



*Church of the Ascension*

*July 20, 2025*

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

*10:30am*

# *Welcome to the Church of the Ascension*

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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:** Prelude on *Leoni*

W. Lawrence Curry

**Opening Hymn:** The God of Abraham Praise

**H401 vs 1,4,5**

**Tune: *Leoni***

*1 The God of Abraham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
and God of love;  
the Lord, the great I AM,  
by earth and heaven confessed:  
we bow and bless the sacred Name  
for ever blest.*

*4 The God who reigns on high  
the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy," cry,  
"Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same,*

*and evermore shall be:  
eternal Father, great I AM,  
we worship thee.”*

*5 The whole triumphant host  
give thanks to God on high;  
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost”  
they ever cry;  
hail, Abraham’s Lord divine!  
With heaven our songs we raise;  
all might and majesty are thine,  
and endless praise.*

## Welcome

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

*BCP 355*

*Presider*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*        *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Song of Praise:**    **Glory be to God the Father**      **Tune: Regent Square**

*1 Glory be to God the Father,  
glory be to God the Son,  
glory be to God the Spirit:  
great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, glory, glory,  
while eternal ages run!*

*2 Glory be to him who loved us,  
washed us from each spot and stain;  
glory be to him who bought us,  
made us kings with him to reign!  
Glory, glory, glory, glory,  
to the Lamb that once was slain!*

*3 Glory to the King of angels,  
glory to the Church’s King,  
glory to the King of nations;  
heav’n and earth your praises bring!*

*Glory, glory, glory, glory,  
to the King of glory sing!*

*4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal!  
thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!  
thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, glory, glory,  
Glory to the King of kings!*

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

*Presider*     The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider*     Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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    Genesis**

**18:1-10a**

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre while he sat at the entrance of his tent in the day's heat. He looked up and suddenly saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them, he ran from his tent entrance to greet them and bowed deeply. He said, "Sirs, if you would be so kind, don't just pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought so you may wash your feet and refresh yourselves under the tree. Let me offer you a little bread so you will feel stronger, and after that you may leave your servant and go on your way—since you have visited your servant."

They responded, "Fine. Do just as you have said."

So Abraham hurried to Sarah at his tent and said, "Hurry! Knead three

seahs of the finest flour and make some baked goods!” Abraham ran to the cattle, took a healthy young calf, and gave it to a young servant, who prepared it quickly. Then Abraham took butter, milk, and the calf that had been prepared, put the food in front of them, and stood under the tree near them as they ate.

They said to him, “Where’s your wife Sarah?”

And he said, “Right here in the tent.”

Then one of the men said, “I will definitely return to you about this time next year. Then your wife Sarah will have a son!”

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

### **Psalm 15** (*spoken*)

Who can live in your tent, Lord?

Who can dwell on your holy mountain?

<sup>2</sup> ***The person who***

***lives free of blame,***

***does what is right,***

***and speaks the truth sincerely;***

<sup>3</sup> who does no damage with their talk,

does no harm to a friend,

doesn’t insult a neighbor;

<sup>4</sup> ***someone who despises***

***those who act wickedly,***

***but who honors those***

***who honor the Lord;***

***someone who keeps their promise even when it hurts;***

<sup>5</sup> someone who doesn’t lend money with interest,

who won’t accept a bribe against any innocent person.

Whoever does these things will never stumble.

### **A Reading from Colossians**

**1:15-28**

The Son is the image of the invisible God,  
the one who is first over all creation,

Because all things were created by him:  
both in the heavens and on the earth,  
the things that are visible  
and the things that are invisible.  
Whether they are thrones or powers,  
or rulers or authorities,  
all things were created through him and for him.

He existed before all things,  
and all things are held together in him.

He is the head of the body, the church,  
who is the beginning,  
the one who is firstborn from among the dead  
so that he might occupy the first place in everything.

Because all the fullness of God was pleased to live in him,  
and he reconciled all things to himself through him—  
whether things on earth or in the heavens.  
He brought peace through the blood of his cross.

Once you were alienated from God and you were enemies with him in your minds, which was shown by your evil actions. But now he has reconciled you by his physical body through death, to present you before God as a people who are holy, faultless, and without blame. But you need to remain well established and rooted in faith and not shift away from the hope given in the good news that you heard. This message has been preached throughout all creation under heaven. And I, Paul, became a servant of this good news.

Now I'm happy to be suffering for you. I'm completing what is missing from Christ's sufferings with my own body. I'm doing this for the sake of his body, which is the church. I became a servant of the church by God's commission, which was given to me for you, in order to complete God's word. I'm completing it with a secret plan that has been hidden for ages and generations but which has now been revealed to his holy people. God wanted to make the glorious riches of this secret plan known among the Gentiles, which is Christ living in you, the hope of glory. This is what we preach as we warn and teach every person with all wisdom so that we might present each one mature in Christ.

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

*The people stand*

**Sequence Hymn Be Thou My Vision**

**H488 vs 1,2**

**Tune: *Slane***

*1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art--  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*

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

**10:38-42**

*People:*     ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

While Jesus and his disciples were traveling, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him as a guest. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his message. By contrast, Martha was preoccupied with getting everything ready for their meal. So Martha came to him and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to prepare the table all by myself? Tell her to help me."

The Lord answered, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. One thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the better part. It won't be taken away from her."

*Presider*     The Gospel of our Savior.

*People:*     ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**Hymn            Be Thou My Vision**

**H488 vs 3**

**Tune: *Slane***

*3 High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*



*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 V**

*BCP 389*

*Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.*

*Reader says*

In peace, let us pray to Christ Jesus.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love,  
and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you,  
O Christ.

*Christ, have mercy.*

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Vincent, our rector;  
and Clarke, our seminarian; for all bishops and other ministers, and for all  
the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Christ.

*Christ, have mercy.*

In the Diocese of Ohio, for St. Peter's Church, Lakewood, and for the  
Central East Mission Area: Trinity Church, Alliance; St. Mark's Church,  
Canton; St. Paul's Church, Canton; and Trinity Church, Coshocton, we  
pray to you, O Christ.

*Christ, have mercy.*

For all who seek God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions  
may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we  
pray to you, O Christ.

*Christ, have mercy.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the  
Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Christ.

*Christ, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Christ.

***Christ, have mercy.***

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Christ.

***Christ, have mercy.***

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Christ.

***Christ, have mercy.***

For this *congregation*, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Christ.

***Christ, have mercy.***

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Christ.

***Christ, have mercy.***

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Christ.

***Christ, have mercy.***

For (*the names on the prayer list are read*), we pray to you, O Christ.

***Christ, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the communion of your Church (especially... *the names of the recently deceased are read*), and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Christ.

***Christ, have mercy.***

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

***To you, O Lord our God.***

*Silence*

*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

Matthew Marcella

*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 Music: Be Still

David Evans

*Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here;  
Come bow before Him now  
with reverence and with fear.  
In him no sin is found,  
We stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here.*

*Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire,  
With splendor he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
Our radiant king of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.*

*Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for Him.  
In faith receive from Him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.*

*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: Holy, Holy, Holy & coda to Be Still      H362**  
**Tune: Nicaea**

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.*

*Be still, be still, **the Holy One is here.***

*The people remain standing*

### **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

*BCP 367*

*Presider*      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.***

*Presider*

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

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week  
overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection  
opened to us the way of everlasting life.*

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**

**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*

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.***

*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**

**W877**

*Refrain:*

***The disciples knew the 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 Hymn: All are Welcome**

**Marty Haugen**

*1. Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*3. Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine, and wheat;  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*4. Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.*

*Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*5. Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

**Postcommunion Music: Bless the Lord My Soul** Jacques Berthier  
*Taizé*

*Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life.*

*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: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

H423

Tune: *St. Denio*

*1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.*

*2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.*

*4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.*

*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*     Let us go forth into the world,  
                  rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

**Voluntary:** Postlude on *St. Denio*

Todd Kendall

†            †            †

**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.**

## **Organ Crawl**

Anyone interested in a tour of the organ,  
please see Jon Peterson after the service.

**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:**

Coco Angarita	Boots Johnston
Mimi Angarita	Joyce Knapp
Betsy Bates	Lois Leete
Mickey Black	June Madden
Teddi Black	Gil Newlands
Rehtaeh Brady	Corey Niebes
Shirley Campion	Kris Purdy
Robert Dibb	Ray and Family
Kaisu Donovan	Sandy Reagan
Doug Damron	Michael Redmond
Giavonna Evans	Kalieghe Roe
Barbara Faux	Patricia Saylor
Spencer Faux	Wendy Semple
Stephanie Foster	Miriam Schantz
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Roselle Sgambellone
Linda Gratz	Daniel Smith
Spencer Griffith	Corky Thacker
Pamela Jackson	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  
Amanda Hinton

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.

*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.

# **Remembering Past Parishioners**

## **Celebrating 150 years of ministry**

### **1875 – 2025**



**Calvin Coles Dusenbury (1924-2003)**

Calvin Coles Dusenbury was born on July 2, 1924, in Detroit, Michigan to Louis Hamblet Dusenbury and Helen Bedell Dusenbury. As a small child, the Dusenbury family moved to Lakewood, Ohio. At the age of nine, Calvin Coles Dusenbury, known as Coles, would ride his bicycle to Church of the Ascension to sing in the boys' choir. The choir at Church of the Ascension was known throughout the Cleveland area for the large group of boys who would sing there. They were paid once a month by various families at the church to motivate the boys to come to each practice and to inspire connections to the parish.



Coles and Dorothy Inglefield met at Lakewood High School, where he graduated in 1943. After graduation, Coles served his country during World War II. He served as a radar technician for an aircraft unit in Europe.

Coles Dusenbury married Dorothy Sybil Inglefield on July 31, 1947, in Steuben, Indiana. Dorothy was the daughter of Julian and Marjorie Inglefield. Her parents were from Ireland and England and also had connections with Church of the Ascension.

Together they had four children: Lawrence ("Larry"), Marjorie, Donald and Diane. Their children grew up at Church of the Ascension, where they were baptized, confirmed and where Larry, Marjorie and Diane married.

Coles was for many years a bricklayer and during winter months or bad weather would work on pianos. In 1962, Coles created the Dusenbury Company in Lakewood, where he would tune and rebuild pianos. His company was later renamed Dusenbury & Son Piano Shop. He had this company until 1992.

His musical abilities were also enjoyed in a variety of choral groups. He was a charter member of the West Shore Chorale in Cleveland and sang for eleven years in the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus. At one time, Coles and his son Larry were the only father-and-son team in the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus.

At Church of the Ascension, Coles used his musical ability not only as a member of the choir for several decades but also would take care of and provided pianos over the years. Coles also served on vestry at Ascension. On February 11, 1975, his wife Dorothy Dusenbury passed away. Her funeral services were officiated by Rev. Harold Braun at Church of the Ascension. On July 16, 1976, Coles Dusenbury married Leona Divis at Church of the Ascension. Together they were very active in the parish.

Coles Dusenbury passed away on March 21, 2003. In memory of Coles Dusenbury and in connection with his love of music, the Dusenbury family requested at the time of their father's death that all donations be made to the organ restoration fund for Church of the Ascension. His memorial service was at Church of the Ascension on March 26, 2003. After the death of her father, Marjorie created the Coles Dusenbury Fine Arts Festival with barbershop quartets, Lakewood High School's orchestra, McKinley School's choir, the Baldwin Wallace Brass Quartet and many other organizations that came to Ascension to perform.

Submitted by Gregory Sent, Archivist

## A Legacy of Faith and Future: Celebrating 150 Years

Beloved People of God,

For 150 years, Church of the Ascension has stood as a beacon of faith and community in Lakewood, Ohio, holding the distinct honor of being the oldest church of any denomination in our vibrant city. As we celebrate this remarkable sesquicentennial, we are launching a special **Legacy Campaign** to honor our past and secure our future.

Our goal is to raise **\$150,000** to support vital projects that will enhance our worship, strengthen our ministries, and preserve our cherished campus for generations to come. A significant portion of these funds, **\$90,000**, is dedicated to a project close to the heart of many: the **completion of our magnificent pipe organ**.

Many of you know that when our organ underwent its extensive refurbishment in the early 2000s, funds ran short, leaving one crucial element unaddressed: the **16' pedal Violone**, which requires 73 new pipes. Our devoted organist, **Jon Peterson**, who has graced our services with his talent for more than a third of the church's existence, dreams of seeing the organ fully completed in his lifetime. Imagine the profound richness and depth this addition will bring to our hymns, anthems, and special musical offerings!

The Legacy Campaign funds will also be used to address other pressing needs. We will **replace the roof on Strom Hall kitchen**, estimated to be **\$30,000**, ensuring the continued functionality and protection of this important space used to prepare community meals. Additionally, we will **add to our endowment for Facility Upkeep**, providing long-term financial stability for the ongoing maintenance and preservation of our historic buildings.

To acknowledge your generous support for this project, those who contribute a minimum of **\$1,500 to the 150th Legacy Campaign** will have their names inscribed on a **plaque of honor** within the church.

Your contribution of any amount to the Legacy Campaign is an investment in the enduring legacy of Church of the Ascension. It's a chance to honor the countless individuals who have built and sustained this parish for 150 years, and to ensure that our church continues to be a spiritual home, a vibrant community hub, and a cornerstone of Lakewood for the next 150 years and beyond.

I prayerfully ask for your generous support as we embark on this exciting chapter. Please consider how you can help us surpass our goal and leave your own mark on the rich history of Church of the Ascension.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Vincent Black

## **Hear Ye! Hear Ye!**

Any parishioners who have sung in the choir previously are invited to join us for the offertory anthem (The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune) during the service on **July 27<sup>th</sup>**. The music for that anthem will be available at the pre-service rehearsal in the church at **9:30am, July 27<sup>th</sup>**. If mobility is an issue seating will be available.

## **Anniversary Speakers at Ascension**

- July 23<sup>rd</sup>,                      Speaker: Mia Hutchinson Soosai  
Wed, 5:30pm      Topic “The French and Andrews Family  
   in Lakewood History.
- July 25<sup>th</sup>,                      Speakers Jennifer Cauffield and Jeff Hutchinson-  
Fri, 5:30pm      Topic “Rise and Fall” , Hutchinson Family of  
   Lakewood and their role in the Great Lakes.

## **Sesquicentennial Celebration**

Remember to mark your calendar for our big  
sesquicentennial celebration weekend.  
**Please sign up in the binder in the office.**

### **Oldest Stone House Tour**

Sat, July 26, 2025 • 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
14710 Lake Ave., Lakewood

### **Ascension & Lakewood History & Luncheon**

Sat, July 26, 2025 • 12:00 PM • Free will offering  
Nicholson House, 13335 Detroit Ave., Lakewood

### **Festive Banquet & Presentation**

Sat, July 26, 2025 • 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM • Free will offering  
Strom Hall

### **Festive Eucharist with Bishop Anne B. Jolly**

Sun, July 27, 2025 • 10:30 AM

### **Celebration Luncheon**

Sun, July 27, 2025 • 12:00 PM • Strom Hall

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.

## **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook Available!**

150<sup>th</sup> 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:



## **Car Show**

Please take a flyer for the Car Show  
on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am – 2:00pm.

## **Frankfurter Friday**

**Join us for food, fun, and fellowship on the front lawn.**

**Volunteers needed. Sign-up in the office.**

**Grilling from 6:30 – 7:30pm.**

**Set-up is at 6:00pm.**

**July 25<sup>th</sup>**

**August 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

## **Ascension Night Out Summer Hiatus**

Ascension Night Out will take a short summer break; we will not go out as a group in July or August. Ascension Night Out will resume on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

I am still open to suggestions of places we can go.



## **The Ministers of the Liturgy**

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black  
Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson  
Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Terri Schade  
Readers: John Carlson, Keira Dodd  
Spiritual Eucharist Reader: John Carlson  
Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen, Terri Schade  
Ushers: Bob Hankey, Owen Jones  
Videographer: Dave Champion  
Graphics & Post-production: Bill Rice



The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God  
in memory of Coles Dusenbury.

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## **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**

Centering Prayer will be on hiatus over the summer,  
and will resume in September.

## **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](mailto: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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