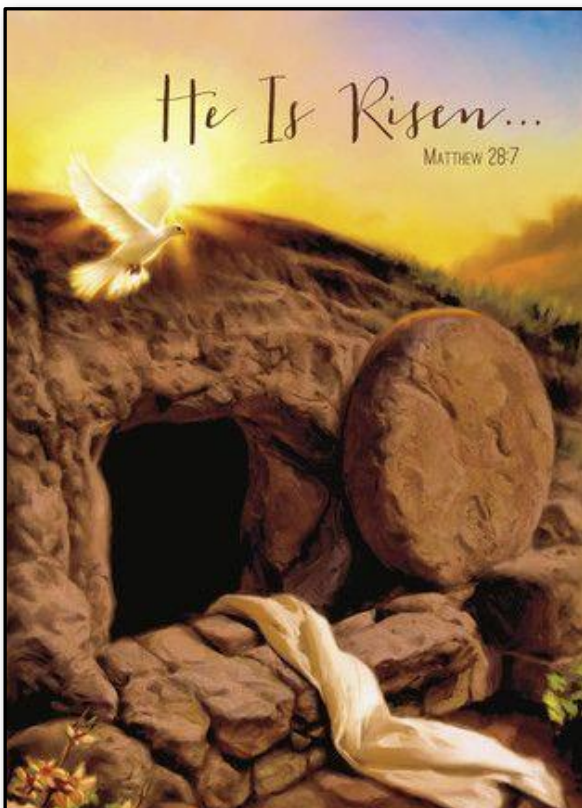


Christ Church

an Open & Affirming Congregation
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bob Gross

Musicians: Sue Cribb, Hal Kacanek, Pam Kothrade, Sue Pfeifer,

Liturgist: Jill Unglaub

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*

Welcome

Prelude

Risen Today

Franklin Ritter

*Call to Worship

One: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

*We All Sing

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

#289

*Opening Prayer

One: Let us pray together.

All: God of endings and beginnings, we come to worship and to praise. We come to abandon our pretenses and offer up our hope and dreams, that you may breathe new life into them. Shake us from our slumber and awaken us to our own resurrections. Open our eyes to the new day dawning in our hearts. Help us rejoice and be glad, for life has triumphed over death! Alleluia! 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

Gloria, Gloria

#240

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia! Alleluia!

Time for The Young and The Young at Heart

Children's Choir

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Rick Founds

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

#316 (vs. 1)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 28: 1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; they will see me there."

Sanctuary Singers *Anthem for Resurrection*

arr. Jay Althouse

Verse 1 and 2 – Choir

Verse 3 – Congregation & Choir (*Please remain seated*)

**Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth her song begin,
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein.
Invisible and visible, Their notes let all things blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that has no end.**

Ending – Choir

Sermon

"I Serve a Risen Savior"

Pastor Bob

We All Sing

Because He Lives

#447

*Statement of Faith

Romans 8:38-39

I am sure that nothing can separate us from God's love—not life or death, not angels or spirits, not the present or the future, and not powers above or powers below. Nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love for us in Christ Jesus our Lord! Amen.

Easter Prayer

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.

Sanctuary Singers *Celebrate This Glorious Day!*
Sue Pfeifer, Handbells

Cristi Cary Miller

Calling for our Best

One: God has given us life in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In gratitude, offer your hearts and the fruit of your labor to God's service.

SCAN TO DONATE



Offertory

My Heart Rejoices Terry Osman

*We All Sing

tune: *Old Hundredth*

**O morning of our hearts, we sing;
our endless alleluias ring!
Amid the shadows of our gloom
new hope, new life, an empty tomb! Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

All: Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives in union with our risen Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

*We All Sing

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

#288 (vs. 1&2)

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

*Holy Communion

*Invitation to the Table

*Great Thanksgiving

One: The Holy Living God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them to God!

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: We praise you, O Christ...

And we, too, may know you in the breaking of the bread.

*We All Sing

tune: #288

Hail, the Lord of Earth and heaven! Alleluia!

Praise to you, by both be given! Alleluia!

Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!

Risen Christ triumphant now! Alleluia!

The congregation may be seated.

One: On the night...there is a place at this table for all people.

All: For the love of God transcends every power that tries to contain it.

One: God of Resurrection...

Breaking and Pouring

Distribution

We serve both bread and gluten-free wafers, wine and white grape juice. Come forward via the center aisle, take a piece of bread or wafer and eat, then move to the right or left to take a cup of wine or grape juice and drink. Return to your seats via the outside aisles.

*We All Sing

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

#288 (vs. 3&4)

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted head, Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*Benediction

*Response *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* **#5** (chorus only)

*Postlude *Trumpet Voluntary - Prince of Denmark* J. Clarke

This morning's musicians include Sue Cribb (organ), Pam Kothrade (piano), Sue Pfeifer (Handbells), Hal Kacanek (trumpet), The Christ Church Sanctuary Singers, and The Christ Church Children's Choir.

We are grateful for their musical gifts.

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Today

Coffee Hour, 8:30–9:20am in the Chapel
BVCC Donations

Wednesday, April 1

Mitchel Park Domes and Lunch, 10am
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

NEXT SUNDAY

Rummage Sale Meeting, 10:30am

Greeters: Peggy Carew, Madeline Norton

Counters: Mark Pfeifer, Sara Rogers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School | Sunday School class is held the third Sunday of the month for children in grades 1 through 8. They will be singing in church **today**. Upcoming Sunday School class dates are: **April 19 and May 17**. The end-of-the-year Sunday School celebration will be **June 7** and will be held in the game 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*.

April Lunch and Mitchell Park Domes | Wednesday, April 8 | Meet at 10am at the Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd. , Milwaukee, WI 53215.

Admission

Adults: \$10.00 | \$9.00 residents

Military (active duty & veterans - ID required): \$6.50

Seniors (60+): \$10.00 | \$6.50 residents

Adults with disabilities: \$6.50

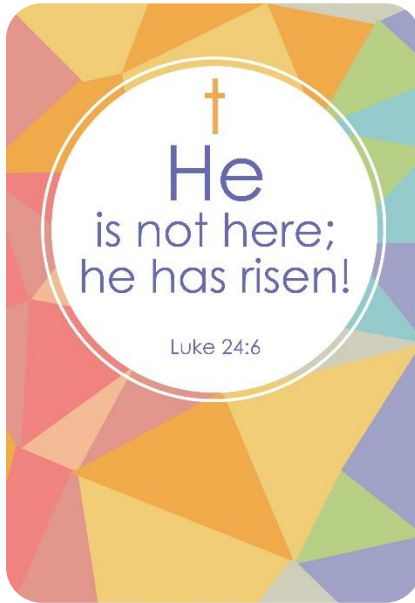
Lunch to follow at Axolotl Cafe, 3001 S Kinnickinnic Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207 (414-800-4321), for a Mexican inspired brunch. Please mark your calendar for this event and join your fellow Christ Church family members for an enjoyable day!

Short Stories by Jesus Bible Study | beginning on **Wednesday, April 15** at 1pm. Sign-up now to join Pastor Bob in a six-week Bible Study on the Parables of Jesus. Participant Guides will be available for \$14.

Rummage Sale | Saturday, May 16 from 8am–1pm | Christ Church is joining the Bay View Neighborhood Association Rummage Sale. Please continue to bring your donations and put them in the east end of the Music Room. Donation guidelines: “If you wouldn’t buy it, don’t donate it.” Please, NO electronics, TVs, hazardous materials, broken items, oversized furniture, or pianos (nope, no pianos :) *See Newsletter for additional volunteer opportunities or contact Michael or Janet Key.*

Christ Church Creation Care 101 | Sunday, April 19 during Coffee Hour
With Earth Day right around the corner (April 22), we will be introduced to the Creation Care ministry of the Wisconsin Conference, United Church of Christ. John Helt co-chairs the Conference Creation Care team and will share with us how he became involved with this work, what some congregations are doing to help save the planet, and how Christ Church might join the effort, making Earth Day more than just a day, but a way of life. We will meet after worship in the coffee hour area downstairs on Sunday, April 19. *Sponsored by the Membership Committee*

THANK YOU | A BIG thank you to all those who contributed to and volunteered to deliver the Share and Care Easter gift bags to our church members. Your thoughtfulness and time spent with our church members is greatly appreciated!
The Social Concerns Committee



WISHING YOU
Easter Joy

Monthly Activity	February	YTD
Contributions & Other Income	\$8,780	\$32,853
Expenses	\$17,957	\$39,213
Budgeted Amount	\$18,052	\$36,103
<i>Last week's offering: \$1,948</i>		

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