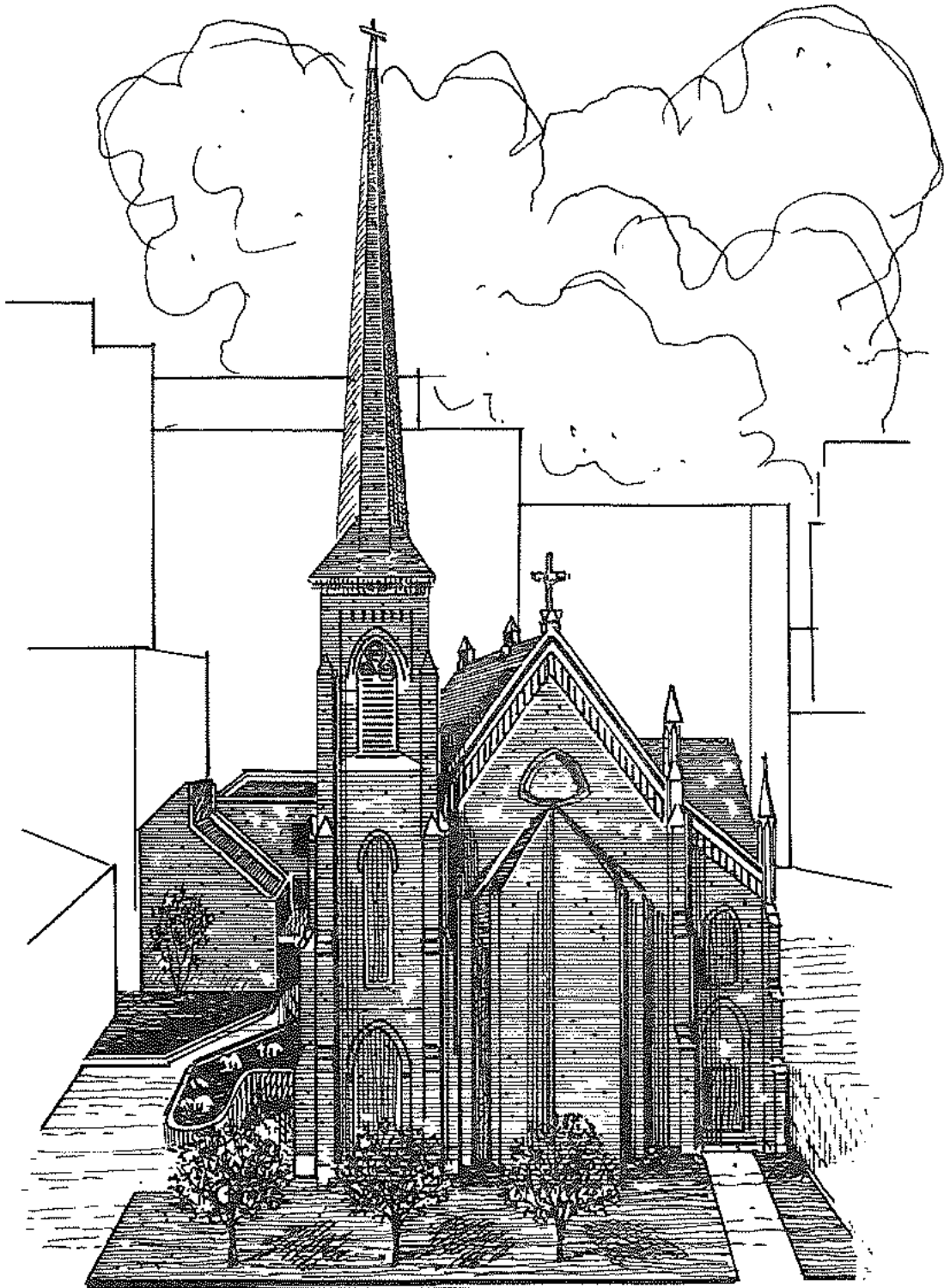


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DAYTON

September 13, 2026 | The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome!

Welcome to Christ Church! If you've never been to an Episcopal service before we promise in time you'll get the hang of it. When in doubt, follow along in this program or watch the priest (aka "The Celebrant.") When they sit, you sit; when they stand, you stand!

If you'd like a name tag or a visitor card, one of our Ushers would be happy to assist you. Pronoun stickers to apply to your name tag are available on the board at the front entrance. Restrooms, children's bulletins with crayons, and a quiet space with rocking chairs are all located in the Narthex, the red-carpeted space outside the sanctuary.

Please stick around for Coffee Hour after the 10:30 service! Together we'll enjoy fellowship, coffee, and snacks in the Parish Hall.

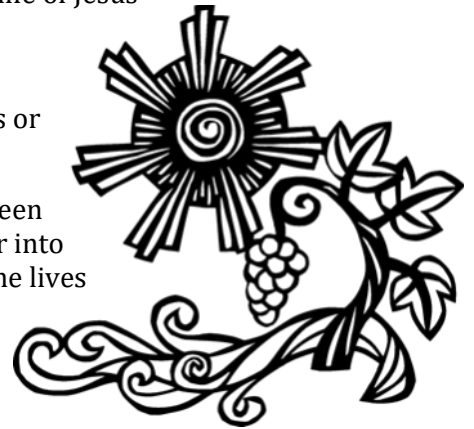
What is "Ordinary Time"?

In the Episcopal Church, Ordinary Time is the longest season of the church year. It begins on the Sunday after Pentecost, also known as Trinity Sunday, and ends on the first Sunday of Advent.

This is the time of the year when we are not commemorating the major events in the life of Jesus—such as his birth, death, and resurrection—but rather the things he said and did throughout his time on earth.

Most of the days of our lives are ordinary, of course—no birth or death, no epiphanies or miracles, time filled with the ordinary love and hope and fear common to daily life.

The liturgical color of this season is green, which is why it is sometimes called "the green season." Green often symbolizes growth. During this season, the church delves deeper into scripture and the life of Jesus. We read his parables and remember how he changed the lives of everyone he interacted with, in ways big and small. This is a time when we explore what it means to live daily in faith, a time of growth as we explore everyday sacredness.



Our Worship during Summer

You'll find that Christ Church, Dayton has a rather "low church" worship style, meaning you won't often find the smells & bells or fancy dress that may be present in more "high church" worship experiences. In summer, we really embrace our easy-going worship style: the choir and acolytes takes a well-earned break, we welcome guest clergy so our Rector can enjoy time away, guest musicians and summery hymns create a friendly Atmosphere.

Please be mindful that our 150yo building may struggle to keep cool on hot days—casual attire (including shorts!) is welcomed.

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Scan the QR code to fill out a virtual visitor card.



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Prelude: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *Cwm Rhondda*, arr. L. Shackley

Opening Hymn: 379 "God is love, let heaven adore him" *Abbot's Leigh*

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all
earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind-ness
and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall
da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so
all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

Welcome & Call to Worship

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

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise: "Laudate Dominum"
(Praise the Lord, all you peoples. Alleluia.)

Taizé song



Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of deep compassion, you welcome the weak and free us from the bondage of sin. Break the cycle of judgement and violence through Jesus our forgiveness, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 14:19-31

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the

waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Exodus 15:1b-11,20-21

**"I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.**

**The LORD is my strength and my might,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.**

**The LORD is a warrior;
the LORD is his name.**

**"Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea;
his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea.**

The floods covered them;

they went down into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power--
your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.
In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries;
you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble.
At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up,
the floods stood up in a heap;
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.
The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.
I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.'
You blew with your wind, the sea covered them;
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

"Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?"
Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her
hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and
with dancing.
And Miriam sang to them:
"Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."
So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

Children's Chapel Procession

All children are invited to follow the children's cross to the Parish Hall, for Children's Chapel. Children will return to the Nave at the passing of the Peace.



Sequence Hymn: 593 "Lord, make us servants of your peace" (v. 1,2,3*,4,5)

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1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con - 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark	1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for - 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re - 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your	1 give; where there is strife, may we make one. 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy. 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand. 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given. 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.
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Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Dr. Brenna Seifried

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those in *Ukraine, Palestine, and Ethiopia*, whose lives have been torn apart by war; **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Prayers offered on a weekly cycle for countries that are actively experiencing armed conflicts

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

Concluding Collect

Confession of Sin

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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 your Son 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.**

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements, Blessings, and Christian Formation Minute

Prayer For a Birthday

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Solo: “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

Hyfrydol/arr. Mark Hayes

The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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.

Holy and gracious One: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Maker of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Loving God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Parent of All, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

The Invitation **Gluten-free wafers are available on request.*

The table is set, the feast is prepared, come and be fed. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.

To receive communion, ushers will release each row at a time. Communion stations at front and rear of the Nave. You're invited to come forward, and first receive the bread. After consuming the bread, continue to the side to receive the wine. The wine is in individual cups and the chalice, simply receive and drink the wine, then place the cup in the receptacle on the table.

Communion Music: Légende from “24 Pièces en style libre” Louis Vierne

Healing Prayers

A member of the Order of St. Luke will be available during communion at the altar rail for prayer and laying on of hands. This is open to anyone who would like to participate. Alternatively, you can leave prayer requests in the Prayer Bowl in the Narthex, and they will be prayed over by members of the Order of St. Luke.

Post-Communion Prayer

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 your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Gracious God, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: 516 "Come down, O love divine"

Down Ampney

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,
and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;
O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place
and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Dismissal

The People respond **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude: "Zion's Walls"

adapted by Aaron Copland

Announcements for September 13

Church Picnic & Outdoor Worship — Sept. 20

Sunday, Sep 20, 11am at the outdoor chapel at Christ United Methodist, 3440 Shroyer Rd. Kettering, 45429

Enjoy God's beautiful creation with us on Sunday, September 20 at our annual parish picnic and outdoor worship. Worship begins at 11am (**the only worship service that day!**) with picnic to follow. *To help with ordering the chicken, please sign up how many from your family will attend the picnic — sign up posted in Parish Hall. Last names A-I bring salad/veggies, J-L desserts, M-Z side dishes*

Downtowner's Luncheon Group — Sept. 17 at Piccolo Orsetto

Thursday, September 17, 12:30pm at Piccolo Orsetto, 521 Wayne Ave, Dayton 45410

Please join friends from Christ Episcopal Church, "Downtowners," for lunch at some of our favorite restaurants in the Dayton area. It's a time to get to know each other and share a meal. Come and enjoy! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall to let us know you're coming, or email Leslie Nogle at lknogle@gmail.com

Save the Date: Labyrinth Writings Walk — Sept. 19

Saturday, September 19, 4pm at Christ Church Labyrinth

You're invited to join facilitator Tom Schaefer for Christ Church's fall Labyrinth Writings Walk. Unwind from the week by joining a small group of like-minded souls for a meditative trek through the Reconciliation Labyrinth. If you plan to attend, please let Tom Schaefer know via email or text. tomschaefer@icloud.com
937.231.3046

Phase II Outdoor Improvements Begin Soon!

With the parking lot project complete, we will begin Phase II of our outdoor improvements as early as September 28! This project will include gutter and roof repair and with an anticipated timeline of about 2-3 weeks for completion. More details coming soon!

New Choir Season Begins — Sept. 23

Our first rehearsal of the new 2026-27 choir season is scheduled on Wednesday, September 23, at 6pm in the Choir Room. The Christ Church Choir welcomes anyone who loves to sing, learn new music and enjoy the fellowship. ALL are invited! Please contact Yun Kim, director of music, at 513.330.3276 or yunkimhughes@hotmail.com, for more information.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

8 AM | Quiet Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:30 AM | Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music

Coffee Hour in Parish Hall after 10:30 service

Weekdays

9 AM-1 PM | Monday—Friday

Church Office Hours

9 AM | Wednesday

12-Step SA Meeting (Closed) in Parlor

12 PM | Monday, Wednesday, Friday

12-Step AA Meeting (Open) in Living Beatitudes Room

12 PM | Wednesday

Healing Prayer Service with Holy Communion

TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant: The Rev. Peter Homeyer

Preacher: Dr. Brenna Seifried

Guest Organist: Jeffrey Powell

Soloist: Janice Harrison

ASL Interpreter: Calli Diehl

Children's Chapel Leader: Jen Sammons

Ushers 8:00am: Linda & Miles Schmidt

Lector 8:00am: John Cloud

Ushers 10:30am: Grey Jones, Terry Murray

Acolyte 10:30am: Elizabeth Blackwell

Lectors 10:30am: Sarah Neiderman, Stephanie Sexton

Eucharistic Ministers 10:30: Elizabeth Blackwell, Lathe Snyder

Vestry Greeter: Lisa Loftin

Production: Dave Knoll

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