



May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bob Gross

Music Director: Teryl Dietert

Guitar/ Visuals: Paul Mayeshiba

Video: Richard Tremarello

Liturgist: Julie Oren

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 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* - arr. Smith

*Call to Worship

One: God of grace, be with us.

All: Spirit of truth, be within us.

One: Spirit of love, we are searching for you, reaching for you.

**All: Christ, who loves us, come to us,
and do not leave us orphaned.**

One: We are in you as you are in God.

All: Be with us and within us. Even in the mystery, be with us.

*We All Sing *Let Every Christian Pray* #332

*Opening Prayer

One: Let us pray together.

All: Gracious God, Jesus promised us his Spirit, and returned from death to give us his Spirit. Open our hearts now, so that as we listen to your scriptures read and your good news proclaimed, we might receive your Spirit, grow in our love of Christ, and be moved more deeply to obey his commandments of love. 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 *All Good Gifts* - Sleeth

Sanctuary Choir

[Jesus said,]

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Sermon

“Promise of the Spirit”

Pastor Bob

We All Sing

I Need Thee Every Hour

#476

*Statement of Faith

Progressive Christian Alliance

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives; whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth; whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all; and, whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, we trust that love. And in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves in the service of others: to seek justice and to live in peace; to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God’s goodness; to live in the freedom of forgiveness and in the power of the Spirit of Love; and in the company of all the faithful—past, present, and yet to come—so to be the Church, for the glory of God. Amen.

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: As people of God, offer yourselves, and the
fruit of your labor, for God's work in the world..

SCAN TO DONATE



Offertory *Where the Spirit of the Lord Is* - Adams

*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, receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for
your astounding goodness. Help our lives be an acceptable
offering in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit forever. 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 *All Creatures of Our God and King* - arr. Hopson

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Today

Special Congregational Meeting, 9:25am
Rummage Sale Set-up

Monday, May 11

Finance Meeting, noon

Tuesday, May 12

Quilting, 9:30am

Wednesday, May 13

Parables Bible Study, 1pm
Choir, 7pm

Friday, May 15

Rummage Sale Set-up, 1pm

Saturday, May 16

Rummage Sale, 8am-1pm (also set-up & clean-up)

NEXT SUNDAY

Baptism
Sunday School
Revitalizing Church Book Study

Greeters: Dean & Pam Kothrade, Bob Polachowski

Counters: Janet Key, Joyce Zieman

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 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. 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*

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*.

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*

If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

John 14:15

A Prayer of Obedience

by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

God of love,
I want to keep your commandments,
not to be right, or to be rewarded,
but only because I love you,
as I honor marriage vows
not because I must
but because I love my spouse.
Help me keep your commandments
by forgetting your commandments
and remembering your love.
Let my love flourish
and my obedience blossom from it.
And when my love falters,
grant me the gift of obedience,
that it might reawaken my love.

Monthly Activity	March	YTD
Contributions & Other Income	\$10,006	\$57,662
Expenses	\$17,758	\$79,677
Budgeted Amount	\$18,051	\$72,206
<i>Last week's offering: \$2,657</i>		

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