



Church of the Ascension

August 17, 2025

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

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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: Variations on *In Babilone* Hal Hopson/Charles Callahan

Opening Hymn: Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus! **H495**
Tune: *In Babilone*

*1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Savior,
bearer of our sin and shame!
By thy merit we find favor:
life is given through thy Name.*

*2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
all our sins on thee were laid:
by almighty love anointed,*

*thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven
through the virtue of thy blood:
opened is the gate of heaven,
reconciled are we with God.*

*3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,
there for ever to abide;
all the heavenly hosts adore thee,
seated at thy Father's side.
There for sinners thou art pleading:
there thou dost our place prepare;
ever for us interceding,
till in glory we appear.*

*4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing
thou art worthy to receive;
highest praises, without ceasing,
right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
all your noblest anthems raise;
help to sing our Savior's merits,
help to chant Emmanuel's 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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

The Lord declares, Am I a God
who is only nearby and not far off?
Can people hide themselves in secret places
so I might not see them?
Don't I fill heaven and earth?

I have heard the prophets prophesying lies in my name. They claim, "I've had a dream; I've had a dream!" How long will deceitful prophecies dominate the minds of the prophets? Those prophets are treacherous. They scheme to make my people forget me by their dreams that people tell each other, just as their ancestors forgot me because of Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream declare it, but let the one who has my word proclaim it faithfully.

What a difference between straw and wheat!
declares the Lord.
Isn't my word like fire
and like a hammer that shatters rock?
declares the Lord.

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

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

Psalm 82 (*spoken*)

God takes his stand in the divine council;
he gives judgment among the gods:
² ***"How long will you judge unjustly
by granting favor to the wicked?"***
³ Give justice to the lowly and the orphan;
maintain the right of the poor and the destitute!
⁴ ***Rescue the lowly and the needy.
Deliver them from the power of the wicked!***

⁵ They don't know; they don't understand;
they wander around in the dark.
All the earth's foundations shake.

⁶ *I hereby declare, "You are gods,
children of the Most High—all of you!"*

⁷ But you will die like mortals;
you will fall down like any prince."

⁸ *Rise up, God! Judge the earth
because you hold all nations in your possession!*

A Reading from Hebrews

11:29-12:2

By faith they crossed the Red Sea as if they were on dry land, but when the Egyptians tried it, they were drowned.

By faith Jericho's walls fell after the people marched around them for seven days.

By faith Rahab the prostitute wasn't killed with the disobedient because she welcomed the spies in peace.

What more can I say? I would run out of time if I told you about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. Through faith they conquered kingdoms, brought about justice, realized promises, shut the mouths of lions, put out raging fires, escaped from the edge of the sword, found strength in weakness, were mighty in war, and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured and refused to be released so they could gain a better resurrection.

But others experienced public shame by being taunted and whipped; they were even put in chains and in prison. They were stoned to death, they were cut in two, and they died by being murdered with swords. They went around wearing the skins of sheep and goats, needy, oppressed, and mistreated. The world didn't deserve them. They wandered around in deserts, mountains, caves, and holes in the ground.

All these people didn't receive what was promised, though they were given approval for their faith. God provided something better for us so they wouldn't be made perfect without us.

So then, with endurance, let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter. He endured the cross, ignoring the shame, for the sake of the joy that was laid out in front of him, and sat down at the right side of God's throne.

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

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn My Faith Looks Up to Thee

H691 vs 1,2

Tune: Olivet

*1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!*

*Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly thine.*

*2 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire.*

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

12:49-56

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

Jesus said, “I came to cast fire upon the earth. How I wish that it was already ablaze! I have a baptism I must experience. How I am distressed until it’s completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, I have come instead to bring division. From now on, a household of five will be divided—three against two and two against three. Father will square off against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

Jesus also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud forming in the west, you immediately say, ‘It’s going to rain.’ And indeed it does. And when a south wind blows, you say, ‘A heat wave is coming.’ And it does. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret conditions on earth and in the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret the present time?

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

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

Hymn **My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

H691 vs 3
Tune: *Olivet*

*3 While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day;
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.*

The people sit

The Sermon

Rev. Vincent Black

“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, we pray for the Cuyahoga Mission Area:
Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland; St. Paul's Church, Cleveland Heights;
Church of the Ascension, Lakewood; St. Peter's Church, Lakewood;
All Saints Church, Parma; Christ Church, Shaker Heights; and
Advent Church, Westlake, 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

Jan Bednarski

John Welfley, Jr.

Oliver Pethtel

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 Hymn: In Christ Alone Stuart Townend/Keith Getty

***I In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.***

***What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.***

*2. In Christ alone! Who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the love of God was satisfied-
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.*

*3. There in the ground His body lay.
Light of the World by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine-
one with the precious blood of Christ.*

*4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry, to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I stand.*

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 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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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

Sanctus and Benedictus

W858

Presider and People

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

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel and the Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in

Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People (spoken)

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

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

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

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

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]***

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: Here I Am, Lord

Daniel Schutte

***I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?***

Refrain:

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.***

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? [Refrain]*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? [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)*

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*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: Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken H522
Tune: *Austria*

*1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.*

*2 See! the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.*

*3 Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner,
light by night, and shade by day;
safe they feed upon the manna
which he gives them when they pray.*

*4 Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in the Redeemer's blood!*

*Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raises
over self to reign as kings:
and as priests, his solemn praises
each for a thank-offering brings.*

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: Fanfare on *Austria*

Gordon Young

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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.

Organ Crawl

Anyone interested in a tour of the organ, please
see Jon Peterson after the 10:30 service.



The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black
Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson
Acolytes: Jan Bednarski, Terrie Schade
Readers: Alex DeJesus, Ann Pesta
Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Alex DeJesus
Chalice Bearers: Jan Bednarski, Terrie Schade
Ushers: Keira Dodd, Joe Sgambellone
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in memory of Raymond Walter Ewing, Jr.

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**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
Amanda Arnold	June Madden
Betsy Bates	Gil Newlands
Mickey Black	Corey Niebes
Teddi Black	Kris Purdy
Rehtaeh Brady	Ray and Family
Becky Burdzinski	Sandy Reagan
Shirley Campion	Michael Redmond
Robert Dibb	Kalieghe Roe
Kaisu Donovan	Tim Sabolik
Doug Damron	Patricia Saylor
Giavonna Evans	Wendy Semple
Barbara Faux	Miriam Schantz
Spencer Faux	Roselle Sgambellone
Stephanie Foster	Daniel Smith
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Corky Thacker
Linda Gratz	Ruth Vacha
Spencer Griffith	Barb Weinert
Pamela Jackson	

Those We Know in the Military

Wiley Goins	Burton McCarthy
Lauren Hober	Jason Strater
Sydney Kline	

The Departed

Peter Alix
Amanda Hinton

Cheryl Jankowski
Lois Leete

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 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



Joyce Edna Drusilla Hulbert Heidmann (1926- 2005)
Herbert Arend Heidmann (1925-2013)

Herbert Heidmann was the son of German immigrants, Arend and Ida Heidmann. He was born on November 19, 1925, in New York. As an infant, he and his family are found in records as passengers on a ship on his first trip to Germany. It would not be his last. Known as “Herb”, he enlisted in the Army to serve his country during World War II. He was sent to Europe and ended up in Germany.

Joyce Hulbert was born June 28, 1926, in Gloucestershire, England. She was an orphan, known for her striking, red hair. As a result of World War II, Joyce was a secretary for the Allied Forces and working in a building in Germany. As Joyce worked at her desk, a young American soldier walked by and greeted her with "Hey Red!" Joyce was not impressed or complimented. This soldier later learned that his comment was not appreciated, apologized and took Joyce out to make amends. This would be the beginning of a loving relationship for Joyce and Herb Heidmann.

They married in Heidelberg, Germany and later Herb was stationed in Korea, California and Alaska. After twenty-three years serving in the Army, Herb Heidmann's time in the Army was over. They later settled in West Virginia, where their son, John, was born.

Joyce and Herb became active at Church of the Ascension, where as a family they were involved with virtually every aspect of the parish. Their son John was confirmed on October 15, 1978, by Bishop Burt and presented by Rev. Braun. John was also an acolyte. Herb Heidmann served many terms on vestry. He was part of the choir for a very short time and then became an usher. He was also part of the Men's Group at Ascension.

Joyce was part of the Morning and Afternoon Guilds. She was a member of ECW and for a while its President. She was an active part of the choir at Ascension and during the great renovations of the pipe organ, lent her personal organ to be used during services. With any activity or fundraiser, Joyce was there to support and help.

Joyce Heidmann passed away on New Year's Eve 2005. Her service was at Church of the Ascension on January 5, 2006, and was officiated by Father W. Lee Dominick. After the death of his wife, Herb Heidmann turned to his parish for love and support. He was often found visiting Church of the Ascension throughout the week for comfort. With time he required more help and moved to live closer to his son. Herbert A. Heidmann passed away on January 13, 2013. His memorial service was at Church of the Ascension on January 26, 2013, which was officiated by Rev. Elaine McCoy. Herb and Joyce were both cremated and their ashes are together in the columbarium in the chapel at Church of the Ascension.

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

Sesquicentennial Memorabilia

Make sure to get your anniversary mementos for sale outside the parish office. Items include bags, ornaments, mugs, and magnets. Limited supply.

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.

150th Anniversary History Available!

Get a history of the 150 years of Church of the Ascension!
Now available for a minimum donation of \$20.00.

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



Frankfurter Friday

August 22nd

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.

Car Show

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

The Church

Q. What is the Church?

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

Q. How is the Church described in the Bible?

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

Q. How is the Church described in the creeds?

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

Q. Why is the Church described as one?

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

Q. Why is the Church described as holy?

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

Q. Why is the Church described as catholic?

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

Q. Why is the Church described as apostolic?

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

Q. What is the mission of the Church?

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

Q. How does the Church pursue its mission?

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

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

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

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

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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