

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 3, 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

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. 518

Christ is made the sure foundation – *Westminster Abbey*

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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The People sit

The First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 [*8am – spoken; 10am – sung by the choir*]

In te, Domine, speravi

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.

My times are in your hand; *
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**
Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

A Reading from the First letter of Peter

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”, and
“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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

Sequence Hymn No. WLP754 (Green Book) When from bondage we are summoned – *Haywood’s Home*

The Gospel: John 14:1-14

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

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry

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. Heal the sick, soothe the suffering and bless the dying. Restore peace and rebuild this land, O God. We Pray.

Raise us and bless us, O God.

You give life to those in need by the anointing of your Holy Spirit. Comfort those who suffer, encourage those who care for the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and wipe away the tears of all who mourn. Are there those you wish to name? 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: Al Shlosa D'Varim – Allen E. Naplan

Translation: *The word is sustained by three things, by truth, by justice, and by peace.*

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

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. 208 The strife is o'er, the battle done – *Victory*

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Tuba Tune – C. S. Lang

Assisting with our Worship at 10 am:

The Parish Choir

Mike Maggiano – Lector & Joe Gladd – Chalice/Lector 8:00 am

Jeff Heakin – Lector & Sally Mazey – Chalice Bearer/Lector 10:00 am

Joe Gladd 8:00 am & Sally Mazey 10:00 am –Prayers of the People

Linda & Peter Day – Greeters

Clare Adams 8:00 am, Tess Crofford & Deb Clary 10:00 am – Altar Guild

Joe Yaksich & Dan Mason – Ushers

Amie Prezioso & Sam Davis – 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!

PARISH DISCERNMENT SESSIONS (TABLE TALKS) As we look toward the future God is calling us into, you’re invited to be part of the conversation. We are preparing for “Planting for Tomorrow, Growing in Faith Today: Phase II,” building on the faithful vision that has already blessed our church in so many ways. Before any plans are made, we want to listen. Join us **TODAY** for "Table Talks", following the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services, as we reflect together on where God is at work and how we are being called to grow. Your voice matters!

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.

 Pentecost Sunday – Call for Language Speakers! 

On **Pentecost Sunday, May 24th**, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church, when people from every nation heard the Gospel in their own language (Acts 2:1–21). To mark this special day, we invite all who speak a language other than English to participate in the service. You may be asked to:

- Read a verse from Scripture in your language
- Join in a multilingual reading of the Pentecost story
- Offer a prayer or greeting in your native tongue

If you would like to participate, please contact the Church Office at 330-372-4998 or rector@chirstchurchwarren.org by May 16th.

Let us celebrate the rich diversity of our community as we worship together in many tongues — one Spirit, one Church!



May Birthdays

3 John Panagis	11 Brayden Panagis	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	





National Day of Prayer Event

Thursday, May 7, 2026

7:00 pm on Zoom



Join our Prayer Life Team to honor the National Day of Prayer. This is an inclusive event and will feature a variety of prayers of gratitude and guidance. To register, use the QR code.

The Prayer Life team of the ECW of the Diocese of Ohio is hosting an online prayer event for the National Day of Prayer on **Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

We developed the attached materials to promote the event. Specifically, we have a social media post (PNG format), a flyer for newsletters or printing (PDF format), and a black-and-white service bulletin insert (PNG format). Would you please include them in your print and electronic communications for the next two weeks?

If you have any questions about the event or these announcement materials, please reach out.

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.



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BRAVE HEARTS CAMP

GRADES K-5

15-19 JUNE
9AM-1PM

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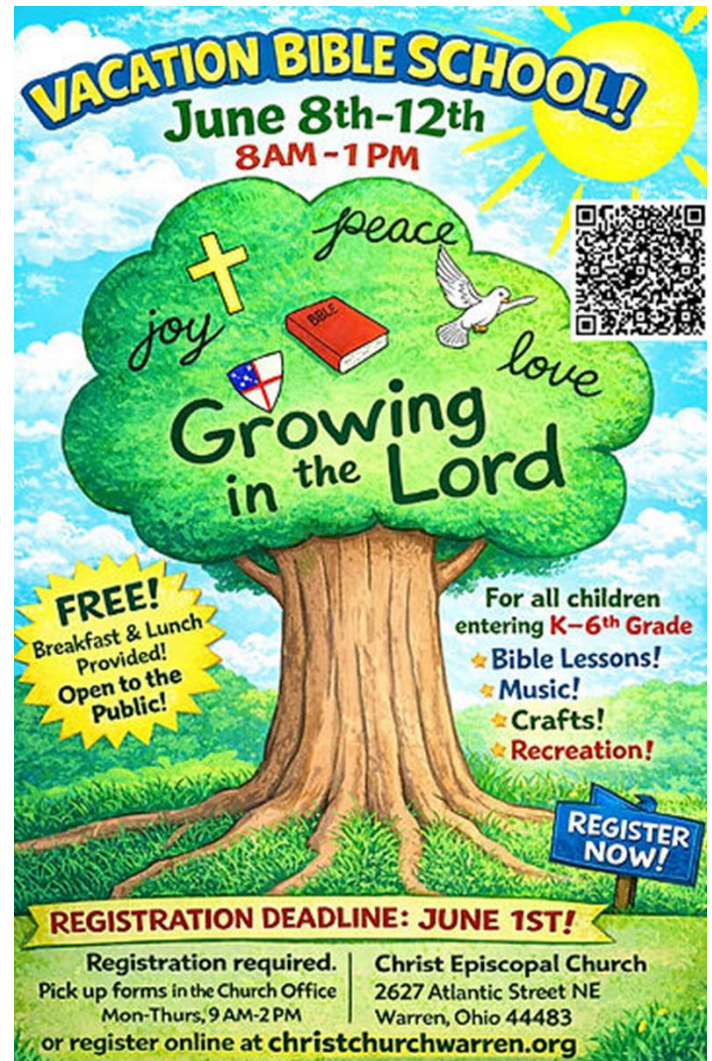
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