

# *Church of the Ascension*

*September 10, 2023*

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*10:30am*

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*BCP indicates the Book of Common Prayer.*

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*Hymn and "S" numbers indicate the Hymnal 1982*

*"S" indicates service music found at the front of the hymnal*

## **Finding Your Way**

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*Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am*

*Expansive language*

*Please note that in our liturgy when we refer to God we cannot adequately verbalize the magnitude and comprehensiveness of God's diversity and are always limited by our use of language. We acknowledge that although Jesus was born into history as a man, neither God the Father nor God the Holy Spirit were embodied with human sex. Although our language is often not all inclusive we believe God always is. God made human beings in God's own image with complexity and diversity. Thank you for sharing your diversity and complexity with us as we worship God together.*

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

*When the Voluntary begins, please maintain prayerful silence.*

**Voluntary:**     *Liturgical Improvisations*

George Oldroyd

**Opening Hymn:**   **God is Love, Let Heav'n Adore Him**

**H379**

**Tune:** *Abbot's Leigh*

*1 God is Love, let heaven adore him;  
God is Love, let earth rejoice;  
Let creation sing before him  
And exalt him with one voice.  
God who laid the earth's foundation,  
God who spread the heavens above,  
God who breathes through all creation:  
God is Love, eternal Love.*

*2 God is Love; and love enfolds us,  
All the world in one embrace:  
With unfailing grasp God hold us,  
Every child of every race.*

*And when human hearts are breaking  
Under sorrow's iron rod,  
Then we find that selfsame aching  
Deep within the heart of God.*

*3 God is Love; and though with blindness  
Sin afflicts all human life,  
God's eternal loving kindness  
Guides us through our earthly strife.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
O'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
O'er the universe must reign.*

**Welcome**

**Opening Acclamation** (*The people standing*)

*BCP 355*

*Presider*      Blessed be God: most holy, glorious and undivided Trinity.  
*People*        ***And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.***

*Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and  
from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by  
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

**Song of Praise:**      **Glory to God (*Gloria in Excelsis*)**

**S280**

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

### **The Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Presider*     The Lord be with you.

*People*       ***And also with you.***

*Presider*     Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*People sit for the reading of the lessons*

### **A Reading from Ezekiel**

**33:7-11**

You, human one, I've made you a lookout for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear me speaking, you must give them warning from me. If I pronounce a death sentence on wicked people, and you don't warn them to turn from their way, they will die in their guilt, but I will hold you responsible for their blood. But suppose you do warn the wicked of their ways so that they might turn from them. If they don't turn from their ways, they will die in their guilt, but you will save your life.

You, human one, say to the house of Israel: This is what all of you are saying: "How our transgressions and our sins weigh on us! We waste away because of them. How can we live?" Say to them, This is what the Lord God says: As surely as I live, do I take pleasure in the death of the wicked? If the wicked turn from their ways, they will live. Turn, completely turn from your wicked ways! Why should you die, house of Israel?

*Reader*       Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*       ***Thanks be to God.***

Reader        We will stand and sing the psalm.

**Psalm 119:33-40** (*sung to metric text*)

**Tune: Tallis Canon (H43)**

**(All Praise to Thee, My God, this Night)**

1. *Eternal Lord, teach me your way,  
And I will follow for my part;  
Enable me to know your law,  
Which I will keep with all my heart.*
2. *Engage my feet upon the path  
Of your commandments, hear my plea;  
Expel all love of unjust gain,  
Incline my heart to your decree.*
3. *Endow me, in your ways, with life,  
And turn my eyes from sin and shame;  
Establish now the promise, Lord,  
You make to those who fear your Name.*
4. *Expose me not to dread reproach,  
For all your judgments, Lord, are right;  
Eternal Lord, preserve my life,  
For your commands are my delight.*

**A Reading from    Romans**

**13:8-14**

Don't be in debt to anyone, except for the obligation to love each other. Whoever loves another person has fulfilled the Law. The commandments, *Don't commit adultery, don't murder, don't steal, don't desire what others have*, and any other commandments, are all summed up in one word: *You must love your neighbor as yourself*. Love doesn't do anything wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is what fulfills the Law.

As you do all this, you know what time it is. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep. Now our salvation is nearer than when we first had faith. The night is almost over, and the day is near. So let's get rid of the actions that belong to the darkness and put on the weapons of light. Let's behave appropriately as

people who live in the day, not in partying and getting drunk, not in sleeping around and obscene behavior, not in fighting and obsession. Instead, dress yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ, and don't plan to indulge your selfish desires.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

*The people stand*

**Sequence Hymn Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus H336 vs 1,2**

**Tune: *Werde munter***

*1 Come with us, O blessed Jesus,  
with us evermore to be;  
And though leaving now thine altar,  
Let us nevermore leave thee.  
Be though one with us forever,  
in our life thy love divine  
our own flesh and blood has taken,  
and to us thou givest thine.*

*2 Come with us, O mighty Savior,  
God from God and Light from Light;  
thou art God, thy glory veiling,  
so that we may bear the sight.  
Now we go to seek and serve thee,  
through our work as through our prayer;  
grant us light to see and know thee,  
in thy people everywhere.*

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ  
according to **Matthew**

**18:15-20**

*People* ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Jesus said, "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and correct them when you are alone together. If they listen to you, then you've won over your brother or sister. But if they won't listen, take with you one or two others so that *every word may be established by the*

*mouth of two or three witnesses. But if they still won't pay attention, report it to the church. If they won't pay attention even to the church, treat them as you would a Gentile and tax collector. I assure you that whatever you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. And whatever you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven. Again I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them."*

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* ***Praise to you, O Christ***

**Hymn**                      **Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus**                      **H336 vs 3**  
**Tune: Werde munter**

*3 Come with us, O King of glory,  
by angelic voices praised;  
in our hearts as in thy heaven,  
be enraptured anthems raised.  
Let the mighty chorus ever  
sing its glad exultant songs;  
let its hymn be heard forever—  
peace for which creation longs.*

*The people sit*

**The Sermon**

*Rev. Vincent Black*

*The people stand*

**The Nicene Creed**

*BCP 358*

*"The Creeds are statements of our basic beliefs about God" (BCP 851).*

*We say these words as a gathered community to affirm our belief in God as creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all creation, as the source of life and holiness. God has blessed humanity with relationships and community which are part of God's own essence as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We do not say these words as some sort of litmus test but as an invitation to wrestle with the mystery and complexity of God with generations of Christians who have gone before us and with generations who will come after us.*



*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
Who has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## **The Prayers of the People, Form VI**

*BCP 392*

*Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.*

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Vincent, our rector; Clarke, our intern; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***For all who serve God in the Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation (especially... *the names on the long-term prayer list are read*).

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O Sovereign God;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom (especially... *the names of the recently deceased are read*).

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

*Presider says*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## **The Confession of Sin**

*BCP 360*

*The Presider says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Presider and People*

***Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

*The Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*All stand*

*Presider*      The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*      ***And also with you.***

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another with a wave, bow, or appropriate gesture but keep social distance.*

## **For those celebrating birthdays**

Richard Ballard

Leah Romanelli DeJesus

Christine Ferraro

Hugo Hildebrandt

Marjorie Hildebrandt

Jeff Knapp

Gil Newlands

Greg Sent

***O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## **The Announcements**

*The presider asks visitors to fill out the information at the bottom of page 2, then highlights the announcements.*

## **Blessing of Purificators**

*Antiphon*

***Solomon beautified the sanctuary, and multiplied the vessels of the temple.***

**V.** Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's presence!

**R.** Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

*O God, whose blessed Son has sanctified and transfigured the use of material things: Receive these purificators which we offer, and grant that they may proclaim your love, benefit your Church, and minister grace and joy to those who use them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Music: Peace Like a River**

**L201  
Negro Spiritual**

I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

*I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.*

*All stand*

### **The Presentation of God's Tithes and Offerings**

*The gifts of the people are presented at this time  
as the congregation sings.*

**Presentation Hymn: The Doxology**

**H380 v. 3  
Tune: Old 100th**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below,*

***Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*The people remain standing*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

*BCP 367*

*Presider* May God be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*The Presider proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus and Benedictus**

**W858**

*Presider and People*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.***

***Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people stand or kneel and the Presider continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer

of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People (spoken)*

***We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.  
***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**The Lord's Prayer** (*spoken*)

*BCP 364*

*People and Presider*

*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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept*

**Fraction Anthem**

**W875**

*Refrain:*

*Be known to us, Lord Jesus,  
in the breaking of the bread.*

- 1. The bread which we break, alleluia,  
is the communion of the body of Christ.*

*Refrain*

- 2. One body are we, alleluia,  
for though many we share one bread.*

*Refrain*



*Presider says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All people are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children of all ages are included in this invitation.*

*The presider invites those not receiving the sacrament to make a spiritual communion, led by the reader.*

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services*

*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

**Communion Hymn:    On Eagle's Wings**

**Michael Joncas**

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
My Rock in whom I trust!"*

*Refrain:*

*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

*The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear:  
Under His wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield.*

*Refrain:*

*You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come.*

*Refrain:*

*For to his angels He's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.*

*Refrain:*

**Postcommunion Hymn: God be in My Head**

**H694**

**Tune: Lytlington**

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.*

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

**Postcommunion Prayer** *(said by all, standing)*

**BCP 366**

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the*

*work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Blessing      Irish Blessing**

**Budge Walen**

*May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine upon your face  
and rains fall softly on your fields.*

*May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
And until we meet again may God hold you,  
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

*May the road rise to meet you  
And God hold you, hold you,  
in the palm of his hand. Amen, Amen, Amen.*

*Presider* And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you this day, and remain with you forever more. *Amen.*

**Closing Hymn:    Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

**H376**

**Tune: Hymn to Joy**

*1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.*

*2 All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,*

*center of unbroken praise.  
field and forest, vale and mountain,  
blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.*

*3 Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.*

*Presider*      Let us pray.

*Good and gracious God,  
we pray for all who have yet to know of your love and mercy.  
May the Church of the Ascension  
be so inspired by your Holy Spirit  
that it may serve as a beacon of hope  
and a witness to the gospel for all people.  
Grant that we may continually grow  
in our own knowledge and love of you  
as we strive to use all that we have, and all that we are  
to follow and imitate your beloved son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

### **The Dismissal**

*Presider*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*        ***Thanks be to God.***

**Voluntary:**      *Hymn to Joy*

Hal H. Hopson

## **The Church**

**Q. What is the Church?**

**A. The Church is the community of the New Covenant.**

**Q. How is the Church described in the Bible?**

**A. The Church is described as the Body of which Jesus Christ is the Head and of which all baptized persons are members. It is called the People of God, the New Israel, a holy nation, a royal priesthood, and the pillar and ground of truth.**

**Q. How is the Church described in the creeds?**

**A. The Church is described as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.**

**Q. Why is the Church described as one?**

**A. The Church is one, because it is one Body, under one Head, our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Q. Why is the Church described as holy?**

**A. The Church is holy, because the Holy Spirit dwells in it, consecrates its members, and guides them to do God's work.**

**Q. Why is the Church described as catholic?**

**A. The Church is catholic, because it proclaims the whole Faith to all people, to the end of time.**

**Q. Why is the Church described as apostolic?**

**A. The Church is apostolic, because it continues in the teaching and fellowship of the apostles and is sent to carry out Christ's mission to all people.**

**Q. What is the mission of the Church?**

**A. The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.**

**Q. How does the Church pursue its mission?**

**A. The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.**

**Q. Through whom does the Church carry out its mission?**

**A. The Church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.**

**Please keep these people in your prayers  
today and all week long:**

**Our Spiritual Leaders:**

+Michael -our Presiding Bishop; +Anne -our Bishop;  
+Vincent -our Rector; Clarke Mortensen our intern

**Those for whom prayers have been requested:**

Teddi Black	Gary & Shelly Kelnhofer
Julie Buckeye	Linda Lewis
Chris Deibel	Marilyn Little
Mary Ann Deibel	Tom Mahovlic
John Evans	Mary Beth Michaels
Spencer Faux	Mae Mohar
Jim Ford	Gil Newlands
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Larry Pierce
Leah Gerlach	David Rozell
Martha Hartman	Andrea Stahl
Amanda Hinton	Wendie Stemple
Pamela Jackson	Corky Thacker
Christian Jeavons	Nicole Weiss and baby Elianna
Jennifer Keohane	Bill Wofford
Tim Kirkbride	

**Those We Know in the Military**

Aidas Berzinskas	Sydney Kline
McDowell (Mac) Jones	Jason Strater

## **The Departed**

William M. Duff  
Joanne Dusenbury  
Suzanne Mapes

John Michaels  
Tina Marcella  
Carmela Piluso

## **The Weekly Prayer List**

The weekly prayer list is used for those who need extra prayers due to illness or a particular challenge or hardship.

For those wanting to add or remove people from the prayer list, please call the office.

## **Pledges and offerings to the Church.**

Please mail in your pledges/financial offerings so we can continue with the ministries of the church as well as meet our financial obligations.

*or*



Use your smart phone to scan the code above or visit [ascension-lakewood.org](https://ascension-lakewood.org) where you can make a one-time donation or set up continuing donations.

Please join us in helping to keep  
The Church of the Ascension strong  
and able to meet the needs of an ever-changing world.



## **The Ministers of the Liturgy**

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black  
Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson  
Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt  
Acolytes: Jan Bednarski and Terrie Schade  
Reader: Ann Beyer and Joe Sgambellone  
Spiritual Communion Reader: Ann Beyer  
Chalice Bearers: Jan Bednarski and Terrie Schade  
Ushers: Jeff Sommer and Ray Pratt  
Videographer: David Campion



The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God  
in memory of Sylvia Nolff Kleinsmith.

Bible readings from the Common English Bible (CEB)  
A New Metrical Psalter, Revised Common Lectionary Edition

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W858 Music: Amer. folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner; harm. Annabel M. Buchanan  
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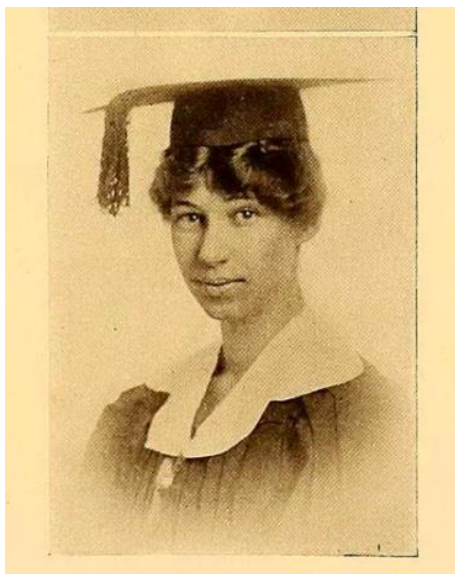
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# Remembering Past Parishioners

## Celebrating 150 years of ministry

### 1875 - 2025



Sylvia Nolff Kleinsmith (1895-1979)

Sylvia N. Kleinsmith was the daughter of Katherine M. and George O. Kleinsmith. She grew up a few streets from Church of the Ascension on Beach Avenue. After attending Flora Stone Mather College of Western Reserve University (class of 1918), Sylvia entered the professional world as a teacher and later principal, enjoying years of work at Madison, Taft, Franklin and Garfield Elementary next to the Church of Ascension. At Ascension she was a member of ECW (Episcopal Church Women). Outside of church, Sylvia was known to be on the boards of many organizations, including the Lakewood Historical Society, Mather College, the Great Lakes Shakespeare Festival and the advisory committee of the Lakewood Hospital Practical Nurses School. Sylvia N. Kleinsmith donated the stained glass window The Carpenter Shop (found in the balcony) in memory of her parents, Katherine M. and George O. Kleinsmith, who also attended and were active at Ascension for years.

The windows found in the nave of the church were created in Boston in the 1940s and 50s by Reynolds, Francis and Rohnstock.

## **Shawl Ministry**

The Shawl Ministry next meets on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3 pm. We will continue to meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

**Delivery Help Needed!** People wanted to help deliver shawls. This task is getting to be too much for the ladies – we need some help! Contact Mary Staley at (216) 527-4186

## **Afternoon Guild**

Kick-off is on Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30pm.  
We will have a potluck for lunch. The entrée will be provided.  
RSVP to the church office or Margie Hildebrandt.

## **Ascension Night Out**

Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

I hope that you can join us for an evening of good food, fellowship and fun as we say goodbye to Summer and welcome in Autumn. Join us on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM at the Rush Inn Bar & Grille. The Rush Inn is located at 35840 Chester Rd. Avon, located very close to the Rt. 83 exit off of I-90. You can see their menu by going to the following link:

<https://www.therushinn.com/index.php/avon-menu/>. The Rush Inn has a covered patio so hopefully we can enjoy an evening outside.

Please RSVP to Jim by either emailing [Secretary@Ascension-Lakewood.org](mailto:Secretary@Ascension-Lakewood.org) or calling the office at 216-521-8727 (leave a message if after hours) by Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **Pet Blessing and Memorial**

There will be a Blessing of the Animals and pet memorial service on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am in the West Garden. All live pets are to be caged or leashed. Stuffed animals welcome as well!

If you intend to have the remains of your pets spread in the holy circle, please call the church secretary at 216-521-8727 by Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Memorial offerings may be made to support our garden fund.

## **Ascension Event Schedule for 2023**

### ***Fun and More Fun Planned***

September 30<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Pet Blessing 10am

October 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday, Lakewood Suzuki Strings  
Fall Recital, 4:30pm

October 29<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, Trunk or Treat, following church

November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thanksgiving Dinner, following church

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday, Jesse Tree Service, 10:30am

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday, AGO Organ Concert 4pm to 6pm

December 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Cookie Walk, 9am to 3pm

December 10<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, Carols and Cocoa, 5pm to 7pm

December 17<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, Christmas Dinner served  
as hospitality after the 10:30 service

December 24<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, Christmas Lessons & Carols, 4pm

Please note:

This year the 4th Sunday of Advent is also Xmas Eve.

Therefore 10:30 service will be Advent, 4pm will be Christmas.

There will also be a Service Christmas morning at 10:30.

## **Collecting Clothes for St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

Box is outside the office.

Please only clean and lightly worn clothing.

Highly needed are seasonal men's and children's items.

### **Noonday prayer**

**Tuesdays at 12:12pm via conference call**

**We will start prayer promptly at 12:12, and end just before 1pm.**

**Please do not call in before 12:05pm.**

You can call in for all or part of the time.

Dial-in number: (425) 436-6300

Access code: 593523#

Use \*6 to mute and un-mute yourself when trying to talk.

We will use the Book of Common Prayer pp. 103-107.

### **Information for live streamed worship.**

The service is streamed live each Sunday at 10:30am

on The Church of the Ascension Facebook page

[facebook.com/pg/ascensionlakewood/videos/](https://facebook.com/pg/ascensionlakewood/videos/),

and at [www.ascension-lakewood.org](http://www.ascension-lakewood.org).

### **Office Hours**

Office Hours are: 9am – 1:30pm, Tuesday - Thursday

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