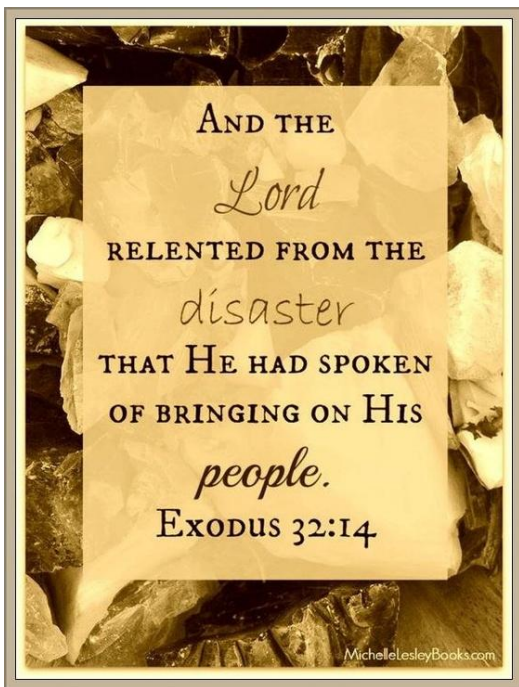




October 11, 2026 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bob Gross
Choir Director: Gary Aubry
Musicians: Sue Cribb, Pam Kothrade
Tech Team: Paul Mayeshiba, Richard Tremarello
Liturgist: Unity DuMez

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

Wholly Thine

John Rasley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is good!

All: God's steadfast love is forever.

*WE ALL SING

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

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*OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us pray together.

All: Ever-present God, you never leave us. Help us stay with you when we are tempted to flee, and keep us seeking after that which is true, that all may know that you are our God, a tenacious presence in whatever our reality. In Jesus' 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

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this

Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”² Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me.”³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron.⁴ He took these from them, formed them in a mold,^[a] and cast an image of a calf, and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.”⁶ They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

⁷ The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

*WE ALL SING

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#72

*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

- *Please pray for **Jacob Olson's** heath*
- *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: Beloved, do not worry about anything, but in everything let your requests be made known to God. And the peace which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. In the assurance of this promise, let us confidently offer ourselves to God, knowing that God has already provided all that we need.

SCAN TO DONATE



OFFERTORY

Faith

Mendelssohn

*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: Creator God, you are our provider. We offer all that we have and all that we are to you, because we belong to you. Bless these gifts, and empower us, your church, that through the work of the Holy Spirit we may be a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm, and shade from the heat. Through Christ, our shield and stronghold. Amen.

*WE ALL SING *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Roger Wilson

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Today

Coffee Hour – Vicki Teal
Town Hall Meeting

Monday, Oct 12

Book Study, 1pm

Tuesday, Oct 13

Quilting, 9:30am

Thursday, Oct 14

Handbells, 9:30am
Finance Meeting, 11am
Choir, 7pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Singular They Workshop

Greeters: Dick & Joan Gaeth

Counters: Janet Key, Joyce Zieman

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

Choir and Handbell Schedule

Choir rehearsal is **Thursday, Oct 15 at 7pm**

Choir sings **Sunday, Oct 18** (warm-up/rehearsal is 8:45am)

Bells rehearsals are **Thursdays, Oct 15 and 22 at 9:30am**

Bells play **Sunday, Oct 25**

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*

If my people,

who are called by my name,
will humble themselves
and pray and seek my face
and turn from their wicked
ways, then I will hear
from heaven, and I will
forgive their sin and will
heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

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: \$5,333</i>		

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