

Church of the Ascension

June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:30am

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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 entrance and in the parking lot.

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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: Prelude on *O Waly, Waly*

Raymond H. Haas

Opening Hymn: See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph H215

Tune: *In Babilone*

*1. See the Conqueror mounts in triumph;
see the King in royal state,
riding on the clouds, his chariot,
to his heavenly palace gate!
Hark! the choirs of angel voices
joyful alleluias sing,
and the portals high are lifted
to receive their heavenly King.*

*2. He who on the cross did suffer,
he who from the grave arose,
he has vanquished sin and Satan;*

*he by death has spoiled his foes.
While he lifts his hands in blessing,
he is parted from his friends;
while their eager eyes behold him,
he upon the clouds ascends.*

*3. Thou has raised our human nature
on the clouds to God's right hand;
there we sit in heavenly places,
there with thee in glory stand.
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;
Man with God is on the throne;
mighty Lord, in thine ascension
we by faith behold our own.*

Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

Opening Acclamation (*The people standing*)

BCP 299

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 the Seventh Sunday of Easter

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Acts

16:16-34

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony. One day, when we were on the way to the place for prayer, we met a slave woman. She had a spirit that enabled her to predict the future. She made a lot of money for her owners through fortune-telling. She began following Paul and us, shouting, “These people are servants of the Most High God! They are proclaiming a way of salvation to you!” She did this for many days.

This annoyed Paul so much that he finally turned and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ, I command you to leave her!” It left her at that very moment.

Her owners realized that their hope for making money was gone. They grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them before the officials in the city center. When her owners approached the legal authorities, they said, “These people are causing an uproar in our city. They are Jews who promote customs that we Romans can’t accept or practice.” The crowd joined in the attacks against Paul and Silas, so the authorities ordered that they be stripped of their clothes and beaten with a rod. When Paul and Silas had been severely beaten, the authorities threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to secure them with great care. When he received these

instructions, he threw them into the innermost cell and secured their feet in stocks.

Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. All at once there was such a violent earthquake that it shook the prison's foundations. The doors flew open and everyone's chains came loose. When the jailer awoke and saw the open doors of the prison, he thought the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul shouted loudly, "Don't harm yourself! We're all here!"

The jailer called for some lights, rushed in, and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He led them outside and asked, "Honorable masters, what must I do to be rescued?"

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your entire household." They spoke the Lord's word to him and everyone else in his house. Right then, in the middle of the night, the jailer welcomed them and washed their wounds. He and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. He brought them into his home and gave them a meal. He was overjoyed because he and everyone in his household had come to believe in God.

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 97 (*metric text*)

Tune: Truro (H182)
(Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing.)

***1 God rules the world; let earth rejoice,
Let all the isles praise God alone;
Dark clouds surround you: righteousness
Is the foundation of your throne.***

***2 Fire goes before you and consumes
Your enemies both far and near;***

*Your lightnings light up all the world;
Earth sees it and draws back in fear.*

*3 The hills and mountains melt like wax
Before the Lord of all the earth;
Your glory has been seen by all;
The heavens themselves declare your worth.*

*4 Let those who worship images
Be shamed; let all gods worship you;
Judah and Zion sing for joy
Because your judgments all are true.*

*5 You are supreme, above the earth,
Beyond whatever gods may be;
You love the good, protect your saints,
And save us from our enemy.*

*6 Light has sprung up for all the just
And joy for those whose hearts are true;
Rejoice, then, in God's holy Name;
O Lord, we give all praise to you.*

A Reading from Revelation

22:12-14, 15-17, 20-21

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

“Look! I’m coming soon. My reward is with me, to repay all people as their actions deserve. I am the alpha and the omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Favored are those who wash their robes so that they may have the right of access to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to bear witness to all of you about these things for the churches. I’m the root and descendant of David, the bright morning star. The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ Let the one who hears say, ‘Come!’ And let the one who is thirsty come! Let the one who wishes receive life-giving water as a gift.”

The one who bears witness to these things says, “Yes, I’m coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

The people stand

Sequence Hymn Come, Risen Lord

**H305 vs 1, 2
Tune: Rosedale**

*1. Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thyself at thine own board make manifest
in thine own Sacrament of Bread and Wine.*

*2 We meet as in that upper room they met;
thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand:
'This is my body': so thou givest yet;
faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.*

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

17:20-26

People sing: ***Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia***

Alleluias from H208

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. “I’m not praying only for them but also for those who believe in me because of their word. I pray they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. I pray that they also will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me. I’ve given them the glory that you gave me so that they can be one just as we are one. I’m in them and you are in me so that they will be made perfectly one. Then the world will know that you sent me and that you have loved them just as you loved me.

“Father, I want those you gave me to be with me where I am. Then they can see my glory, which you gave me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

“Righteous Father, even the world didn’t know you, but I’ve known you, and these believers know that you sent me. I’ve made your name known to them and will continue to make it known so that your love for me will be in them, and I myself will be in them.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluias from H208

Hymn **Come, Risen Lord**

H305 vs 3, 4

Tune: Rosedale

*3 One body we, one body who partake,
one Church united in communion blessed;
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.*

*4. One with each other, Lord, for one in thee,
Who art one Savior and one living Head;
Then open thou our eyes, that we may see;
Be known to us in breaking of the Bread.*

The people sit

The Sermon

Rev. Valerie Hart

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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Vincent, our rector;
Clarke, our seminarian; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for St. Peter's Church, Lakewood, and
for the Summit Mission Area: Christ Church, Hudson; Christ Church,
Kent; St. Timothy's Church, Macedonia; St. Paul's Church, Medina;
Grace Church, Ravenna; and St. Patrick's Church, Brunswick;

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

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

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.

For those celebrating birthdays

June Madden

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 Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music: Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing
Melchior Vulpius, ed. David N. Johnson

1 Good Christian men, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King:
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 The Lord of Life is risen for aye;
Bring flowers of song to strew his way;
Let all mankind rejoice and say:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory
That Love, that Life, which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

4 Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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, alleluia!*

The people remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

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

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

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.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus and Benedictus

S130

Presider and People

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, 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, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption,
and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
***We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection
as we await the day of his coming.***

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Presider continues

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]***

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: Spirit Song

LEVAS 118

*Oh, let the Son of God enfold you,
with His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh, let Him have the things that hold you,
and His Spirit like a dove,
Will descend upon your life, and make you whole.*

Refrain:

*Jesus. Oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus. Oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs.*

*Oh, come and sing this song with gladness,
as your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name,
Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness,
give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.*

Refrain

Postcommunion Music: **Surely the Presence** **Lanny Wolfe**

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

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

Closing Hymn All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine H477
Tune: Engelberg

*1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
That in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine. Alleluia!*

*2 Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
By thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
And by thy death was God's salvation wrought. Alleluia!*

*3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
Who wast a servant that we might be free
humbling thyself to death on Calvary. Alleluia!*

*4 Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
art high exalted o'er all creatures now
And giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow. Alleluia!*

*5 Let every tongue confess with one accord
In heav'n and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord,
And God the Father be by all adored. Alleluia! Amen.*

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: Postlude on *Truro*

Wilbur Held

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We hope you will join us in Ascension Hall for some refreshments and conversation. Ascension Hall is located on this level through the chapel and at the end of the hallway.

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

Our Spiritual Leaders:

+ Sean -our Presiding Bishop; +Anne -our Bishop;
Vincent+ -our Rector; Clarke -our seminarian

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Mickey Black	Lois Leete
Teddi Black	June Madden
Rehtaeh Brady	Gil Newlands
Shirley Champion	Corey Niebes
Robert Dibb	Kris Purdy
Kaisu Donovan	Ray and Family
Doug Damron	Sandy Reagan
Barbara Faux	Kaliegh Roe
Spencer Faux	Patricia Sayler
Stephanie Foster	Wendy Semple
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Miriam Schantz
Linda Gratz	Roselle Sgambellone
Spencer Griffith	Daniel Smith
Pamela Jackson	Corky Thacker
Boots Johnston	Rob Theibert
Joyce Knapp	Ruth Vacha

Those We Know in the Military

Trey Brower	Sydney Kline
Wiley Goins	Burton McCarthy
Lauren Hober	Jason Strater

The Departed

Peter Alix

Bruce Ford

Cheryl Jankowski

Robert Selby

Wallace Stroud

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.

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.

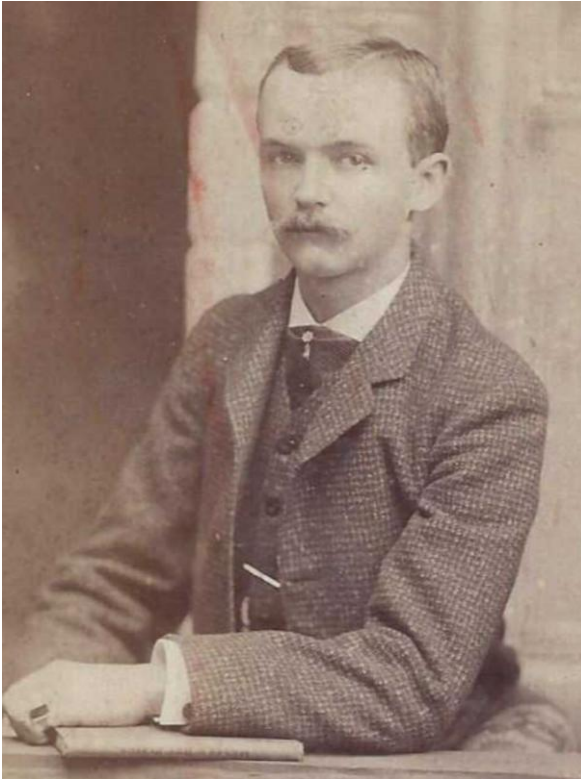
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The Church of the Ascension strong
and able to meet the needs of an ever-changing world.

Remembering Past Parishioners
Celebrating 150 years of ministry
1875 – 2025



Louis J. Burk (1859-1944)

Louis J. Burk was born on September 9, 1859 to Jost Burk and Eva Margaretha Eckstein Burk, both immigrants from Germany. He was one of eleven children in the Burk family. On May 5, 1884, Louis and Josephine A. Simpson married at St. Mark's in Cleveland where Rev. Lewis Burton, known as the Apostle of the West Side, officiated. Louis worked forty years for George H. Bowman Company as a tableware and supplies dealer in Cleveland. Together they had three children: Blanche, Ralph and Mabel. Mabel was the only child who lived to adulthood.

In 1898, Louis Burk was a delegate for St. Mark's Church in Cleveland. The Burk family moved from Cleveland to Lakewood, where they would live on Wyandotte Avenue with their daughter Mabel. In 1904, Louis, Josephine and Mabel are listed as communicants at Church of the Ascension. On February 20, 1907, Louis Burk was found as one of the five men on the articles of incorporation for Church of the Ascension. In that year, he is found in records for Church of the Ascension as a member of vestry and junior warden. He was found with others on the Buildings and Grounds Committee. He served until 1914.

His daughter Mabel married Phillip P. Bethea in 1911 and in 1912, their child Philip P. Bethea Jr was born. Louis and his wife are found as sponsors for their grandson at his baptism at Church of the Ascension on June 15, 1912, with Rev. William Ashton Thompson as officiant. The next year, his granddaughter Mabel Eugenia Bethea was also baptized by Rev. Thompson.

On September 10, 1932, Josephine Agnes Simpson Burk passed away. Her burial was officiated by Rev. Studwell.

As a retired gentleman, Louis was found in the newspapers going back to work at the age of 83. He wanted in some way to help the war effort in 1942. He described that he felt fit to work and could be on his feet for hours, since he walked from his home in Lakewood to Public Square and back.

Louis J. Burk passed away on December 4, 1944. His burial service was officiated by Rev. John R. Pattie on December 7, 1944. He and his wife are buried at Riverside Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio.

His daughter Mabel and his grandson Philip P. Bethea remained lifelong members of Church of the Ascension. His great-granddaughters Ann Burk Bethea Beyer and Deborah Jo Bethea are still members.

Submitted by Gregory Sent, Archivist

Rev. Valerie Hart joins us for worship today and next Sunday.

Biography

The Rev. Valerie A. Hart, TSSF

Retired priest, grandmother, writer, psychologist, and Franciscan - these are some of the words that I use to describe myself. I was born in Lakewood Ohio and attended the Church of the Ascension throughout my childhood. I was baptized, confirmed and married there. After high school I left home for Pittsburgh, PA, where I went to undergraduate and graduate school, got married and settled down, gave birth to three children, taught marketing at Pitt's Graduate School of Business and became a psychologist specializing in stress related disorders. When the family moved to the San Francisco Bay Area, I taught transpersonal psychology and, to my great surprise, received a call to the priesthood. After twenty years of active ministry, first as the vicar of a small mission in the Diocese of California and then as the rector of a parish in the Diocese of El Camino Real, I decided to retire. Not knowing where I wanted to live during my retirement, I bought a small RV and spent almost two years traveling all around the country with my Golden Retriever visiting friends, relatives, national parks, and a different Episcopal Church almost every Sunday. In 2018 I took my final vows to become a Third Order Franciscan. Now settled in Orange County California, I am busy enjoying my five grandchildren, helping at my local congregation, providing supply on Sundays at churches in the area, and writing. I published a memoir in 2020 and am currently working on several writing projects.

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The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black

Preacher: Rev. Valerie Hart

Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson

Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt

Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Terri Schade

Readers: Cara Clemens, Alex DeJesus

Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Cara Clemens

Chalice Bearers: Rev. Valerie Hart, Derek Lewallen

Ushers: Adam Clemens, Keira Dodd

Videographer: Dave Campion

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The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God
in memory of Louis J. Burk.

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Anniversary Speakers at Ascension

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| June 22 nd ,
Sun, Noon | Speaker: Dave Buehler-
Topic “Templar Cars from Lakewood. |
| July 23 rd ,
Wed, 5:30pm | Speaker: Mia Hutchinson Soosal
Topic “The Franch and Andrews Family
in Lakewood History. |
| July 25 th ,
Fri, 5:30pm | Speakers Jennifer Cauffield and Jeff Hutchinson-
Topic “Rise and Fall” , Hutchinson Family of
Lakewood and their role in the Great Lakes. |

Sesquicentennial Celebration

Please remember to mark your calendar for our big sesquicentennial celebration weekend **July 25, 26, and 27**. For details about the weekend and all planned events for this special 150th year please go to our events page at:
<https://www.150years.org/>

Visit our Sacred Moments Exhibit

12-3pm Sundays in June and July
Bring family and friends!
Free Will Offering.

Sesquicentennial Memorabilia

Make sure to get your anniversary mementos for sale outside the parish office. Items include bags, ornaments, mugs, and magnets. Limited supply.
Sign up & pay for sweatshirts! The last day to order and pay for a sweatshirt is Sunday, June 15th.

150th Anniversary Cookbook Available!

150th Anniversary Cookbooks: [A Slice of History](#)
with photos, recipes, and biographies spanning the years!
Now available for a minimum donation of \$20.00.

All purchases and donations can be made via the following QR Code:



Ascension Night Out

Please join us for an evening of fellowship, food, and fun at the Harp on **Wednesday, June 18th** at 6:00 pm. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate, and we can enjoy dinner on the patio with a beautiful view of Lake Erie. The Harp is located at 4408 Detroit Avenue in Cleveland. Please RSVP to Jim by **Sunday, June 15th**, by either calling the office at 216-521-8727 or emailing Jim.Weiss@Ascension-Lakewood.org.

A night out at the ballpark

Join us on **Tuesday, June 24th**, at 6:40 pm as our Cleveland Guardians take on the Toronto Blue Jays.

Tickets are \$20.00 each, and 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.

Pride in the CLE 2025

All Diocese of Ohio churches are invited to participate in the [Pride in the CLE march and festival](#) in downtown Cleveland on **June 7**. Church representation can be one or two people or a group of 15 to 20. As in 2024, we will have a booth after the march to meet and greet festival attendees. Join us as we share our message of God's love for all, with no exceptions. Now's the time to organize your group! When possible, participating parishes are asked to provide volunteers to staff the booth and make a contribution to help cover costs of the booth. For more information about participating, please contact [Dan McGuire](#) mcguirenyc@gmail.com or [Deacon Barb Telfer](#) telferbjt@hotmail.com.

Are you planning to participate in a different Pride event in your area? Please let us know (contact [Canon Rosalind rhughes@dohio.org](#)), so that we can better support one another's Pride activities.

Education for Ministry

If you have a desire to make meaning of your life, to better understand your relationship with God, to uncover your gifts so that you might use them in God's creation, and to be in community with others as you discern your purpose, then consider joining an Education for Ministry (EfM) program. Developed through the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., the curriculum for Lay people offers seminary-level education without the burden of tests and grades. It will start in most parishes in September and finish in June, every week for 36 weeks. Currently, it is being offered at [8 parishes](#) around the Diocese. Mentors are filling classes now for the fall season, so contact the mentor of the class. At Ascension that is Keira Dodd keiradodd@yahoo.com or John Mohlar johnmohlar@sbcglobal.net. The cost is \$350 per person, annually, plus books. For more information, please visit: linktr.ee/efm.sewanee.edu.

Summer Camp at Bellwether Farm

Looking for a screen-free, adventure-filled summer experience where your child can explore, learn, and build lifelong friendships? Bellwether Farm offers a small, close-knit environment with an average of 40 campers per week, ensuring a warm and supportive community. Campers unplug from technology and dive into hands-on activities like archery, canoeing, farm experiences, field games, and nature crafts. They'll gain valuable life skills through cooking farm-fresh meals, caring for animals, and working together as a team. In cozy cabins with eight peers and two counselors, kids build strong friendships while enjoying camp-wide games, assemblies, and unforgettable evening events like the legendary talent show. Bellwether Farm Summer Camp is a place where every child is celebrated, encouraged, and given the space to grow in confidence, independence, and a love for the outdoors. Located in Wakeman, OH, less than an hour from downtown Cleveland, your child can get away without being far away. Check out the [FAQ](#) to see a sample schedule and learn more about the best weeks of summer! We also have two open houses: May 4 and June 1, both from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Registration and details at: <https://www.bellwetherfarm.com/camps/summer-camps>

Camp Scholarships

The cost of a week of camp is \$500.00 per camper. If you are willing to help parents offset some of that cost with a scholarship, please write on check or envelope "for camp scholarship" and drop off in the office or put in the offering plate.

Office Hours

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

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.

Centering Prayer

We meet every Thursday from noon to 12:45 in Ascension Hall.
For more information ask Father Vincent or call Jim in the office.

Eucharistic Visit

If you are unable to attend church and would like to request Holy Communion to be brought to you please call or email our Church Secretary 216-521-8727 secretary@ascension-lakewood.org

Information for live streamed worship.

The service is streamed live each Sunday at 10:30am
on The Church of the Ascension website:

<https://ascension-lakewood.org/>

and on YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/4rs872e2>.

Previous services and featured choir videos on YouTube
at: <https://tinyurl.com/3c336j6n>.

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