



Sunday, September 20, 2026 (10 am)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

The Reverend Dr. Robin Woodberry, Rector

James W. Shiell, Director of Music

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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

Fugue in G minor (BWV 578) – Johann Sebastian Bach

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. 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah – *CWM Rhondda*

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: Jonah 3:10-4:11

A reading from the book of Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live."

And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

Psalm 145:1-8 [*sung by the choir*]

Exaltabo te, Deus

I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

A Reading from the book of Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Sequence Hymn no. 685 Rock of ages, cleft for me - *Toplady*

The Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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

[Jesus said,] "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

Sermon

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.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 359)

All remain standing.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for all those who are celebrating birthdays this week...**Especially Gris Hulbert, Gail Cantelmo, Marcia Christy, Karl Morris.** Are there others?

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; 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: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy – Maurice Bevan

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



We are com - ing, Lord, to the ta - ble. We are com - ing, Lord,
to the ta - ble. With the gift of bread we are com - ing, Lord.
With the gift of wine, we are com - ing, Lord. Oh,
we are com - ing, Lord. Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

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.

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

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 fear. _____ Known by _____ name, here at the ta - ble, _____ this ta - ble; _____
 tears. _____ Strength and _____ hope found at the ta - ble, _____ this ta - ble; _____
 now. _____ We're chil - dren of God, here at the ta - ble, _____ this ta - ble; _____

13
 wel - come here, to the ta - ble of love. _____
 wel - come here, to the ta - ble of love. _____
 wel - come here, to the ta - ble of love. _____

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—this same power 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. 539 O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling - *Tidings*

Dismissal

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

Postlude God of Grace – Paul Manz

Assisting with Worship Today:

The Parish Choir

Cindy Thirion 8am & Amie Prezioso 10am – Lector
 Kathi Kovacic 8am & Steve Watts 10am – Lector/Chalice

Nancy Forrester – Ushers

Clare Adams 8am – Altar Guild

Tess Crofford, Amie Prezioso & Sam Davis 10am - Altar Guild

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, September 23, 2026, 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.

September Birthdays

3 Ray Takach
6 Fred Schweitzer
7 Pam Eastman
17 Eric Doan
18 MaryAnne Stefanick
19 Hannah Watts
23 Gris Hurlbert
23 Gail Cantelmo
25 Marcia Christy
26 Karl Morris
28 Ed Costley
28 Yiovanni Woodberry Nazario



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Join us on Saturday, October 10th at 1:00 p.m. for a Pet Blessing Service! Bring your beloved pets—great or small—for a special blessing as we give thanks for the joy and companionship they bring to our lives. All are welcome, whether furry, feathered, scaly, or stuffed! 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. There is something powerful about pausing in the middle of our busy week to be still, pray, and draw closer to God.

QUARTERLY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Couples whose wedding anniversaries fall between July and September will be honored during both worship services on **Sunday, September 27th**. Participation is optional, and all couples are welcome to take part as they are able. If you would like to be included, please notify the church office with your names and wedding date.



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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 September 20, 2026

Gail Cantelmo

Al Novak

Gloria Duran

Gus

Jim Adgate

Roger Carnahan

Amanda Marsh

Janet Gladd

Naomi Byrd

Tony Burke

Faith Scarmuzzi

Nancy Cramer

Chloe Coss

Connie Lewis

MaryAnne Stefanick