



April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bob Gross
Music Director: Terryl Dietert
Today's Musicians: Sue Cribb, Pam Kothrade
Guitar/ Visuals: Paul Mayeshiba
Video: Richard Tremarello
Liturgist: Randene Wick

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*

For your reflection

The sermon this morning will include answers to your questions. Please use the index card inserted in this bulletin to write a question you always wanted to ask about God, or the church, and place it in the offering plate.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *The Resurrection* - Wilson

*Call to Worship

One: Christ is risen!

All: Stones of fear are rolled away.

One: Christ is risen!

All: Walls of prejudice are broken down.

One: Christ is risen!

All: Doubts are affirmed, questions allowed.

One: Christ is risen!

All: Those who were pushed aside are welcomed in.

One: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All: Come let us worship God!

*We All Sing *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

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*Opening Prayer

One: Let us pray together.

All: God of signs and wonders, you have revealed to us that Jesus Christ is your son and our Savior. Strengthen our faith, that we may have life in Christ's name. 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.

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

Calling for Our Best

One: To praise God is to both give and to receive. In this moment, we meditate on both as we prepare to give as we are able in the sanctuary of spirit and service. In gratitude for that which we receive from God who works upon, within, and between each of us in this gathered body, we upon our hearts and our hands. Our ushers will now receive our morning offering and our questions for Pastor Bob.

SCAN TO DONATE



Offertory

Ain-a That Good News! - arr. Carter

*We All Sing

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.

Gift of Music

Because He Lives - arr. Bock

Pam Kothrade

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, 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."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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."

²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

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

Sermon

"Doubters Welcome"

Pastor Bob

We All Sing

Christ Alone

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All: We bless you, God! You raised Jesus Christ from the dead, and in so doing you gave us a new birth, a life of hope—a gift that is perfect, imperishable and unfading. Our lives are now in your Realm. We trust that you save us for your purposes, which you will reveal in your time. Therefore, we are willing to suffer in practicing our faith, for the sake of praise and glory and honor when Christ is revealed. We have not seen you, but we love you; and we rejoice with indescribable and glorious joy. Alleluia!

Quilt Blessing

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

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.

*We All Sing

In the Garden

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*Benediction

*Response

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

(chorus only) **#5**

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

*Postlude

Fest-Postludium - Krygell

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Today

Quilt Blessing

Coffee Hour

Rummage Sale Meeting, 10:30am

Monday, April 13

Finance Meeting, noon

Tuesday, April 14

Quilting, 9:30am

Wednesday, April 15

Bible Study, 1pm

Thursday, April 16

Handbells, 9:30am

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:30am

Creation Care during Coffee Hour

Greeters: Jill Unglaub

Counters: Janet Key, Joyce Zieman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU | A BIG thank you to all those who contributed to and volunteered to deliver the Share and Care Easter gift bags to our church members. Your thoughtfulness and time spent with our church members is greatly appreciated!

The Social Concerns Committee

Short Stories by Jesus Bible Study | begins this **Wednesday, April 15** at 1pm. You are invited to join Pastor Bob in a six-week Bible Study on the Parables of Jesus. Participant Guides will be available for \$14.

Sunday School | Sunday School class is held the third Sunday of the month for children in grades 1 through 8. Upcoming Sunday School class dates are: **April 19 and May 17**. The end-of-the-year Sunday School celebration will be **June 7** and will be held in the game 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*.

Christ Church Creation Care 101 | Sunday, April 19 during Coffee Hour

With Earth Day right around the corner (April 22), we will be introduced to the Creation Care ministry of the Wisconsin Conference, United Church of Christ. John Helt co-chairs the Conference Creation Care team and will share with us how he became involved with this work, what some congregations are doing to help save the planet, and how Christ Church might join the effort, making Earth Day more than just a day, but a way of life. We will meet after worship in the coffee hour area downstairs on Sunday, April 19. *Sponsored by the Membership Committee*

Book Study | As part of the interim process, the Church Council will use *I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church* by Paul Nixon to guide our discussions. The entire congregation, including members and friends, is invited to participate. We ask that participants read and reflect on approximately 20 pages before each session. We will meet, for about 90 minutes, after worship on the following Sundays: **April 26, May 3, May 17, May 24, and June 28**. There will be a potluck lunch on April 26 and June 28; participants will decide on lunch arrangements for the remaining dates. The books cost the church \$18 each. If you would like to reimburse the church, please place your payment in an envelope marked "Dying Church book" and include it in the offering plate. We hope you will join us as we explore the future of our congregation.

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Bob*

Rummage Sale | Saturday, May 16 from 8am–1pm | Christ Church is joining the Bay View Neighborhood Association Rummage Sale. Please continue to bring your donations and put them in the east end of the Music Room. Donation guidelines: "If you wouldn't buy it, don't donate it." Please, NO electronics, TVs, hazardous materials, broken items, oversized furniture, or pianos (nope, no pianos :) *See Newsletter for additional volunteer opportunities or contact Michael or Janet Key.*



**But these are written
that you may
believe
that Jesus is the Messiah,
the Son of God,
and that by believing
you may have life
in his name.**

John 20:31 NIV

Monthly Activity	March	YTD
Contributions & Other Income	\$13,498	\$46,725
Expenses	\$22,100	\$61,313
Budgeted Amount	\$14,866	\$44,600
<i>Last week's offering: \$2,545</i>		

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