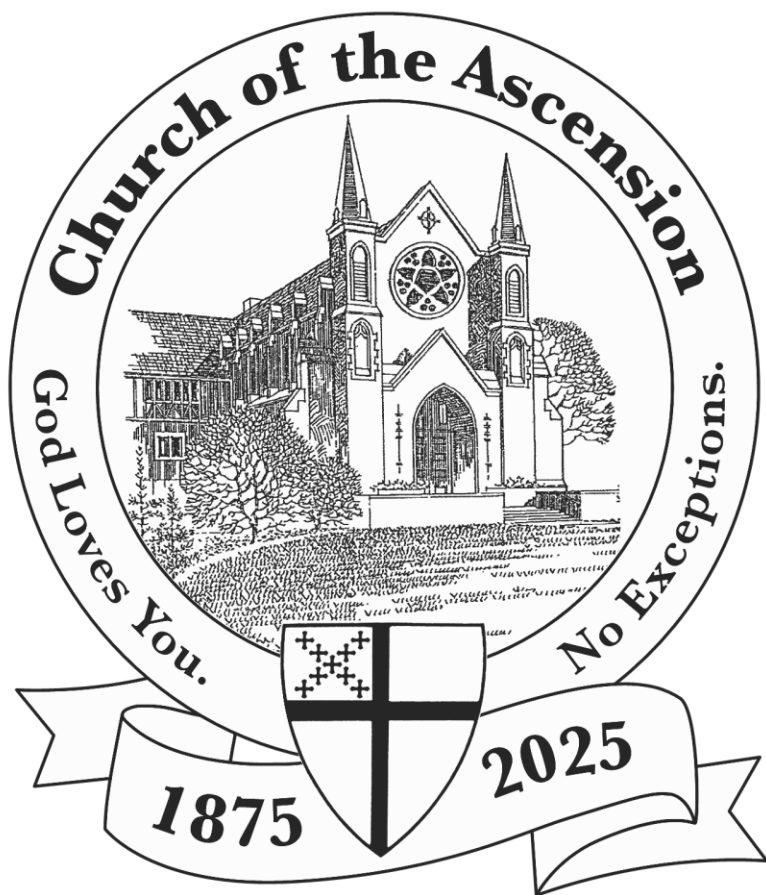




Church of the Ascension

November 9, 2025

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

Welcome to the Church of the Ascension

We are pleased to have you worship with us.

By entering Church of the Ascension and by your presence here (indoors and outdoors), you consent to be photographed, filmed, livestreamed, and/or otherwise recorded. Your entry constitutes your consent to such photography, filming, livestreaming, and/or recording and to any use, in any and all media for Church of the Ascension and the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio. If you do not agree to the foregoing, please request to be seated in the no camera area.

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

BCP indicates the Book of Common Prayer.

EOW indicates Enriching our Worship, a supplemental liturgical material.

Hymn and "S" numbers indicate the Hymnal 1982

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

Finding Your Way

Elevator: Across from the church office, exiting at the East Entrance. Handicapped parking spaces are near the entrance and in the parking lot.

Restrooms: *Upper Level* – Through the door to the left of the altar (NW), past the chapel, past the library, and to the right of the church office.

If visiting or new please fill in, tear out,
and drop in collection plate

Name

email address

Phone number

Mailing address



Church of the Ascension

November 9, 2025

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

*Holy Eucharist, 10:30am,
Enriching Our Worship*

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

The Liturgy of the Word

When the Voluntary begins, please maintain prayerful silence.

Voluntary: Faith

Mark Hayes

Opening Hymn: Before Thy Throne, O God

H574

Tune: St. Petersburg

*1 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:
give us a conscience quick to feel,
a ready mind to understand
the meaning of thy chastening hand;
whate'er the pain and shame may be,
bring us, O Father, nearer thee.*

*2 Search out our hearts and make us true;
help us to give to all their due.
From love of pleasure, lust of gold,
from sins which make the heart grow cold,
wean us and train us with thy rod;
teach us to know our faults, O God.*

*3 For sins of heedless word and deed,
for pride ambitious to succeed,
for crafty trade and subtle snare
to catch the simple unaware,
for lives bereft of purpose high,
forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.*

*4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try,
our inmost spirits purify:
consume the ill; purge out the shame;
O God, be with us in the flame;
a newborn people may we rise,
more pure, more true, more nobly wise.*

Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

Opening Acclamation *(The people standing)*

EOW 50

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

Song of Praise: **To God be the Glory**

Malcolm Archer

Tune: Ash Grove

*To God be the glory, all glory in the highest,
and peace to his people who dwell here below;
Our heavenly Father, our Lord, and our sovereign,
to you, the Almighty, our praises bestow;
We worship and adore you, we bow here before you
with grateful thanksgiving, our song let us raise;
All glory and honor and glad adoration,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.*

*Lord Jesus, the only begotten of the Father,
We praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb;
The sin of the world you have taken upon you,
have mercy upon us, the Great I AM!*

*For holy, you meet us, yet lowly you greet us,
the Lord in the highest, the Holy One;
All glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
from ages everlasting, the Three in One.*

The Collect for the Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Job

19:23-27a

Oh, that my words were written down,
 inscribed on a scroll
 with an iron instrument and lead,
 forever engraved on stone.
But I know that my redeemer is alive
 and afterward he'll rise upon the dust.
After my skin has been torn apart this way—
 then from my flesh I'll see God,
 whom I'll see myself—
 my eyes see, and not a stranger's.

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

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

Reader We will stand and sing the psalm.

1. *I plead my innocence;
Give heed, Lord, to my cry
And listen to my prayer, which comes
From lips that do not lie.*
2. *Declare me innocent
And summon me by night
To test and weigh my every thought
And prove me in the right.*
3. *Melt down my soul and see
There is no wickedness;
I heed the words you speak, O Lord,
That I may not transgress.*
4. *I follow step by step
The way that you command,
And in the pathway that I walk,
You guide me by your hand.*
5. *I call upon you, Lord,
For you will answer me;
Incline your ear to hear my words
And listen to my plea.*
6. *When enemies arise,
O Savior, let me see
Your loving-kindnesses again;
Preserve me, set me free.*
7. *Regard me, Savior, as
The apple of your eye;
Beneath the shadow of your wings
In safety let me lie.*
8. *Lord, hide me from my foes
And deadly enemies;
From grave assault on every side,
Good Lord, deliver me.*

Brothers and sisters, we have a request for you concerning our Lord Jesus Christ's coming and when we are gathered together to be with him. We don't want you to be easily confused in your mind or upset if you hear that the day of the Lord is already here, whether you hear it through some spirit, a message, or a letter supposedly from us. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way. That day won't come unless the rebellion comes first and the person who is lawless is revealed, who is headed for destruction. He is the opponent of every so-called god or object of worship and promotes himself over them. So he sits in God's temple, displaying himself to show that he is God. You remember that I used to tell you these things while I was with you, don't you?

But we always must thank God for you, brothers and sisters who are loved by God. This is because he chose you from the beginning to be the first crop of the harvest. This brought salvation, through your dedication to God by the Spirit and through your belief in the truth. God called all of you through our good news so you could possess the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold on to the traditions we taught you, whether we taught you in person or through our letter. Our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and a good hope. May he encourage your hearts and give you strength in every good thing you do or say.

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

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn The God of Abraham Praise

H401 vs 1-3

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.*

*2 He by himself hath sworn:
we on his oath depend;
we shall, on eagles-wings upborne,
to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face,
we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.*

*3 There dwells the Lord, our King,
the Lord, our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace;
on Zion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and, glorious with his saints in light,
for ever reigns.*

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

20:27-38

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

Some Sadducees, who deny that there's a resurrection, came to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that *if a man's brother dies leaving a widow but no children, the brother must marry the widow and raise up children for his brother*. Now there were seven brothers. The first man married a woman and then died childless. The second and then the third brother married her. Eventually all seven married her, and they all died without leaving any children. Finally, the woman died too. In the resurrection, whose wife will she be? All seven were married to her."

Jesus said to them, "People who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy to participate in that age, that is, in the age of the resurrection from the dead, won't marry nor will they be given in marriage. They can no longer die, because they are like angels and are God's children since they share in the resurrection. Even Moses demonstrated that the dead are raised—in the passage about the burning bush, when he speaks of the Lord as *the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of*

Jacob. He isn't the God of the dead but of the living. To him they are all alive."

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

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

Hymn **The God of Abraham Praise**

H401 vs 4,5

Tune: *Leoni*

*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.*

The people sit

The Sermon

Rev. Vincent Black

The people stand

The Nicene Creed

EW 53

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

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

and complexity of God with generations of Christians who have gone before us and with generations who will come after us.

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

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

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

The Prayers of the People, Form 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 Archbishop-designate Dame Sarah Mullally, 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 Southeast Mission Area: St. Paul's Church, Steubenville; St. Stephen's Church, Steubenville; Christ Church, Warren; and St. John's Church, Youngstown;

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.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

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

The Confession of Sin

EW 56

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

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

The Priest, stands and says

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

The Peace

All stand

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

For those celebrating birthdays

Geoffrey Killey

Roselle Sgambellone

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: Organ meditation on Rock of Ages Wilbur Held

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: The Doxology

H380 v. 3
Tune: Old 100th

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

The people remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1

EOW 57

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider

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

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

Sanctus and Benedictus

S125

Presider and People

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel and the Presider continues

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

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

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith,

Presider and People (spoken)

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

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

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

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

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 Hymns: For the Bread Which You Have Broken H341

Tune: *Omni dies*

*1 For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.*

*2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.*

*3 As our blessed ones adore you,
seated at our Father's board,
may the Church still waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.*

*4 In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward,
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.*

Postcommunion Hymn: Shepherd of Souls,

**H343 vs 3,4
Tune: *St. Agnes***

*3 Be known to us in breaking bread,
and do not then depart;*

*Saviour, abide with us, and spread
thy table in our heart.*

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

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Postcommunion Prayer (*said by all, standing*)

EOW 70

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

Blessing:

Closing Hymn: Tell Out My Soul

H438

Tune: Woodlands

*1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.*

*2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name -- the Lord, the Mighty One.*

*3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.*

*Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.*

*4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forevermore!*

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: Fugue in G Minor

Jean Jacques Charpentier

† † †

**We hope you will join us in Strom Hall for some refreshments
and conversation. Strom Hall is reached through the chapel
and all the way to the bottom of the stairs.**

Organ Crawl

Anyone interested in a tour of the organ, please
see Jon Peterson after the 10:30 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	Emily Junkans
Mimi Angarita	Joyce Knapp
Amanda Arnold	June Madden
Betsy Bates	Gil Newlands
Carlos Borges	Corey Niebes
Rhonda Bradley	The Nunny Family
Rehtaeh Brady	Kris Purdy
Shirley Campion	Ray and Family
Doug Damron	Sandy Reagan
Robert Dibb	Michael Redmond
Kaisu Donovan	Kalieghe Roe
Sister Marian Durkin	Tim Sabolik
Barbara Faux	Wendy Semple
Spencer Faux	Miriam Schantz
Stephanie Foster	Daniel Smith
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Corky Thacker
Linda Gratz	Ruth Vacha
Spencer Griffith	Barb Weinert
Hannah	Diane Welfley
Boots Johnston	

Those We Know in the Military

Wiley Goins	Burton McCarthy
Lauren Hober	Jason Strater
Sydney Kline	

The Departed

Ralph Barbato
Mickey Black
Teddi Black
Lenore Heller

Joseph R. Hildebrandt
Pamela Jackson
Patricia Sayler

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



Martha Ann Smith Hartman (1932-2023)

Martha Ann Smith was born February 16, 1932, to J. Donald Smith and Helen Roche Smith. Martha grew up in Lakewood and attended Lakewood City Schools, including Taft Elementary School, Emerson Middle School and Lakewood High School. She was the eldest child of six children, including a set of twin brothers and a set of twin sisters.

After graduation from Lakewood High School in 1950, Martha attended Ohio University for one year. Although Martha grew up in the Christian Science faith, she was a bridesmaid at the wedding of Dorisann Wright and John Salisbury in 1955 at Church of the Ascension. She was greatly impressed with the church and the congregation. Not long afterwards, Martha and her sisters became part of the Ascension community. Her sisters Ellen Ruth and Catherine Sue, who were twins, were confirmed on November 25, 1956. Martha was confirmed on December 18, 1960, and was presented by Dr. Stuart Cole. Martha at this point had taken on the responsibility and care of her younger siblings after the death of

her mother. Many personal sacrifices were made to help her siblings and provide them with nurturing equal to that of a parent.

On December 30, 1975, Martha Smith married Frederick Hartman, a man she knew from her youth at Lakewood High School. He was known as a football star in his earlier days. Although they never had children together, Martha was a caring and nurturing woman who enjoyed helping with Sunday School at Church of the Ascension, especially in the nursery with the babies and toddlers. At church, she was part of ECW and known to roll-up her sleeves to help with any project, fundraiser or work in which the congregation was involved. She helped with the annual Christmas Bazaar and Rummage Sales. She is also remembered for the hours she gave making crosses for Palm Sundays. With her gentle and kind nature, Martha helped with all projects but never felt the need to have a title or leadership role.

On September 22, 2005, Frederick W. Hartman passed away. His burial service was performed by Father Lee Domenic at Lakewood Park Cemetery. After the death of her husband, Martha continued to be dedicated to Church of the Ascension, where she worked and helped. Her attendance at the church was only stopped because of her declining health. Martha Ann Smith Hartman passed away on September 20, 2023, at the age of 91. She was buried with her husband at Lakewood Park Cemetery.

Submitted by Gregory Sent, Archivist



The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black

Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson

Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt

Acolytes: Jan Bednarski, Terrie Schade, Charlotte Sent

Readers: Corky Thacker, Ray Pratt

Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Corky Thacker

Chalice Bearers: Jan Bednarski, Terrie Schade

Ushers: Keira Dodd, Adam Clemens

Sunday School: Margie Hildebrandt

Videographer: Dave Campion

Graphics & Post-production: Bill Rice



The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God
in memory of Martha Hartman.

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

© 2011, Common English Bible
Christopher L. Webber
© Church Publishing, Incorporated

H343 Music: harm. Richard Proulx © 1985 GIA Publications
H438 Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, © 1962, ren. 1990 Hope Publishing Co.
H438 Music: Walter Grotz © 1949 Oxford University Press
S125 Music: Richard T. Proulx © 1971, 1977 GIA Publications, Inc.
W875 Setting: Gary James © 1992 MorningStar Music Publishers
Faith Music: Mark Hayes © 2018 Lorenz Publishing Corp., The

All Rights Reserved. Used with permission under ONE LICENSE # A- 736735.

To God be the Glory © 2003 St. James Music Press
Permission granted by St. James Music Press Account # 27430



Tell Out My Soul

The Language of Song is Universal

An Interview By the Very Rev.
Julia McCray Goldsmith

I'm classically trained in opera and in church music, so when I think of "tell out my soul" I am reminded that music is a universal language. I only speak English fluently, but I sing in other languages. I can do this because I've learned to interpret the universal feelings in the music—love or loss or longing—that the composer intended. When I sing, I'm telling out on their behalf.

Last Saturday I was singing Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Pie Jesu." One way to translate these words, in the context of a requiem, is "Lord give them rest." It left me thinking of trans people and immigrants and others whose identity is currently under attack, and I find myself praying for their rest in Jesus.

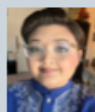
I was not raised in The Episcopal Church, so I'm relatively new to the hymnody. But I convened our cathedral's young adult ministry and now I am on the vestry. I seem to get called to leadership roles even when I'm not looking for them. Maybe because I stand up for others? I was raised as a girl and taught to be more quiet and passive, but as a non-binary adult I lead out loud and assertively. It's a common understanding in music circles that the skill of your choir is only as good as the worst voice. Everyone is diminished if we don't support each other's voices.

I am especially thankful for the voices and the teachers that have supported me along the way. My first church music director believed in and encouraged me when I was only nine or ten. I had great college music professors and church music directors at St. Bartholomew's in Poway and at Trinity Cathedral in San Jose. These people told me that I have a gift to share, and I believed them. tens.org



Questions for Reflection:

How do you tell your story while empowering others to tell theirs?



Trinity "Trin" Hall (they/them) is a 24 year old freelance soprano and pastry artist, president of the Trinity Episcopal Cathedral San Jose Young Adult Ministry.



THE EPISCOPAL
NETWORK FOR
STEWARDSHIP

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:



Evening Prayer in Church

Wednesdays, 7-7:30pm, in the nave.

Ascension Night Out

How about we kick off the holiday season a week early and have an evening of delicious food, great company, and lots of fun at Kitchen Social in Westlake? It's going to be the final Ascension Night Out for 2025, and it's happening on Wednesday, November 19th, at 6:00 pm. Kitchen Social is at 2207 Crocker Road, which is across the street from Crocker Park, and they have their own parking lot. You can check out their menu at <https://ourkitchensocial.com/locations/westlake/>

Please RSVP to Jim by Sunday, November 16th, either by emailing Jim.Weiss@Ascension-Lakewood.org or calling the office at 216-521-8727.

Holiday Calendar

Thurs, November 27 th	Holy Eucharist	10:30 am
Thurs, November 27 th	Thanksgiving Dinner	Noon – 2:00pm
Sat, December 13 th	Cookie Walk	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sun, December 14 th	Carols and Cacao	5:00pm
Sun, December 21 st	Lessons and Carols	4:00 pm
Sun, December 21 st	Christmas Dinner	6:00 pm
Thurs, December 25 th	Holy Eucharist	10:30 am

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>.

Church of the Ascension

13216 Detroit Avenue

Lakewood, Ohio 44107

216.521.8727

www.ascension-lakewood.org

secretary@ascension-lakewood.org