



June 7, 2026

The Second Sunday after Pentecost
Pride Sunday

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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

Video & Welcome

Prelude

Let There Be Peace on Earth

- Miller/Jackson

*Call to Worship

One: We come together in a rainbow of hope and love.

All: We come together with fear and trembling for the new world we are creating.

One: With open arms, with pride and joy, we welcome people from every nation and ethnic community into our church. Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, same-gender-loving, straight, old, young, disabled, athletes, people with questions and those who have all the answers—all are welcome here.

All: No one is excluded from Christ's table.

One: God loves us all.

All: We are one in the Spirit! Alleluia!

*We All Sing *Come, Thou Fount of Boundless Welcome* (see insert)

*Opening Prayer

One: Let us pray together.

All: God of all Creation, you have made us in your image, a rainbow of every color, culture, gender expression, language, orientation, and nation; help us, when we look at one another, see You, expressed in yet another language of love; and help us honor your holy presence in every life. We pray because of Jesus, who shows us the way. 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

Gift of Music

Make Them Hear You
Song by Brian Stokes Mitchell

Sanctuary Singers

Go out and tell our story
Let it echo far and wide
Make them hear you
Make them hear you

How justice was our battle
And how justice was denied
Make them hear you
Make them hear you

And say to those who blame us
For the way we chose to fight
That sometimes there are battles
Which are more than black or white
And I could not put down my sword
When justice was my right
Make them hear you
Make them hear you

My part may lead to Heaven or Hell
And God will say what's best
But one thing He will never say
Is that I went quietly to my rest
Go out and tell our story
To your daughters and your sons
Make them hear you
Make them hear you

And tell them, in our struggle
We were not the only ones
Make them hear you
Make them hear you

Broken maybe from your parliament
In your classroom with your pen
Teach every child to raise his voice
And then my brothers, then

Will justice be demanded
By ten million righteous men?
Make them hear you
When they hear you, I'll be near you
Again

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12: 1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So, Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

*Statement of Faith

One: We are an Open and Affirming community of faith.

All: Varied in gender and sexual orientation, color and age, ethnicity and ability, we are a widening circle, open to all who seek Christ, a rainbow company, affirming the splendor of our humanity.

One: Melding strengths and weaknesses, we serve one another and the world as Christ serves us.

All: Encouraged by scripture and fashioned by Spirit, we endeavor to live in harmony and to do justice, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

One: As an Open and Affirming body of Christ, we intend:

All: to welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed us, equally and jubilantly, for the glory of God!

One: As an Open and Affirming body of Christ, we pray:

All: God of hope, by the power of your Holy Spirit, fill us with joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope and live the vision we proclaim! Amen.

Mission Moment

Vicki Teal, ONA Team

Blessing of the Marchers

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

*from John H; Jane K, Rebecca, Bill, Rachel and Maria;
Prayer Box; 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.**

Calling for Our Best

One: Friends, on this day of pride and joy let us share our gifts of time, talent, and money with our church and the world.

SCAN TO DONATE



- Lovelace

Offertory

I Come with Joy

*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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

*Invitation to the Table

One: We proclaim loudly...

*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: Creator God...Therefore, with all who were, are, or will be gathered around this table in this life and the life to come, we join in their unending hymn of praise.

*We All Sing

(twice in English, once in Spanish)

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.

My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy Lord!

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora.

Mi corazone te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.

The congregation may be seated.

Words of Institution

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.

Prayer of Consecration

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.

Prayer of Resolution

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

*We All Sing *All Are Welcome* (see insert)

*Benediction

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

*Postlude *Lead On, O King Eternal* - Smart

Worship Notes

"Come, Thou Fount of Boundless Welcome" by Rev. David Wheeler is used with permission. Our Communion Liturgy adapted from *A Communion Service of Solidarity* written by Rev. Corinne Freedman-Ellis is used with permission.

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THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Today

Sunday School
BVCC Donations
Property Committee Meeting

Monday, June 8

Finance Meeting, noon

Wednesday, June 10

Choir, 7pm

Thursday, June 11

Handbells, 9:30am

Friday, June 12

Capuchin Walk for the Hungry, 6pm

Greeters: Mary Ann M, Bob P

Counters: Janet D, Mark P

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Habitat for Humanity Welcome Home Gift Basket | We will be collecting household items for a welcome home gift basket. When a family closes on their new Habitat for Humanity Home, a basket with indoor and outdoor supplies is provided as a welcome home gift. If you are interested in assisting, please stop in the chapel after church, **June 7 or 14** to sign up for an item. You can select from the list of items we will have available. Please return them to church by **June 21**. We will have a basket in the chapel to place your donation. Thanks in advance for your donation. If you have any questions, please speak to a Social Concerns member. *Social Concerns Committee, Peggy C, Debbie H, Mary Ann M, Jan N, Sara R, Vicki T, Randene W*

Join us for the Pride Parade! | Christ Church will once again be participating in this year's Pride Parade on Sunday, June 7 at 2pm. As an Open and Affirming church, we invite you to walk with us as a visible expression of our commitment to inclusivity and social justice. Whether you are a longtime ally or new to this kind of outreach, your presence matters! For details on how to participate, see the notice on the Lenox St. bulletin Board. We hope to see you there! *Open and Affirming Committee*

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.

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*

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: \$2,878</i>		

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