



Christ Church UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Musician: Pam Kothrade
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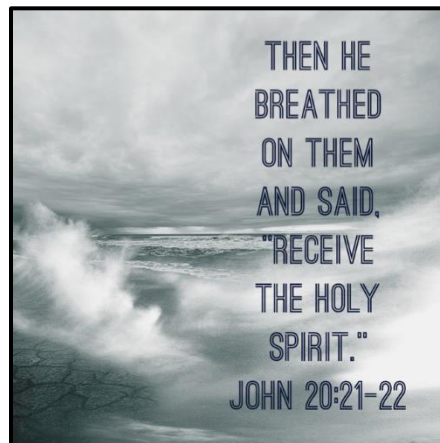
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Welcome to Christ Church!

We are so glad you are here this morning! Please be so kind as to wear your name tags and also please sign the attendance sheet in the red Friendship Register at the end of your pew. If you are visiting, please stop by the desk in the room behind the sanctuary to pick up your Welcome Gift. Thank you!

A Word from Pastor Steve - "Jesus breathed on them" (John 20:22) Let's use our imaginations. What did that breath smell like? Was it sweet with the smell of springtime? Was there something of heaven in it, beyond ordinary experience? Or was there still the smell of the wine and the food he had shared with his friends three nights before? Or maybe the disciples smelled what they had recognized from all those meals back in Galilee—fish and olives and bread perhaps. Or was it the gall he had been given to drink on the cross, or the heavy odor of the spices with which he had been anointed for burial? Was there something of the grave that clung to him now—as they could see the wounds in his hands— even as he stood alive again before them? I suggest this meditative experience because it drives the metaphor of inspiration back to the flesh and blood experience of the crucified and risen Jesus. Let us not discount the reality that this gospel story involves real breath and real flesh. Let us seek to feel and believe on our own journey of faith and may it bring you peace. We worship inspired by the breath of the Lord.

*Please stand as you are able



Prelude

Emmaus Sunrise

Eric Lewis

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (repeat)

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, Christ is risen, Christ is risen (repeat)

He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior (repeat)

***Our Call to Worship**

One: Christ our Savior is risen from the dead! Alleluia!

All: Break forth into joy! Sing together! God comforts those whose hearts are broken.

One: Faith brings surprises, faith tells us of God's power and grace.

All: Give praise for God's powerful love. Now we know victory over death!

One: In our gathering today, we open ourselves to a God who changes us, surprises us, informs us, draws us. May our worship community be filled with the Spirit.

All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

***Opening Prayer**

God of Resurrection, we cry out to you as empty people in a fractured world. We live in a world of Good Fridays: where the innocent suffer and die, where midday darkness smothers the light, where hopes and dreams dissolve, where evil seems to triumph.

God of Resurrection, we long to discover your presence, we long to feel the rhythm of your power, we stumble toward the tombs in our lives and long to find them empty. Help us to realize that faith is not a decision made once, but a decision anew in every situation.

Bring Easter to our hearts, to our eyes and ears, to our lives, this morning. In the name of Christ, whose life and love could not be stamped out, whose resurrection hope is the hope which plants love and laughter in our lives and causes them to sprout and blossom like spring flowers in the morning sun, we say Amen.

***The Gloria**

Hymn #734

Glory be to the Father, and to the son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

A Gift of Music

The Lord's Prayer

Nancy Schlaack, soloist

Sacred Readings

John 20:19-31 (NRSV) ¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Psalm 150 (NRSV)

- ¹ Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!
- ² Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
- ³ Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
- ⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
- ⁵ Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- ⁶ Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

Sermon	"When fear and doubt remain"	Steve Hecky
*Sermon Response	<i>That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright</i>	Hymn #299
Prayer Song	Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace.	Hymn #489

Prayers of the People

Hear Our Prayers, O God...

- Please keep the family of **Robert Kroening** in your prayers. Our brother in Christ, Robert, passed away on Good Friday, April 15th.
- Prayers for the **Dayton family** in the passing of Dawn Dayton, Laurel's daughter-in-law.
- **Loretta S** asks for prayers for the father of her granddaughter-in-law, **Jeff**, who had 2 brain tumors removed. He has stage 4 cancer, and it is incurable. Jeff is making many plans to live his life to the fullest. I and his family thank you for your prayers.
- **Michelle G** is asking for prayers for some family members with health issues.
- Please pray for **Darlene's son-in-law, Dan**, who is having a lot of problems since his last surgery.
- Pray for **Nancy C's brother-in-law, Jerry**, who needs chemo and a bone marrow transplant.
- Asking for prayers of healing and courage for **Dan V** in his battle against cancer and strength for his family as they navigate through this condition with him.
- Continued prayers for **Ken & Sue's son-in-law, Karl**, who is restarting chemo and for **Ken K's sister, Kathy**, who is in hospice with an infection in her hip and knee.

Pastoral Prayer

Quiet Prayer (share with the Lord what's on your mind, and in your heart - 90 secs of silence)

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.

Call to Offering

Since our cups run over with gifts of grace, let us respond with our love and ourselves and our gifts.

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

O God, we thank you for the breath of Jesus which sends us out into the world to speak what is needed, what God needs spoken, for the sake of those who perish from hunger, homelessness, war, and who need abundant forgiveness. Use our voices to deliver the strangest news, "We have seen the Lord." He comes to us in peace that we may have life in his name. Alleluia!

*Closing Hymn

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Hymn #719

***Benediction & Sending Forth**

Because the tomb is empty, your life can be full, so go into every place and every day as people brimming with the love of God. Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word, faithful in deed. Live for the risen Christ as Christ lives in you. "Peace be with you!" Alleluia and Amen!

Postlude

Festal Fanfare/Holy, Holy, Holy

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour after service

Confirmation Class today

Book Club TODAY

11am Fellowship Hall

Quilters

Tuesday, April 26 at 9:30AM

Fermenting the Faith

Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30PM at Joe's K Ranch

Endowment Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30PM at Carol & Tom's

Share Our Suppers

Friday, April 29 at 4:45pm (Dean & Mary Ann M)

Please plan to attend the

Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 15th after church

You can view Good Friday's Service

on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BVUMC> or on Bay View United Method Church's YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_8vRymNYbwywwTAgpSRNg

Christ Church Book Club

We will be meeting **TODAY** at 11am in the Fellowship Hall to discuss *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meisner. We look forward to an interesting discussion and fellowship. If you have any questions, please see *Debbie Hansen* or *Mary Ann Mowery*.

FERMENTING THE FAITH

Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30 PM

at Joe's K Ranch

4840 S. Whitnall Ave., Cudahy

The topic this month is a reflection on our sermon series. We will consider the five characteristics of Christ (humility, healing, loving, prayerful, and forgiving) and share our thoughts. Additional discussion beyond the sermon and scriptures are welcome. *Jim Wick*

Thank You!! Danke!! Kansha!! Gracias!!

Thanks to Dean Kothrade, Paul Mayeshiba, Pastor Andy Oren, Malique Bonilla, Clinton and Charles Verley, Brian O'Brien, and Rich Tremarello for their help intaking down the Lenten Crosses on Easter Saturday. I'd like to especially thank them for raking the lawn areas. I surprised them with the task, and everyone jumped in, enabling us to finish in about a half hour. It was a last-minute decision, and I appreciate all your help. Thanks Again! *Dick Gaeth*

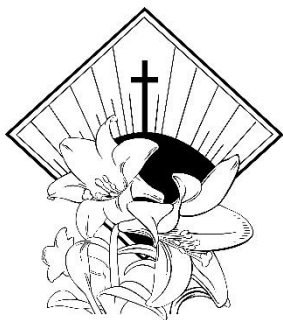
Palm Sunday a group of us, young and young at heart, participated in distributing Flyers inviting church neighbors to our Easter Celebration Service and breakfast. This was done to help spread the Word of God.

Thank you to Rebecca and Isabelle Berger, Evangeline, Isabella and Rich Tremarello, Lynn Schmeling, Ben Pfeifer, Dick Gaeth, Sue Pfeifer, Aidan Vail, Ashley Lapre, Malique Bonilla, Sarah Hillmert-Gallitz and Jim and Randene Wick. A special **"Thank You"** to Jan Naefken for preparing the flyers and helping in the kitchen, and Darlene, the Office Administrator, for printing the flyers. You made quick work of the task and **you are truly appreciated**. *Joan Gaeth, Membership Committee*



A very BIG thank you to all those who helped make our Easter Breakfast a success! First of all, thank you Nancy Charles for shopping and preparing our fabulous Egg Bake Casseroles for us. They were outstanding! Also, thank you to Julie Oren, Joan Gaeth, Dick Gaeth, Sue Pfeifer, Joyce Jakimczyk, Renolle Volz, Danette Volz, Randene Wick, Joyce Zieman, Paul Mayeshiba, Doris Mayeshiba, Sue Steinhauer, Sarah Hillmert, Ben Pfeifer, Isabelle Berger, Bella Tremarello, Eva Tremarello, Aidan Vail, Jim Wick and all the other helpers along the way! **We thank you and value YOU!**

You are invited to
A Celebration of the Life of Doris Jane Poth Diacentine



We will be gathering from 1:00–3:00 PM
on **Saturday, May 7th, 2022**
at Christ Church, UCC
915 E. Oklahoma Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Please come share your stories and memories
while having a snack with us!

Any questions, please contact
her daughter, Sue Dannenberg, at 248-318-1656

Clean Up South Shore Park/Beach

When: Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. until noon

Where: Meet at South Shore Park Pavilion, 2900 South Shore Drive, Milwaukee

Who: Anyone who enjoys the outdoors and wants to help clean up the South Shore Park

Please sign up at the Lenox Street entrance.

Dress accordingly for the weather and bring gloves and a “grabber” for picking up garbage if you have one. We will supply trash bags. Following the “clean-up” we will have lunch on our own at the South Shore Terrace Kitchen. *Membership Committee: Julene Flanagan, Jan Naefken, Sue Pfeifer, Lynn Schmeling, Randene Wick, and Joan Gaeth*

GRADUATION TIME AND MONTHLY CHRONICLES

Do you have a student or are you graduating from high school, college or ?? If you would like to share that information, please let the church office know by calling or emailing Darlene at (414) 481-3530 or office@uccmke.org. This information will be placed in bulletins and newsletters. Also, if you, your college student, or a person in the military would like to receive the monthly Chronicles while away, please provide Darlene with their name and email address. It is a way for students or a person in the military to stay connected with their church family. Thank you, *Joan Gaeth, Membership Committee*

Did you Know?

Are you familiar with the “Art Gallery” which is the hallway from the Lenox Street entrance to the Sanctuary? Every few months it is changed to reflect the season. Please take a few moments to pause, ponder, and enjoy this space.

The statue of Jesus with outstretched arms in the hallway was in Christ Church’s original building located at the bottom of the hill of Bay View High School. To learn more about it, see the plaque below the statue.

Thank you to Sue and Ken Klockow for your expertise in decorating and to any others who have added to the “Art Gallery.”

New Directories Available

New directories are now available in the Chapel for the members of Christ Church. Please feel free to take one for your family. We will check off your name on the "Master Copy" so we know who still needs a copy. If you want your information changed, please contact Darlene, our Office Administrator, by calling her at **414-481-3530** Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. or email her at **office@uccmke.org**.

Submitted by: Joan Gaeth, Membership Committee

LEARNING MORE ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH

If you have found a church home here and are interested in learning more about Christ Church, please see Pastor Andy or any one of us from the Membership Committee. We will have one or two informational sessions on two different Sundays following the church service if anyone is interested. There will also be a tour of the building.

Thank you, *Membership Committee members: Julene Flanagan, Jan Naefken, Susan Pfeifer (Council Rep), Lynn Schmeling, Randene Wick, and Joan Gaeth*

Share Our Suppers Volunteers Needed

Please help fill up the Friday dates as building reps for DI-Share Our Suppers. It's a mere 1½ hour time commitment. | *Set up approx. 4:45 pm | Tear down 6:00 | Finish 6:15 pm* |

I am always willing to train anyone wishing to participate in this ministry. You will be amazed at seeing 45 hot meals distributed in about 15 minutes each Friday evening! The effects of the pandemic are still being felt in the Bay View community and this helps our neighbors.

Contact Jim Wick at jameswick73@gmail.com or 414-614-2612

Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 15th, 2022

Christ Church is holding its annual meeting on Sunday, May 15th, 2022, immediately following worship in the sanctuary. We will be discussing the 2022 church operating budget, electing church council and Endowment Committee members, and an auditor. We will also discuss and vote on important church constitution and by-law changes including defining what a quorum (the minimum number of members needed to be present for our annual meeting) is and the possibility of using a percentage of our total Endowment Fund value annually to meet the financial needs of the church's operating budget.

We have not had an annual meeting since 2020. So much has changed in our church, and our world, since then. The annual meeting is the time to help shape the future of what Christ Church will be and do in years to come. Please plan on attending this meeting either in person or virtually. Both your smile and voice are needed at this important meeting.

Dean Kothrade

“I would like to offer you an invitation to serve on the Church Council or

Endowment Committee: In recent months we have seen a welcomed reawakening of our spiritual life at Christ Church. Having Pastor Andy Oren accept the interim minister position has energized and solidified that reawakening. It is now our turn to support Pastor Andy by offering our gifts, just as he has offered his gifts to us.

We currently need 2 people to serve on the Church Council and 2 to serve on the Endowment Committee to just keep both groups at the same minimal membership they have now. Church Council membership is a way to help shape the future of Christ Church. Many decisions made will impact the church for years to come. Meetings are held monthly, except for summer months, and the meetings last 90 minutes. There is usually very little homework. Please ask any current council member; we gather as individuals that have differing ideas/opinions but leave that meeting as a unified body with a common purpose, mission, and satisfaction that we helped our church and all living beings.

The Endowment Committee oversees the Endowment Fund investments that Christ Church holds. The fund is critically important for the long term growth and financial health of Christ Church. We must be good stewards of the gifts given to our church in the hope that our church will be able to continue its mission and ministry in Bay View and around the world.

I feel we are currently a vibrant, but timid, faith community. A common issue is we individually feel we are not worthy, or able, or have the precise gifts needed to contribute something positive to our church. We must realize that the inspiration we receive on Sunday morning is to give us the strength to go and do God's work. It isn't just to minister to our personal needs. We are called to act out our faith. I've read that faith without works is dead. Let's not be guilty of having faith only. Our church needs the talents you have on loan from God.”

Please let any Church Council member, Endowment Committee member, or Pastor Andy Oren know if you are interested in one of these positions. Thank you, *Dean Kothrade*



Pastor Andy will not be available from April 18 through April 27. During that time **Rev. John Helt** will be providing emergency pastoral care. You can reach him at either **262-622-3165** or via email at **JohnCliffordHelt@gmail.com**.

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