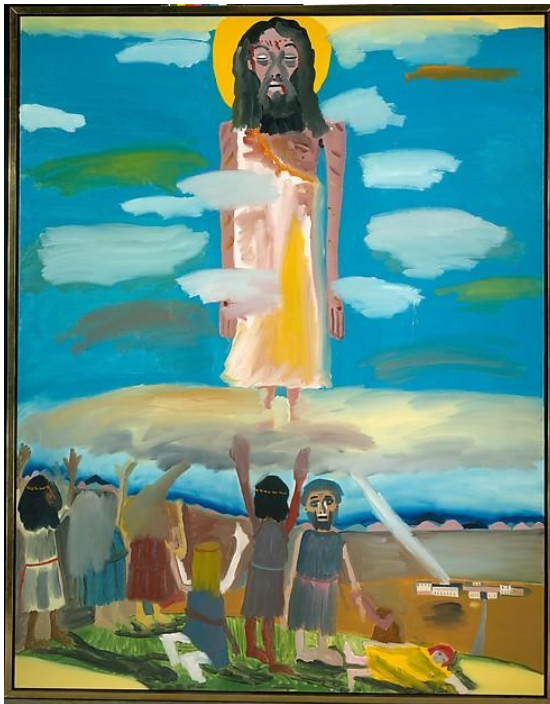


Christ Church

an Open & Affirming Congregation
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bob Gross

Musician: Sue Cribb

Visuals/Guitar: Paul Mayeshiba

Video: Richard Tremarello

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*

Gathering Music *Chimes at Dawn* - Wolf

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart* - Smith

*Call to Worship

One: Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,

All: for God reigns over all the earth!

One: God has gone up with a shout!

All: Sound the trumpet and sing songs of praise!

*We All Sing *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* #88

*Opening Prayer

One: Let us pray together.

All: O God of glory, sovereign of all nations, the risen and ascended Christ calls us to carry your message of life to all people. Led by the power of your Holy Spirit, help us witness always to the hope to which we are called as we share Christ's love to the ends of the earth. 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

The Gospel Reading Acts 1:6-11

So, when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the

Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Sermon

"Power to Witness"

Pastor Bob

We All Sing

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

#581

The Sacrament of Baptism

Noah Brandt Blazavier

Invitation

Welcome

Address

Questions of the Parents

Congregational Assent

*Statement of Faith

One: Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God.

One: Do you believe in Jesus?

All: I believe in Jesus.

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of Baptism

Act of Baptism

Prayer for the Baptized

Greeting the Baptized

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 the gift of Christ, risen and ascended for the life of the world. Therefore, let us offer our gifts in return, so that others may know this glorious news.

SCAN TO DONATE



Offertory

This Day With Thee

-Frick

*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: O God of glory and majesty, we give you thanks for the gift of your Son, and his power at work in our lives and our gifts. Bless these gifts for the benefit they afford in bringing life to others in your name. Bless our lives that we may be your witnesses to the end of the earth as we love and serve you, O God most high. Amen.

*We All Sing

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

#149

*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

Postludium

– Nordman



Congratulations to Noah!

*We welcome Noah's family and are happy
that you are here today to worship with us
and to support Noah on his faith journey!*

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Today

Baptism

Sunday School

Revitalizing Church Book Study

Tuesday, May 19

May Lunch Outing, Lulu's Cafe, 11:30am

Wednesday, May 20

Parables Bible Study, 1pm

Thursday, May 21

Handbells, 9:30am

NEXT SUNDAY

Habitat for Humanity planks

Strengthen the Church Special Offering

Revitalizing Church Book Study

Greeters: Chuck Terlinden, Vicki Teal

Counters: Danette Volz, Joyce Zieman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You! | We did it! The 2026 Christ Church Rummage Sale was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who donated, sorted, sold, volunteered, delivered, and all of the other million little jobs that made the sale so successful. Watch the next Chronicles and bulletin for numbers and sales. Many hands truly make light work, and Christ Church really pulled together to make the Rummage Sale happen.

TODAY: Sunday School

Sunday School class is held the third Sunday of the month for children in grades 1 through 8. Upcoming Sunday School class will be **May 17**. 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*.

Church Revitalization Book Study | Our conversation continues.

The schedule is as follows:

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.

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 Special Offering is Sunday, 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*

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*

Acts 1:8



But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

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: \$2,054</i>		

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