

Christ Church

an Open & Affirming Congregation
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

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Video: Richard Tremarello

Liturgist: Doris Mayeshiba

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 & Announcements

Gift of Music

Christ, You Are the Fullness
Philippine Folk Tune

Bell Choir
-arr. Wagner

1 Christ, you are the fullness of God, firstborn of everything.
For by you all things were made; you hold them up.
You are the head of the church, which is your body.
Firstborn from the dead, you in all things are supreme!

2 Since we have been raised with you,
Lord, help keep our hearts and minds
pure and set on things that build your rule o'er all the earth.
All our life is now hidden with you in God.
When you come again, we will share your glory.

3 Help us live in peace as true members of your body.
Let your word dwell richly in us as we teach and sing.
Thanks and praise be to God through you, Lord Jesus.
In whate'er we do let your name receive the praise!

*Call to Worship

One: O Great Mystery, Infinite Being: Praise!

All: O Living Love, Word Among Us: Thanks!

One: O Flame of Life, Spirit of Joy: Awe!

All: Father-Mother, Giver of Life, we worship you.

One: Son, Beloved, Chosen One, we adore you.

All: Spirit, Breath of Love, we open ourselves to you. Alleluia!

*We All Sing

Come, Thou Almighty King

#148

*Opening Prayer

One: Let us pray together.

All: Most Holy Trinity, you created us to live in community with you and with all your creation. We open ourselves to you today, teach us that we might grow in our discipleship, live as your people, and work to strengthen expand the web of community uniting us all. Amen.

*The Peace

One: The peace of the risen 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

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1: 26-31

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Sermon

"Created for Community"

Pastor Bob

We All Sing

Glory Be to God, Creator

#145

*Statement of Faith

We live in you, God, infinite and eternal Creator and Source of all: you made us and all Creation out of yourself, made us of love, and made us for love.

We follow you, Christ, love of God made flesh, our brother and companion. In Jesus of Nazareth, in the Crucified and Risen One, you show us the invisible God; you walk beside us; you heal, forgive and call us. Teacher and Savior, you direct our lives.

We live by your grace, Holy Spirit: Love flowing in us from your infinite heart to all the world. In our communion in you we are One, the Body of Christ, raised from death to eternal life. By your power in us we live lives of love and justice, healing and reconciliation. Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, we worship you; we follow you; we open ourselves to your grace. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

Jill U's friend Jeanette, Nancy S, Joan A's grandson Blair

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Mission Moment

Calling for Our Best

One: Something in us changes, when we live our lives with a spirit of giving and grace. Something in us changes when we share what we have and who we are. Something in us changes when we choose generosity as a way of life, without judging or questioning those who need us to be generous. That change is a gift of God, and we find God's love filling our hearts and our lives with every good gift we give freely and without question.

SCAN TO DONATE



Offertory *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* - Catholic Songbook 1774

*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

All: We praise you as the Creator of all things, our Savior and Redeemer in Jesus Christ, and our ever-present guide through the Holy Spirit.

*We All Sing *Holy, Holy, Holy* **#136**

*Benediction

*Response *The Trees of the Field* **#710**

*Postlude *Praise My Lord, the King of Heaven* - Goss

Worship Notes

The Call to Worship and Statement of Faith by Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes are used with permission.

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Today

Offering Counters Meeting
Habitat for Humanity planks

Tuesday, June 2

Social Concerns Meeting, 5:30pm

Wednesday, June 3

Choir, 7pm

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday School
BVCC Donations

Greeters: Mark Pfeifer, Joan Amich, Michelle Vail

Counters: Debbie Hansen, Doris Mayeshiba

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You! | We did it! The 2026 Christ Church Rummage Sale was a huge success! \$3136 was raised for the General Fund. \$384 in bakery was sold for the Bay View Community Center. \$44 was donated for our missions.

A **big thank you** to everyone who donated, sorted, sold, volunteered, delivered, and all of the other million little jobs that made the sale so successful. Thank you to Julie Oren for managing PayPal for the sale, and for keeping our finances in order. And thank you to everyone who worked Monday and Tuesday to wrap up the sale, put the rooms in order, and take donations to Good Will. We are a great team here at Christ Church. Many hands truly make light work, and Christ Church really pulled together to make the Rummage Sale happen.

Many **thanks** to Tim Tehan and Tehan Greenhouses at 1515 E Rawson Ave, Oak Creek, for their generous donation to the Christ Church Rummage Sale. We appreciate their support of our ministries.

A million **thanks** to Karen and Plantland at 6204 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee, for their generous donation to the Christ Church Rummage Sale. Their support of our ministries is much appreciated.

The bake sale was a success. We collected almost \$400 for the Bay View Community Center. **Thank you** to all those who baked yummy cookies, bars, breads, and snacks. A special thank you to Doris, Vicki, and Peggy who helped with labeling and packaging baked goods for the sale. As they say, "Many hands make light work!" *Randene*

Thank you for your generous donations to the 2026 Strengthen The Church Offering. Your generous gift of \$800 will strengthen the ministries of numerous United Church of Christ congregations throughout the nation. Thank you, *Pam Kothrade, Stewardship Chair*

Thanks to the extravagant generosity of *Renolle Volz*, the church has purchased a brand new lawn mower to keep our lawn in good shape. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Boiler Shutdown | On **Sunday, May 23**, we will be turning off our boilers for the season. You may want to bring a sweater or light jacket if the weather seems cool. Thank you for bearing with us during this heating season while we experienced numerous heating outages. We will be addressing the boiler problems in the very near future and expect to be ready for next Fall and Winter. *Property Committee, Submitted by Dick Gaeth*

Habitat for Humanity Planks | Sunday, May 31

Get involved! Decorate a plank for one of the 40 homes under construction this year and share a message with the new owners. The planks will be on the main level and in the fellowship hall. Consider a short prayer, favorite Bible verse, artwork. There will be examples for you as well.

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

Offering Counters' Meeting | Sunday, May 31, immediately following church, there will be a meeting to cover changes to the counting & review procedures. Thanks, *Sue Cribb*

Sunday School | Sunday School class is held the third Sunday of the month for children in grades 1 through 8. The end-of-the-year Sunday School celebration will be **June 7** and will be held in the Sunday School room. There will be no Sunday School class in July or August. Watch for information about Rally Day in September. For more information, contact *Michael Key or Pastor Bob*.

Capuchin Walk for the Hungry | Friday, June 12, 6-8pm

Team: Christ Church UCC | Place: Aurora Pavilion, Summerfest grounds
Register: <http://www.capuchinwalk.org>. Sign up with the Christ Church UCC Team. Questions, please see *Rich Tremarello*

Book Discussion & Potluck: *I Refuse To Lead a Dying Church*

Chapter 6 - Choosing Now Rather than Later

The final session will be held **Sunday, June 28** at Jim and Randene's house. There is a sign-up sheet for a potluck lunch starting at 11:15am. Further details are listed on the sign-up sheet at the Lenox Street entrance. Contact *Pastor Bob* if you have questions.



Monthly Activity	April	YTD
Contributions & Other Income	\$10,006	\$57,662
Expenses	\$17,758	\$79,677
Budgeted Amount	\$18,051	\$72,206
<i>Last week's offering: \$2,939</i>		

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