



Sunday, September 28, 2025 (8 & 10 am)

SIXTEENTH 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

Prelude, fuga et Chaconne in C – Dietrich Buxtehude

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. 625 Ye holy angels bright – Darwall's 148th

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: Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me – Paul Vasile

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B \flat F B \flat F B \flat F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

A Reading from the book of Amos.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,

and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

Psalm 146 [*sung by the choir*]

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! *

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

²Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

³When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁴Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

⁶Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

⁷The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

⁸The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

⁹The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

The Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

A Reading from 1 Timothy

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

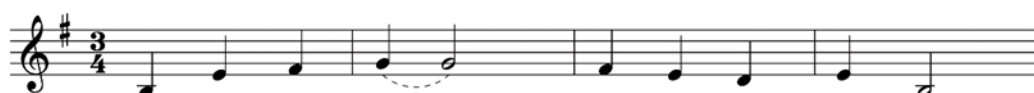
But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

Sequence Hymn Christ Be Our Light – *Bernadette Farrel*
 Verses 1 – 4 sung by the cantors
 verse 5 sung by all
 ALL sing refrain after each verse



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.
2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.
3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.
4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.
5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,



Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.
Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.
Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.
Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold.
man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.



Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,
Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,
Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,

light for the world to see.
 Make us your liv - ing voice.
 shared un - til all are fed.
 walls made of liv - ing stone.
 mak - ing your king - dom come.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957
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The Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.

Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry

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: (FORM IV, BCP p. 388)

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for all those who are celebrating birthdays this week... **Ed Costley**, 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: Poor Man Lazrus – arr. Jester Hairston

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.

Music at the Distribution: Beautiful City (*Godspell*) – Steven Schwartz

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. 494 Crown him with many crowns – *Diademata*

Dismissal

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

Postlude Ye Holy Angels Bright – Gordon Young

Assisting with Worship Today:

Bill Baran 8am & Janet Schweitzer 10am – Lector
Steve Watts 8am & Fred Schweitzer 10am – Lector/Chalice
Faith Scarmuzzi – Prayers/Chalice
Don Senne & Steve Watts – Ushers
Jan Henrey 8am, Carol Senne & Becky Watts 10am - Altar Guild
Liz Clark – Coffee Hour

Deb Murphy & Don Scarmuzzi – 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 on Wednesday, September 23, 2025, 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.

HANDBELL CHOIR: Under the direction of Jeannine Morris, rehearsals for the Handbell Choir will resume starting **Thursday, October 2 at 6:00 PM** in the Handbell Room. If you desire to ring bells and create beautiful music, then this is the place for you. Jeannine will teach you the rest!! If you aren't sure, then come for a rehearsal and see if it's for you.

September Birthdays

3 Ray Takach
5 Mike Cantelmo
5 Alexanne Griffith
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

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Join us on **Sunday, October 5th at 1:00 pm** 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.

THE PARK AVENUE BRASS—*A Concert of Fan Favorites*

Sunday, October 19 at 4 pm

Experience an afternoon of brilliant brass as Christ Church's magnificent acoustics come alive. Park Avenue Brass, five accomplished music educators from Northeast Ohio, bring their vibrant sound to a truly unforgettable concert.

Rummage Sale: It's that time again. October 17th and 18th will be the Fall Rummage Sale. Hours will be Friday the 17th from 8 am -9 am for the early birds and then 9 am-5 pm. On Saturday the 18th from 9 am –3 pm. If you are able to volunteer, Steve could really use your help. He starts to set up on the Monday before the Sale. That means from October 13th Monday thru October 16th Thursday the Parish Hall will be filled with items for the rummage sale. Come in and lend your time and skill. There is stocking, organizing and pricing that needs to be done. Then when the sale starts, we need volunteers to run the sale and help the buyers.

If you are able to help, please let Steve Watts know, or you can call the office and let us know. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and we hope you can help.

Dinner, Divas and Dessert—*A Candlelight Cabaret*

Christ Church Staff Singers and Friends

Saturday, October 25 Silent Auction—5:30 Dinner—6:00 Performance—7:00

Tickets—\$35 (*Call the church office to purchase tickets*)

Join us for an unforgettable evening of Broadway favorites performed by our staff singers and friends. Savor a lively cocktail hour with silent auction, a gourmet dinner from Station Square Ristorante, and indulgent desserts. Seating is limited—call the church office to reserve your tickets today!

FREE FIREWOOD: Steve Watts has firewood for anyone who is in need. The firewood is free. If you have a need and he still has it, please let him know. You can reach him at 330-770-4763. Give him a call and he will assist you.



BOOK CLUB: The next book club meeting will be October 4th at 11:00 am. We will discuss the book, “At Home in Mitford” by Jan Koran. The book for November 1st discussion will be “Reasonably Bright Creatures” by Shelby Van Pelt.

PICTURES NEEDED: If you took any pictures from Tuesday's Celebration of Ministry and Confirmation, would you please email them to Tiffany at secretary@christchurchwarren.org. We would really appreciate it.