

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 17, 2026 (8 am & 10 am)

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

The Reverend Dr. Robin Woodberry

James W. Shiell, Director of Music

Paul W. Keriotis, Director of Spiritual Formation

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. 450 (v. 1-3 & 6)

All hail the power of Jesus' Name! – *Coronation*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

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 No. S 280

Glory to God

setting: Robert Powell

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The People sit

The First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 [*8am – spoken; 10am – sung by the choir*]

Exsurgat Deus

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *

let those who hate him flee before him.

Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *

as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *

let them also be merry and joyful.

Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;

exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *

YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

Father of orphans, defender of widows, *

God in his holy habitation!

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *

but the rebels shall live in dry places.

O God, when you went forth before your people, *

when you marched through the wilderness,

The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,

at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *

at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *

you refreshed the land when it was weary.

Your people found their home in it; *

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *

sing praises to the Lord.

He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *

he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God; *

his majesty is over Israel;

his strength is in the skies.

How wonderful is God in his holy places! *

the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!

Blessed be God!

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A Reading from the First letter of Peter

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn No. 635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee – *Wer nur den lieben Gott*

The Gospel: John 17:1-11

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

Sermon

Rev. Maureen Major (8a)

Rev. Joyce Penfield (10a)

The Nicene Creed

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

Please stand or kneel

On this day of rejoicing, we pray for the life of the church, the world and all people in any need.

A brief silence

You give life to your church by joining the baptized of all generations to the body of Christ. Bless all here today as we proclaim the one whose death and resurrection makes us one in you. We pray.

Raise us and bless us, O God.

You give life to the creation by renewing the earth in every season. Curb our exploitation of natural resources and cause us to preserve the health of plant and animal habitats. We pray.

Raise us and bless us, O God.

You give life to the world by laying a cornerstone among the nations. Rebuild the powers and principalities around us in ways that protect the vulnerable and raise up the lowly. We pray.

Raise us and bless us, O God.

You give life in places of chaos. Bring an end to the wars in Ukraine, Israel, Iran, and Palestine. Restore peace and rebuild this land, O God. We Pray.

Raise us and bless us, O God.

You give life and hope to all who are in need. Bring healing to the sick, especially Gloria Duran, Jan Henrey, Al Novak, Jean Pinti, John Panagis, Deacon Peggy, and Roger Carnahan. Are there others you wish to name? (silence) Strengthen all who suffer, comfort the dying, and surround them with your peace. We Pray.

Raise us and bless us, O God.

You pour out your Holy Spirit upon a hurting world. Comfort those who grieve, encourage those who care for the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and wipe away the tears of all who mourn, especially the Cantelmo and Morris families. Are there others you wish to name? (silence) We pray.

Raise us and bless us, O God.

You give life to this community of faith by infusing us with love for one another. Inspire us to reach out to our neighbors in meaningful ways and bring the joys of community to a wider family of people. We pray.

Raise us and bless us, O God.

You give life to your saints by setting a banquet table of rich food. Feed us with the bread of life and bring us with all your saints to the feast that has no end. We pray.

Raise us and bless us, O God.

Celebrant: Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, you stand among us in the shadows of our time. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection, redeemed and restored to the fullness of life and forever freed to be your people. *Amen*

Confession of Sin

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.

Celebrant: 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: Fairest Lord Jesus – Charles Forsberg

Offertory Response: Praise God from whom all blessings flow – *Lasst uns Erfreuen*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Great Thanksgiving: Enriching Our Worship – Prayer 3

Celebrant God 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.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of
Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join
the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

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.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a
light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he
broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
“Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you 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

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S-152 Alleluia! Christ our Passover

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia.

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 [10am]

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.

The 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 (see insert): There's a Spirit of Love in This Place – *Mark Miller*

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.

Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

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. 214 Hail the day that sees him rise - *Llanfair*

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Grand Choeur – Theodore Salome

Assisting with our Worship:

The Parish Choir

Anne Martin – Lector & Joe Gladd – Chalice/Lector 8:00 am

Sandee Skovran – Lector & – Karen Andrus - Chalice Bearer/Lector 10:00 am

Joe Gladd 8:00 am & Karen Andrus 10:00 am –Prayers of the People

The Massaro Family – Greeters

Clare Adams 8:00 am, Amy Prezioso & Sam Davis 10:00 am – Altar Guild

Nancy Forrester & Steve Watts – Ushers

Linda Day & Lynn Peteritis – Coffee Hour

Deb Murphy & Aaron Woodberry– Audio/Visual

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. 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!

COFFEE & CONVERSATION is **TODAY** immediately following both services. Light refreshments are served. The topic: The Episcopal Tradition and the Book of Common Prayer. The conversation will be led by Jamie Schiell. Please consider staying after worship for this opportunity of fellowship!

REGIONAL CONFIRMATION SERVICE You are invited to attend the Regional Confirmation Service on Saturday, May 30 at 3:00 PM at Christ Episcopal Church, 21 Aurora Street, Hudson. Two of our own, Jayhannys Nazario Rivera and Aaron Woodberry, will be confirmed. All are encouraged to come and celebrate this special milestone. They will also be honored at Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 31.

PARISH DISCERNMENT SESSION 2 (TABLE TALKS) As we continue discerning the future God is calling us toward, you are invited to join us for Session 2 of our Table Talks conversations on Sunday, May 24th. Together, we will continue exploring “Planting for Tomorrow, Growing in Faith Today: Phase II,” building upon the faithful vision that has already blessed our parish in so many ways. Join us following the both services as we reflect on the life of our church, the needs of our community, and the opportunities before us.

HEALING SERVICE & STUDY Please note that the Healing Service and Study will **not** be held on Wednesday, May 20th. The gathering will resume on Wednesday, May 27th, at 10:00 a.m. Instead, all are invited to help prepare gift bags for the Lincoln School 8th graders. If you are able to assist, please meet Linda Day at 10:00 a.m. in Rooms 8 & 10. Thank you for helping us share encouragement and support with these students.

BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE A Bylaw Review Committee has been formed, and we are seeking a member-at-large to serve as part of this important work. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact the church office at 330-372-4998 or speak with Mother Robin.

SUMMER SUNDAY IDEAS WANTED! As we look ahead to the summer months, we would love your ideas for fun and creative summer-themed Sundays! Forms will be available in the library and in the narthex for you to share your suggestions. We look forward to hearing your ideas as we plan meaningful and joyful gatherings together this summer.



May Birthdays

3 John Panagis	12 Bob Johnson	24 Angela Snelson
7 Kay Bohren	16 Deb Clary	24 Jason Cleland
7 Carol Senne	20 Janet Gladd	25 Faith Scarmuzzi
11 Peter Day	20 Sally Mazey	30 Aaron Woodberry
11 Brayden Panagis		



Summer Outreach: Join us this summer as we share Christ’s love beyond our church walls through several community outreach opportunities! We will have a presence at the Pride Festival, African American Fest, and Italian Fest, and we need volunteers to help welcome visitors, share information about our church, and represent our congregation in the community. Sign-up sheets are available in the Library and Narthex. Whether you can help for an hour or a full day, your presence makes a difference!

Calling All Golfers!!! Golfers are invited to participate in the Trumbull Mobile Meals Golf Outing honoring Jean Schlect on Friday, June 19th at Riverview Golf Course. Come enjoy a great day of fellowship and fun while supporting an important community ministry. If you are interested in playing or would like more information, please see Mother Robin.

QUARTERLY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Couples whose wedding anniversaries fall between April and June will be honored during both worship services on **Sunday, June 7**. Participation is optional, and all couples are welcome to take part as they are able. If you would like to be included, please fill out and submit the form below or notify the church office with your names and wedding date.

QUARTERLY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

**Please submit form: place in offering basket or
drop off at the Church Office**



Name of Couple	Anniversary Date	Total Years Celebrating	Phone

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH - WARREN

BRAVE HEARTS CAMP

GRADES K-5

15-19 JUNE
9AM-1PM

ACTIVITIES:

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- MOVEMENT
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\$35 Tuition

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Volunteers Needed: Brave HeARTS Fine Arts Camp (June 15-19, 9am-1pm)

Christ Church will host 50 children for a week of music, art, and creativity—and we need your help!

Volunteer roles include classroom assistants, food coordinator, kitchen helpers, float/runner, and check-in/check-out support.

No artistic experience needed—just a love for working with children.

Contact Jamie at music@christchurchwarren.org or 330-372-4998 to volunteer or learn more.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

June 8th-12th
8AM-1PM

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Growing in the Lord

FREE!
Breakfast & Lunch Provided!
Open to the Public!

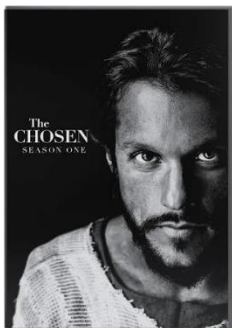
For all children entering **K-6th Grade**

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- ★ Music!
- ★ Crafts!
- ★ Recreation!

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1ST!

Registration required. | Christ Episcopal Church
Pick up forms in the Church Office | 2627 Atlantic Street NE
Mon-Thurs, 9 AM-2 PM | Warren, Ohio 44483
or register online at christchurchwarren.org



DINNER & A MOVIE WITH JESUS

The Chosen is back.

5:30 PM on Wednesdays.

Lite dinner, the movie and engaging conversation.

Only two weeks remain. Come and join us.