

# Church of the Ascension

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30am

# Welcome to the Church of the Ascension

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The references on the right side of the bulletin are as follows:

BCP indicates the Book of Common Prayer.

EOW indicates Enriching our Worship, a supplemental liturgical material.

Hymn and "S" numbers indicate the Hymnal 1982
"S" indicates service music found at the front of the hymnal

## **Finding Your Way**

**Elevator:** Across from the church office, exiting at the East

Entrance. Handicapped parking spaces are near the

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altar (NW), past the chapel, past the library,

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# Church of the Ascension April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist, 10:30am, Enriching Our Worship

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:** Dominus regit me Gorgon Young

Opening Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is H646
Tune: Dominus regit me

1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.

2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me. 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never: Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

## Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

**Opening Acclamation** (The people standing)

EOW 50

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Song of Praise: Christ our Passover (metrical paraphrase) W880

God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us; Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast; Forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Now Christ is raised and will not die again; Death has no more dominion over him; Through him we die to sin and live to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead: Though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die, In Christ's new life shall all be made alive. Alleluia, Alleluia!

### The Collect for Fourth Sunday of Easter

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

People sit for the reading of the lessons

## A Reading from Acts

4:5-12

The next day the leaders, elders, and legal experts gathered in Jerusalem, along with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and others from the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and asked, "By what power or in what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, answered, "Leaders of the people and elders, are we being examined today because something good was done for a sick person, a good deed that healed him? If so, then you and all the people of Israel need to know that this man stands healthy before you because of the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is the stone you builders rejected; he has become the cornerstone! Salvation can be found in no one else. Throughout the whole world, no other name has been given among humans through which we must be saved."

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

People Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 23 (spoken)

The Lord is my shepherd; \*
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \* he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; \*
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; \*

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; \* thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the daysof my life, \*
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## A Reading from First John

3:16-24

This is how we know love: Jesus laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. But if someone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but refuses to help—how can the love of God dwell in a person like that?

Little children, let's not love with words or speech but with action and truth. This is how we will know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts in God's presence. Even if our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts and knows all things. Dear friends, if our hearts don't condemn us, we have confidence in relationship to God. We receive whatever we ask from him because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. This is his

commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love each other as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments dwell in God and God dwells in them. This is how we know that he dwells in us, because of the Spirit he has given us.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand

Sequence Hymn My Shepherd Will Supply My Need H664 vs 1,2 Tune: Resignation

> 1 My Shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is His Name; in pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.

Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my head.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

according to **John** 10:11-18

People sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia from H208

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That's because he isn't the shepherd; the sheep aren't really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep

and scatters them. He's only a hired hand and the sheep don't matter to him.

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that don't belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.

"This is why the Father loves me: I give up my life so that I can take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I give it up because I want to. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it up again. I received this commandment from my Father."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia From H208

Hymn My Shepherd Will Supply My Need H664 vs 3

Tune: Resignation

3 The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may thy house be mine abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

The people sit

The Sermon

Clarke Valencia Mortensen

The people stand

The Nicene Creed

EOW 53

"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 I

BCP 383

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

The Leader and People pray.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Vincent, our priest; Clarke, our postulant; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for St. Peter's Church, Lakewood, and for the South Central Mission Area: St. Paul's Church, Mount Vernon; St. Mark's Church, Shelby; and St. James' Church, Wooster; let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering (especially... the names on the long-term prayer list are read), let us pray to the Lord.

### Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed (especially... the names of the recently deceased are read), let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

## To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### The Confession of Sin

EOW 56

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

## Presider and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. 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

Elle Heller Brian Telfer

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.

## **The Holy Communion**

#### The Offertory Sentence

Offertory: Hodie Natalie Sleeth

Hodie, Hodie! Christ is arisen from the tomb where once he lay. Hodie, Hodie! Free from his prison, Death forever is driven away!

Gloria, Gloria! Let us be joyful. Gloria, Gloria! Praise let us bring. Hodie, Hodie! Free from his prison, Reigns forever, the Lord and King!!

All stand

## The Presentation of God's Tithes and Offerings

The gifts of the people are brought forward at this time, including bread, wine and alms, as the congregation sings the Presentation Hymn.

## Presentation Hymn: Doxology with Alleluias Tune: Lasst uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The people remain standing

## The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1 EOW 57

Presider The Lord 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.

#### Presider

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

#### Sanctus and Benedictus

S125

Presider and People

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. 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

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he

revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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 friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith,

Presider and People (spoken)

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

#### The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

S155

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

#### The Invitation to Communion

BCP 364

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 Music: Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord H178

Tune: Alleluia No. 1

#### Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.

- 1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. (Refrain)
- 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)
- 3. We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. (Refrain)
- 4. Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

Postcommunion Music: Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless H343
Tune: St. Agnes

I Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

3 Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart; Saviour, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

3 Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart; Saviour, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

4 Lord, sup with us in love divine, thy Body and thy Blood, that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

After Communion, the Presider says Let us pray.

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

EOW 70

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **Blessing**

## **Closing Hymn** Christ is Alive!

Tune: Truro

H182

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
 His cross stands empty to the sky.
 Let streets and homes with praises ring.
 His love in death shall never die.

- 2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, he comes to claim the here and now and conquer every place and time.
- 3. Not throned above, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains, but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior with the Father reigns.
- 4. In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn or wealth divide, he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.
- 5. Christ is alive! His Spirit burns through this and every future age, till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

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. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Voluntary:** Truro Wilbur Held

† † †

## **Reception For Dani and Clarke**

We will have a special hospitality after the service in celebration of Dani and Clarke's marriage. Please plan to join in the festivities.

## **Christ our Passover** Pascha nostrum

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

#### Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \* death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \* but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \* and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \* the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, \* by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, \* so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

# 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 -our postulant

## Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Teddi Black Elavne Newcomb Gil Newlands Shirley Campion John Carlson Larry Pierce Megan DeVito Dale Rerko Kyle Dusenbury Mary Rigby Spencer Faux Erika Rockocy **Maxine Roncs** Ella Iane Fowerbaugh Joseph Gray Dave Rozell Martha Hartman Linda Seward Joseph Jackson Cole Spada Wendie Stemple Pamela Jackson **Boots Johnston** Corky Thacker Fred Leick Frank Vanah Marilyn Little Diane Welfley

## Those We Know in the Military

McDowell (Mac) Jones Jason Strater

Sydney Kline

Anthony Marcella

David Morrell

John Welfley

Bill Wofford

## The Departed

Betty Clark
Ann Grayell
Brian Harrington
Donald Kelly
Becky Leffew
Thomas Mahovlic
Chris Newton
Edward Sherman

## 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 <u>ascension-lakewood.org</u> 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
Preacher: Clarke Valencia Mortensen
Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson
Chair Director: Manie Hildebrondt

Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt

Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Jan Bednarski, and Adeline Gertsma Readers: Corky Thacker and Clarke Valencia Mortensen

Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Corky Thacker

Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen and Jan Bednarski

Ushers: Jeff Sommer and Joe Sgambellone

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The flowers on the main altar are given to the glory of God in celebration of Dani Valencia and Clarke Valencia Mortensen.

The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God in memory of Olive M. Madison.

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

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## **Remembering Past Parishioners**

# Celebrating 150 years of ministry

1875 - 2025





Olive M. Madison (1885- 1981)

Olive M. Madison was the daughter of Warren H. Madison and Mary J. Madison (nee Cox). Her family had connections with Church of the Ascension during its early years with two great aunts who were part of the team of women, who raised money for the original wooden church. Rev. George F. Williams performed the services in 1902 for the burial of Olive's mother, Mary J. Cox Madison, who was buried at Riverside Cemetery. As a young woman, Olive is found in our 1908 records as being part of the Ascension Girl's Choir. She was also part of the Sunshine Guild at Ascension and in 1910 helped to produce musical entertainment at The Opera House.

Olive Madison was also a passionate teacher, being the first Kindergarten teacher in 1911 at Harrison Elementary School in Lakewood's Birdtown. She taught there until her retirement after 38 years of teaching in 1949. According to the Plain Dealer, Olive "spread her warm, cheerful philosophy to thousands of children".

To memorialize both the Madison and Cox sides of her family, Olive donated the stained glass window of James, the Major.

Picture from the Plain Dealer, May 22, 1949

## **Centering Prayer**

We will resume Centering Prayer on Thursdays at noon during the Easter season from 12-12:45 in Ascension Hall. It will consist of 20 minutes of silence as well as scripture reading, and reflection. We began on **April 4**<sup>th</sup> and end on **May 16**<sup>th</sup>. We will then evaluate whether or not to continue. Please give it a try.

# **Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles**

Alex DeJesus will lead Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles on Sundays 9:15-10am **April 7<sup>th</sup>-May 19<sup>th</sup>**.

There will be no Bible Study on April 21st.

## Season 2 of the Chosen

We will watch and discuss Season 2 of the Chosen on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm starting **April 11**<sup>th</sup>. The schedule is as follows:

April 25 Episode 4

May 2 Episode 5-6

May 9 Ascension Day (Dinner and Eucharist)

May 16 Episode 7&8

## **Regional Celebration of Confirmation**

On **May 11<sup>th</sup>** at 11am Bishop Anne will come to Church of the Ascension for a regional celebration of confirmation. All parishes in our mission area are invited to participate. Anyone from Church of the Ascension wishing to reaffirm their faith or to be baptized, confirmed, or received into the Episcopal Church is welcome to do so. Please call or email Jim Weiss in the office no later than **April 15<sup>th</sup>**.

## Ascension Youngish Adult Fellowship

Meets in Ascension Hall, every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, 5pm-7pm. Beginning **April 21<sup>st</sup>**, 2024

Just like the group name says, this is all about fellowship. Come get together to spend time in community with your fellow parishioners aged 18+. We will play board games, watch movies, engage in conversation, and more as we grow closer together and strengthen our bonds as friends and siblings in Christ.

## Karaoke Night Out:

Warm up your vocal cords for Karaoke Night Out on Tuesday, **April 30<sup>th</sup>**, from 7:00 till 9:00 pm. Our night out will be at Corky's Place, at 13302 Detroit Ave. Corky's Place is 21 years of age and older with no exceptions. Due to limited parking please use the Church's West parking lot. If you need to park closer we can use the Garden Center's lot.

Although a RSVP is not required I am trying to get an idea of approximately how many people will attend for food and staffing purposes. Please let Jim know if you are planning on attending by either calling the office at 216-521-8727 or emailing <a href="Secretary@Ascension-Lakewood.org">Secretary@Ascension-Lakewood.org</a>

Be sure to invite your friends and family, the more the merrier.

## A night out at the ballpark

Join us on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:10 pm as our Cleveland Guardians take on the New York Mets at Progressive Field.

Tickets are \$35.00 each and tickets can be reserved by calling Rob Theibert at 330-807-4255.

## 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 <u>facebook.com/pg/ascensionlakewood/videos/.</u>
and at <u>www.ascension-lakewood.org.</u>
It will be available later at www.youtube.com/@churchoftheascensionlakewo6245/videos.

# **Office Hours**

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

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