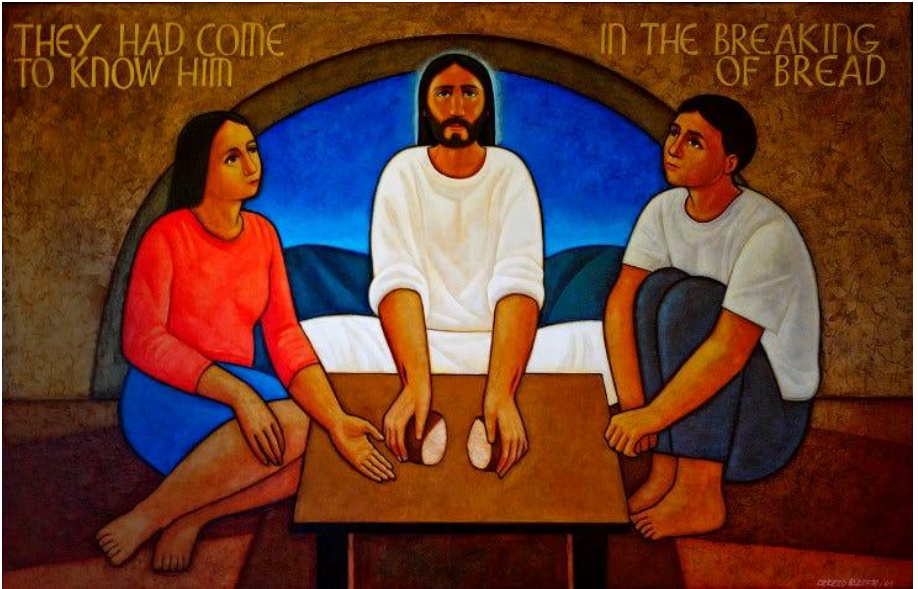


# Christ Church

an Open & Affirming Congregation  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST



**May 3, 2026**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bob Gross

Music Director: Terryl Dietert

Guitar/ Visuals: Paul Mayeshiba

Video: Richard Tremarello

Liturgist: Julie Oren

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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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *He Lives* - arr. Donter

\*Call to Worship

One: Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

**All: Alleluia!**

One: By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

**All: Alleluia!**

One: By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

**All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

\*We All Sing *Come, Share the Lord* #696

\*Opening Prayer

One: Let us pray together.

**All: Almighty God, Jesus, our risen Lord was made known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. Help us to open the eyes of our hearts that we may recognize his presence, and with his disciples cry, "The Lord has risen, indeed!" Through Christ who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit. 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

Gift of Music *Help Us Accept Each Other* (see #596) Kaan, Arr. Dietert

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So, he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

\*Statement of Faith

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

**All: Gracious God, you who judge all, we live in reverent awe of you. For us, who were kidnapped by our own sins, you paid dearly to set us free—not a ransom of perishable things like silver or gold, but by your precious love, which we see in the blood of Christ. When he died we saw your willingness to suffer for us. You have had this love for us since the beginning of time; and now we see it. Through Christ we have come to trust in you, who raised Christ from the dead into glory. For you have given us a new birth, through your living and enduring Word. Therefore our faith and hope are set on you alone. With your love we love one another. Even in the breaking of our hearts you have made yourself known to us; and now by the power of your Spirit we are sent into the world, to proclaim in word and deed your infinite love and grace. Alleluia!**

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.**

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

*Alleluia, Alleluia* - Fishel

\*We All Sing

*Doxology*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.**

\*HOLY COMMUNION

\*Invitation to the Table

One: This meal is open to all. Jesus ate and drank with friends and strangers, people who were rich and poor, with religious professionals and with people who were shunned as outcasts.

**All: Whoever you are, and whatever has happened until now, we hope that you will be fed here in mind, body, and spirit.**

One: Jesus taught people to share food, and compassion, and dignity, and prayer, saying that when they did, then the Beloved Community of God, what he called the kingdom of God, was coming near.

**All: That is why we're here.  
May we catch a glimpse of that today.**

\*Great Thanksgiving

One: The Holy Mystery at the heart of universe and beyond it is with you, and all around you, and within you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: If you are new here...

**All: And so we come with joyful thanks.**

One: Therefore...we join the unending hymn of praise that continues from generation to generation.

\*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: We remember with gratitude...

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 is Alive!* **#312**

\*Benediction

\*Response *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* (chorus only, 2x) **#5**

**Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah**  
**Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah**  
**Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah**  
**Hallelujah, halle-lu-jah**

\*Postlude *Lift High the Cross* - Nicholson

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## **THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH**

### **Today**

BVCC Food Donations  
Church Revitalization Book Study

### **Wednesday, May 6**

Parables Bible Study, 1pm

**Greeters:** Fred Passow

**Counters:** Janet Dietert, Mark Pfeifer

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thank You!** | Dear Christ Church Family, Thank you to everyone who played a part in the creation of the lovely Easter bag with so many yummy treats and items to help pass the time. Your prayers, cards, emails, phone calls, texts and visits over the past three months surely helped brighten the days of healing. Thank you! What a wonderful church family!!

Blessings, *Joan Gaeth*

**Donation Needed: Lawn Mower** | We are seeking a well-maintained, used lawn mower to help keep our grounds looking their best. If you have a reliable mower you no longer need and would like to donate, please contact the office, Jim Wick, or Julie Oren.

**Church Revitalization Book Study** | Our conversation continues.

The schedule is as follows:

**May 3** – Pages 19-43, Choosing Life & Community

**May 17** – Pages 45-68, Choosing Fun & Bold

**May 24** – Pages 69-82, Choosing Frontier

**June 28** – Pages 83-100, Choosing Now

It's not too late to join the conversation. Contact *Pastor Bob* for a book.

**Rummage Sale | Saturday, May 16, 8am–1pm** | Wow! Parishioners, friends, and community members have donated incredible items to the Christ Church Rummage Sale! The Music Room is almost full—but there is still room for more treasure. Please bring your items to church on Sunday morning or call *Michael and Janet Key* at 414-744-0973 for a pick up, if needed.

*Randene* is organizing the bake sale, so please sign up or see her for delectable details. *Joan* is organizing the plant sale, so call her for some leafy specifics. *Jan* is crafting the homemade items table, and will be happy to share artsy particulars.

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the Lenox Street door. Set up will start on Sunday, May 10 after church, and will continue all week from 1–3pm. We will need many hands as the sunny Saturday dawns, so please sign up to join this fun event.

**Bakers Needed for the Rummage Sale** | Got a favorite recipe for brownies or bars? We're looking for bakers to help us raise money for the Bay View Community Center! Recent funding shifts means the BVCC needs our help more than ever to keep their food pantry and local projects running. Sign up today and drop off your goodies at the church on **Friday, May 15 between 1–3pm**. Let's bake for a cause! *Randene Wick*

## May Church Lunch Outing | Tuesday, May 19 at 11:30am

Restaurant: Lulu Cafe and Bar

2265 S. Howell Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53207, Phone: 414-294-5858

This restaurant is a casual dining experience. All are WELCOME!

Please join us for lunch with your fellow Christ Church family members.

Conversation and company are always fun! If you are interested, please sign up at the Lenox Street door. Questions: feel free to ask anyone on the *Membership Committee*. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Habitat for Humanity Planks | Sundays, May 24 and 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*

## Strengthen the Church Offering is May 24.

**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*

| Monthly Activity                   | March    | YTD      |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Contributions & Other Income       | \$13,498 | \$46,725 |
| Expenses                           | \$22,100 | \$60,570 |
| Budgeted Amount                    | \$18,051 | \$54,155 |
| <i>Last week's offering: \$810</i> |          |          |

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