through our congregation and look with hope toward the year ahead. Together, we'll reflect on the ways God calls us to make room—for ministry, for mission, for new possibilities, and for one another.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us as we celebrate God's abundance and consider how each of us can help make room for what God is calling Christ Church to become.

ARTS ON ATLANTIC presents ROSSINI AND MOZART

The Warren Philharmonic Orchestra

Saturday, October 17 at 7pm

Tickets — \$30 individual | \$55 season subscription

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The Warren Philharmonic Orchestra returns to Christ Church in a concert that celebrates the timeless power of great music. Under the expert direction of Dr. Christopher Cicconi, the musicians bring passion, artistry and excellence to every note—creating moments that resonate long after the final bow. The concert will feature Mozart's Symphony No. 40 in G minor and several Overtures by Rossini. Tickets are available at the door for the general public.

October Birthdays

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|------------------------|------------------|
| 2 Marilyn Snyder | 21 Judy Rich |
| 7 Rev. Robin Woodberry | 27 Jo Lawrence |
| 11 Carter Lewis | 27 Megan Massaro |
| 13 Doug Thomas | 28 Linda Day |
| 13 Karen Andrus | 31 Dottie Lynn |
| 18 Marilyn Homa | |



PRAYER LIST

Please contact Tiffany in the office if you want to add a name to the prayer list. If you put the person on the prayer list, please let us know when and if the person can be removed from the list.

Prayer list as of October 4, 2026

Gail Cantelmo	Roger Carnahan	Faith Scarmuzzi
Al Novak	Amanda Marsh	Nancy Cramer
Gloria Duran	Rev. John Wigle	Nolan Jones
Gus	Naomi Byrd	MaryAnne Stefanick
Jim Adgate	Tony Burke	Bill Thirion



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Coffee & CONVERSATION



Sunday, October 11th

THEME:

Stewardship &
Generosity



In the Library
after the 8a service



In the Narthex
after the 10a service





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WHEN

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Saturday, October 17, 2026 • 7:00 PM

Christ Episcopal Church, Warren, OH

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Warren Philharmonic Orchestra is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving the Mahoning Valley — supported by generous donors and the Youngstown-Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce.



Parish Handbell REHEARSALS *will begin soon!*

Thursday • 6:00 PM

*If interested, please see
Jeannine Morris.*

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Plenty Good Room

DATE CHANGE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Previously scheduled for October 18

*There's Plenty Good Room
at Christ Church!*

Together, we'll celebrate God's abundance
and make room for ministry, mission,
new possibilities, and one another.



HALLOWEEN **SUNDAY FUNDAY**

Sunday, October 25th

In the Narthex following
the 10am service.

**Wear your favorite
costume!**

Play games,
including the
Cake Walk!



A Message from Mother Robin

October 2026

Plenty Good Room: Our 2026 Stewardship Campaign

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." — 2 Corinthians 9:8, NRSV

Dear Friends in Christ,

Jesus assures us, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." (John 14:2, NRSV) These words remind us that God's abundance is spacious and generous. There is plenty good room in God's household for each of us.

This year's stewardship theme, *Plenty Good Room*, invites us to recognize the abundance God has already entrusted to us. Even in uncertain times, we are called to trust that there is enough — enough for our families, enough for our church, enough for our neighbors.

One way we live into this truth is by sharing our resources — our money, our time, and our talents — for the mission and ministry of this congregation. These gifts support worship that lifts our hearts, teaching that shapes disciples, fellowship that strengthens our bonds, and outreach that embodies Christ's love.

Over the next several weeks, you will hear from parish leaders about *Plenty Good Room* and how our generosity makes a difference. Today I ask you to begin praying with this theme, reflecting on the resources God has placed in your care, and considering how you might share them joyfully in the year ahead.

Together, let us rejoice that there is always plenty good room in God's house, and plenty good work for us to do.

In Christ's abundant love, **Mother Robin**

