



October 18, 2026

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bob Gross

Choir Director: Gary Aubry

Musicians: Sue Cribb, Pam Kothrade

Tech Team: Paul Mayeshiba, Richard Tremarello

Liturgist: Julie Oren

Welcome to Christ Church! We are so glad you are here this morning! Whether you are a "first-timer," a regular, or somewhere in between, it is a joy to have you here with us this day. May you be blessed by God's Word in worship today! If you are a **first-time visitor**, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the offering plate, and then make your way to the Chapel (in the back) after worship where we have a small gift for you.

**Please stand as you are able*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

It Is Well With My Soul

arr. H. Helvey

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is sovereign; let the peoples tremble!

**All: God sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!**

One: God is great in Zion, and is exalted over all the peoples.

All: Let us praise our great and awesome God!

*WE ALL SING

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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*OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us pray together.

**All: Faithful God, you are here. Tuck us into the cleft of the
rock; cover us with your hand when we are anxious,
that we may be courageous to do your will, through
Christ, who calls us by name. Amen.**

*THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: I invite you to pass the peace of Christ to those near you, in
whatever way you are most comfortable.

*Response

God Welcomes All

John Bell

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

GIFT OF MUSIC

Oseh Shalom
(A Prayer for Peace)

Sanctuary Singers

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people." ¹⁴He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

¹⁷The Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸Moses said, "Please show me your glory." ¹⁹And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live." ²¹And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message

of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

SERMON

"The Spirit is Still Present"

Pastor Bob

*WE ALL SING

Rock of Ages

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*STATEMENT OF FAITH

United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

- *From the prayer box: for **Jamal** to overcome; for **Michael** to be a better person*
- *Pray for **Judy B, Nancy K, Jan N, and Jacob O** for health & healing*
- *Prayers for **Will B** and **Janet A***
- *Continued prayers for **Joan A's grandson, Blair***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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
debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the
Kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CALLING FOR OUR BEST

One: Jesus invites us to render to God the things
that are God's. Trusting God's infinite care, we
gratefully present our offerings.

SCAN TO DONATE



OFFERTORY

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

arr. F. Bock

*WE ALL SING

Doxology

tune: Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God, above you heavenly hosts,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray.

**All: We trust you Sovereign God, to multiply the blessings
these gifts represent, as we pour out your love and
grace to those who long to hear your word to them, to
see your power at work within them, to feel your
comfort beside them, through the generous gifts of
your Spirit. Amen.**

*WE ALL SING

To God Be the Glory

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

How Great Thou Art

arr. F. Bock

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Today

Coffee Hour – ONA Committee

Singular They Workshop

Monday, Oct 19

Book Study, 1pm

Thursday, Oct 22

Handbells, 9:30am

Greeters: Bob & Joyce Zieman

Counters: Danette Volz, Renolle Volz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to send a card to Jacob, this is his address:

Jacob & Cristal Olson

Hunter, Elias, Castin

510 E Bolivar Ave

Milwaukee, WI 53207

Want To Have Some Fun? | One of the most fun events our church participated in last year was joining our neighborhood in distributing candy during the annual Halloween trick or treating. It was so much fun seeing all the kids in their costumes. We will be doing this again in conjunction with the neighborhood trick or treat on **Sat, October 31 from 5–8pm**. We're looking for folks to help distribute candy and if we have enough people, we can take turns going inside to warm up. It was rather cool last year!

So, please see the sign-up sheet on the Lenox bulletin board and let us know if you can help...and of course you being in costume would be all the better!

Last year we decided to do this almost at the last minute, but you all responded to our call for candy in overwhelming fashion! We had so much candy left over, it was part of our Sunday coffee hour for weeks to come. This year, while we're still asking for your help with donating candy, we're stressing moderation! One bag from each person who wants to donate will be more than enough. This is another great opportunity to be visible to our neighbors outside of our building. Any questions, see *Julie Oren*. Hope you can join us!

Formal Search for a Settled Pastor | The formal search for a settled pastor is about to begin. The work and events of the past several months have helped lay the foundation for beginning this important process. The search process will be different from our recent searches. **Two teams will be established**, with some overlap in participants.

- **The first team**, consisting of **3–5 individuals**, will work with Pastor Bob to develop and write the church profile. This profile will introduce Christ Church to prospective candidates.
- **The second team**, consisting of **5–7 individuals**, will review applicants and participate in the interview and discernment process, ultimately making a recommendation to the congregation for a vote to become our next pastor.

We are actively reaching out to members of the congregation who may be interested in participating, with an immediate focus on forming the **Church Profile Writing Team**. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Pastor Bob, or any member of the Church Council.

Jim Wick

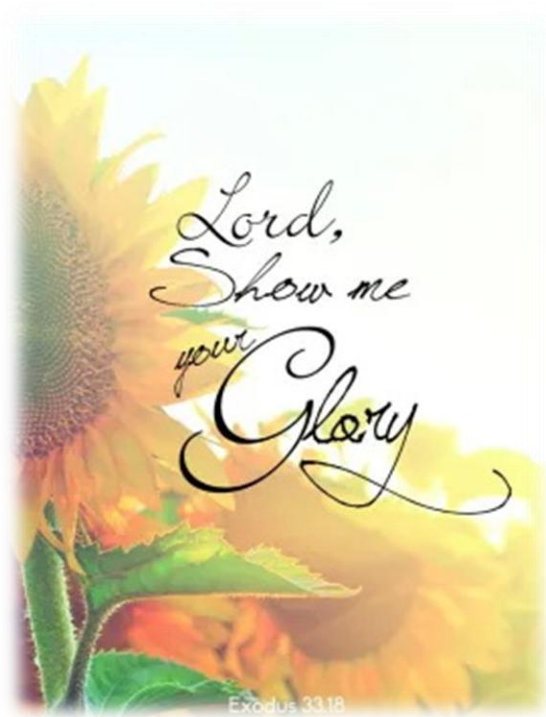
Thanksgiving Bags | We will be delivering Thanksgiving bags to the 9 members on our Share and Care list. Donations would be appreciated and can be placed in the Pine Room **by November 8**. Suggestions include *Thanksgiving decorations, kitchen towels, candy, notepads, crackers, cookies, seasonal napkins or anything that might brighten someone's day*. We are also looking for volunteers to deliver the bags. Please contact a Social Concerns member if you can assist. The bags will be available November 15 for you to deliver prior to the holiday.

Thanks, *Social Concerns Committee: Peggy Carew, Debbie Hansen, Mary Ann Mowery, Jan Naefken, Sara Rogers, Vicki Teal, Randene Wick*

New Carpet | The day has finally arrived! The new carpet installation is scheduled for the **week of October 19**. Access to the second floor of the church will be limited so please plan accordingly. The basement will still be available for weekday meetings. See *Julie Oren* if you have questions.

Cool Weather Expected | We are expecting cooler weather. Please bring a sweater or a light jacket when coming to the church as there will be no heat in the building. We are in the process of repairing the boilers and hope to have the heat restored soon.

Thanks for your understanding,
Your Property Committee



Monthly Activity	September	YTD
Contributions & Other Income	\$16,056	\$143,070
Expenses	\$16,545	\$165,341
Budgeted Amount	\$18,051	\$162,465
<i>Last week's offering: \$1,458</i>		

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