



Sunday, September 13, 2026 (10 am)

FEAST OF ALEXANDER CRUMMELL

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

The Reverend Dr. Robin Woodberry, Rector

James W. Shiell, Director of Music

Paul W. Keriotis, Youth & Community Outreach Coordinator

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH! *We are happy to have you worship with us today! If you are a visitor or would like to know more about the life, work, and ministry of Christ Church, talk to a member of our staff, an usher, or a Vestry member following the service. You can also fill out a Connect Card located in the pews. Fill it out and hand it to an Usher.*

Prelude

Rigaudon – Andre Campra

Choral Introit

All That Hath Life and Breath – Rene Clausen

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. 376 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee – *Hymn to Joy*

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.***



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

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant Alexander Crummell, whom you called to preach the gospel to those who were far off and to those who were near: Raise up, in this and every land, evangelists and heralds of your kingdom, that your church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 39:6-11

A Reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

If the great Lord is willing,
 he will be filled with the spirit of understanding;

he will pour forth words of wisdom of his own
 and give thanks to the Lord in prayer.

The Lord will direct his counsel and knowledge,
 as he meditates on his mysteries.

He will show the wisdom of what he has learned,
and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant.

Many will praise his understanding;
it will never be blotted out.

His memory will not disappear,
and his name will live through all generations.

Nations will speak of his wisdom,
and the congregation will proclaim his praise.

If he lives long, he will leave a name greater than a thousand,
and if he goes to rest, it is enough for him.

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

Psalm 19:7-11 [*sung by the choir*]

Caeli enarrant

- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

The Second Reading: James 1:2-5

A Reading from the book of James.

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn no. 690 I want to walk as a child of the light – *Houston*

The Gospel: Mark 4:21-25

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, “Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand? For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!” And he said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you. For to those who have, more will be given; and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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

Leader: Gracious God, you fill us with faith and courage to confront the world's injustice and to carry your abundant love to all the world. Hear us as we pray, saying: We give thanks to God in prayer; fill us with your Spirit.

Leader: Raise up evangelists and heralds of your kingdom, who will preach the Gospel to those who are far off and to those who are near, and bring the unsearchable riches of Christ to all people.
We give thanks to God in prayer; fill us with your Spirit.

Leader: Direct the counsel and knowledge of all leaders, Almighty One, that they may confront injustice and racism with words and acts of wisdom and compassion.
We give thanks to God in prayer; fill us with your Spirit.

Leader: Visit with your healing power all who live in places of thorns and threat, violence and racism, the rocky soil and scorched earth of poverty and injustice: Sow your seeds of love into the soil of good hearts, that the earth may bring forth an abundant harvest of justice and truth.
We give thanks to God in prayer; fill us with your Spirit.

Leader: Revive our souls, O Gracious One, and fill our communities with perseverance and enduring faith, that with warm, emotional and impulsive energy we may reclaim neighborhoods in kindness and in peace.
We give thanks to God in prayer; fill us with your Spirit.

Leader: We entrust into your eternal love all who have died, and all those who lost their life on that fateful day of September 11, 2001.

We give thanks to God in prayer; fill us with your Spirit.

Leader: Loving and gracious God, you called your faithful servant Alexander Crummell to bring leadership and hope to your Church through the gifts and spirit of the African race. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may continue the work, building institutions and relationships of justice, truth, and reconciling peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Leader: Let us pray for all those who are celebrating birthdays this week...**Especially Eric Doan, MaryAnne Stefanick, and Hannah Watts.** Are there others? We thank you Lord for all the blessings of this life.

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: He Never Failed Me Yet – Robert Ray

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



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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

Because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only Son.

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

Sanctus S-125 – Holy, holy, holy

setting: Richard Proulx

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

The people stand or kneel.

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. *Amen.***

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem no. S152. Christ our Passover

(*setting:* Ambrosiana Chant)

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant: Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

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

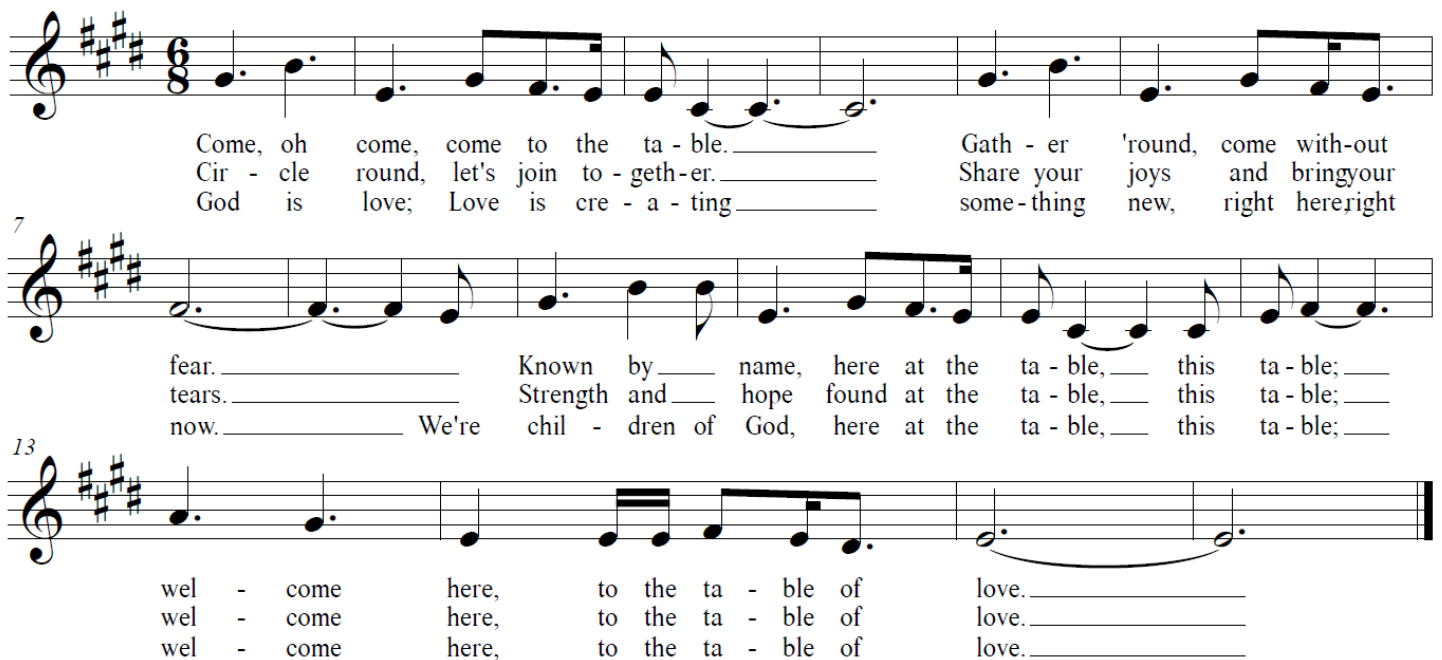
Distribution

All are welcome and invited to the altar rail for communion. If you need communion brought to your pew, please inform an usher. You may eat the bread and take a sip from the common cup, or you can dip the bread into the common cup. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest.

Hymn at the Distribution [see back page]

The Open Table

Mark Miller



Come, oh come, come to the ta - ble. Gath - er 'round, come with-out
Cir - cle round, let's join to - geth-er. Share your joys and bring your
God is love; Love is cre - a - ting some-thing new, right here, right
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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;
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now. We're chil - dren of God, here at the ta - ble, this ta - ble;
wel - come here, to the ta - ble of love.
wel - come here, to the ta - ble of love.
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 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. LEVAS 221

This little light of mine – music: George F. Root

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Triumphal March – George Frideric Handel

Assisting with Worship Today:

Sandee Skovran 10am – Lector
John Panagis 10am – Lector/Chalice

The Parish Choir, Amanda Beagle & Ben El-Dalati-Cruz – Soloists
Joe Yaksich & Jeff Penney – Trumpets
Ed Fabrizio & Julia Dubony - Trombones

Sam Heakin & Jim Crofford – Ushers
Becky Watts & Kevin Knowlton 10am - Altar Guild
Jesse, Megan, Jackson & RJ Massaro – Greeters
Steve and Becky Watts – Coffee Hour

Deb Murphy & Aaron Woodberry – AV/Video

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PARISH CHOIR IS FOR YOU

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

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.

DINNER & A MOVIE WITH JESUS (THE CHOSEN): Join us on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 5:30p as we start back with 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. All are welcome!

September Birthdays

3 Ray Takach	19 Hannah Watts
4 Fred Schweitzer	23 Gris Hurlbert
5 Pam Eastman	23 Gail Cantelmo
17 Eric Doan	25 Marsha Christy
18 MaryAnne Stefanick	26 Karl Morris
	28 Edward 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 outdoors (weather permitting). Please be sure pets are leashed or in appropriate carriers for their safety and the safety of others.

NO FALL RUMMAGE SALE: There will be NO fall rummage sale this year. We are still planning on a Spring rummage sale. Please do not bring any rummage sale items to the church at this time as we are not accepting them. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.



Alexander CRUMMELL

1819 - 1898
Missionary, Pastor, Visionary, Professor

On Sunday, September 6, 2015, the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) celebrates the life and legacy of the notable saint, the Reverend Dr. Alexander Crummell.

This day is also designated as **UBE Sunday** to commemorate the racial and social justice ministry of this organization which was an outgrowth the Reverend Crummell's advocacy.



Born March 3, 1819 in New York City, Alexander Crummell struggled against racism all his life. Dismissed as a candidate for Holy Orders in New York, and rejected for admittance to the General Seminary because of the color of his skin, Crummell persevered and was ordained in the Diocese of Massachusetts in 1844. Later that year, Reverend Crummell established a small mission in Philadelphia where he was an outspoken advocate for the abolition of slavery, equal suffrage and greater educational opportunities for African-American citizens. After being excluded from participation in the Pennsylvania diocesan convention in 1848, he left the diocese and moved to England. Rev. Crummell was able to complete his academic pursuits in England and received his degree in 1853 from Queen's College, Cambridge; making him the first black student to graduate from Cambridge.

After graduation, the Rev. Dr. Crummell went to Liberia, Africa as an Episcopal missionary where he lived and worked for nearly a quarter century. He worked tirelessly to establish the Episcopal Mission in Liberia as the national Episcopal church of Liberia. In Liberia, he combined his pastoral work with the headship of schools in Monrovia and Maryland County. The Rev. Dr. Crummell was professor of Philosophy and English at Liberia College from 1862 to 1866. Political opposition and a lack of funding forced Fr. Crummell to return to the United States in 1872.

Upon his return stateside, Crummell was appointed *Missionary-at-Large of the Colored People* and assigned to St. Mary's Chapel in Washington, D.C.

Father Crummell would realize his vision of vitality for the Church in the black community with the founding of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in 1875, the first "independent" black Episcopal Church in the city. Pastor and civil rights leader, Fr. Crummell concentrated his efforts on establishing a strong urban presence of independent black congregations that would be centers of worship, education and social service. Notably, his efforts helped establish King Hall, an Episcopal Divinity school for Black priests located adjacent to Howard University.

The Rev. Dr. Crummell served as St. Luke's rector 20 years. After his retirement in 1894, he taught at Howard University and served part-time as warden at King Hall. He also co-founded the acclaimed American Negro Academy, a scholarly society dedicated to the educational and intellectual achievement of African-Americans.

In 1882, when Southern bishops proposed (the 'Sewanee Plan') to establish separate, disenfranchised missionary districts in each diocese for black congregations, Rev. Crummell was instrumental in organizing the Black clergy and laity to fight racism in the Church. **The Conference of Church Workers Among Colored People** was organized in 1883 to fight the proposal and "serve as the conscience of the Church, recalling it to its catholic ideals." Rev. Crummell is considered father and founder of the Conference; and was its first president. Over the years, the CONFERENCE achieved many goals: Segregation was never 'written' into national policy or canon law, and a national commission was established to evangelize and educate southern blacks for the priesthood. **The Union of Black Episcopalians** is an outgrowth of that mission for racial and social justice.

The Rev. Dr. Alexander Crummell's ministry spanned more than half a century and three continents. He continued his campaign against racial oppression, and the promotion of social justice, African-American leadership and Christian scholarship until his death on September 10, 1898.

His faith in God, his perseverance despite repeated discouragement and racism, his perception that the Church transcended the racism and limited vision of its leaders, and his unflinching belief in the goodness and greatness of black people are the incredible legacy of this African-American pioneer and the reason we celebrate him today.

African-American pioneer

