September 25, 2022

Pentecost 16 Communion Service

For this service, Christ Church is using BCP 2019 Ancient Renewed Text.

The congregational responses are in **bold italic** print. *Please join us in saying the responses.*

Vision Statement: "Our Culture"

As a church of Jesus Christ, Christ Church Westshore exists to help build a great community for all people through a movement of the gospel that brings personal conversion, discipleship in community, meeting needs in the neighborhood, and cultural renewal / revival to the Westshore and, through it, to the world.

"Know – Grow - Serve!"

Welcome!





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Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

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. Our Lord Jesus Christ said: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31 ESV

Song of Praise

Almost Home

Boswell & Papa

Verse 1 Don't drop a single anchor, We're almost home; Through every toil and danger, We're almost home. How many pilgrim saints have before us gone? No stopping now-we're almost home. Verse 2 The promised land is calling, We're almost home; And not a tear shall fall then, We're almost home. Make ready now your souls, for that kingdom come. No turning back—we're almost home. Chorus Almost home, We're almost home. So, press on t'ward that blessed shore, Oh, praise the Lord! We're almost home. Verse 3 This journey ours together, We're almost home; Unto that great forever, We're almost home. What song anew we'll sing 'round that happy throne. Come faint of heart, We're almost home.

Chorus

Verse 4 This life is just a vapor, We're almost home; That sun is setting yonder, We're almost home. Take courage for this darkness shall break to dawn; Oh, lift your eyes, We're almost home. *Chorus 2X*

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The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.* Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Children's Blessing & Prayer

The 1st Lesson for today is from the book of Acts, Chapter 2, beginning with the 36th verse.

The New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:36 – 47

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

In response to the reading, the Psalm selected for today is Psalm 121 beginning with the 1st verse. Please pray responsively by whole verse.

Psalm 121

- 1. I will lift up my eyes unto the hills; from whence comes my help?
- 2. My help comes from the Lord, who has made heaven and earth.
- 3. He will not let your foot be moved, and he who keeps you will not sleep.
- 4. Behold, he who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5. The Lord himself is your keeper; the Lord is your defense upon your right hand;
- 6. So that the sun shall not burn you by day, neither the moon by night.
- 7. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; indeed, it is he who shall keep your soul.
- 8. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

Sequence Hymn

Speak, O Lord, v. 1

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Verse 1

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes, for your Glory.

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The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sequence Hymn

Speak O Lord, v. 3

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John 4:7 – 26

Verse 3

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo through eternity.And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

The Sermon

Rev. Gene Sherman

The Church & You: "The Essentials"

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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, 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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Mark, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

We remember those that have died in Christ.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

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, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the word of God to all who truly turn to him:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 ESV

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

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

Announcements / Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Benjamin Shackelford Melissa Jackson	9/25 9/26	Sue Hill Taylor Failor	9/28 9/28
Anniversaries:			
Jerry & Tammy Macek	9/27 (25 у	yrs)	
Joe & Beth Iannello	9/28 (20 y	vrs)	
Bob & Cathie Vasko	9/29 (43 y	vrs)	

Question for Week 40

What should we pray?

The New City Catechism

The whole Word of God directs and inspires us in what we should pray, including the prayer Jesus himself taught us.

(Ephesians 3:14-21)

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Offertory

Please stand. **Doxology**

Hymn 380, v. 3

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 HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

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 Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the cross.

Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

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Jesus, Lamb of God



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Before the Throne of God Above

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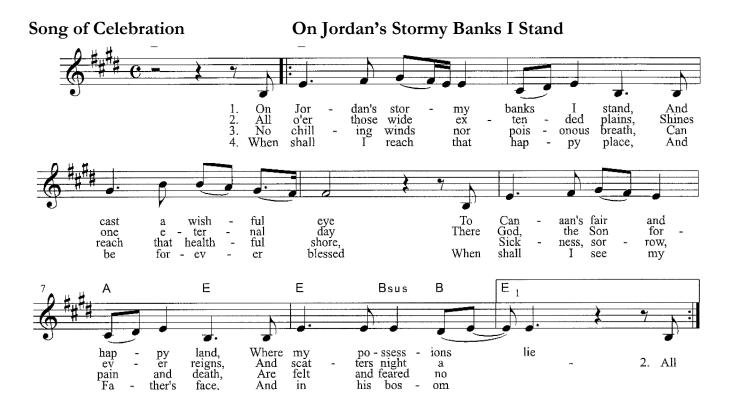
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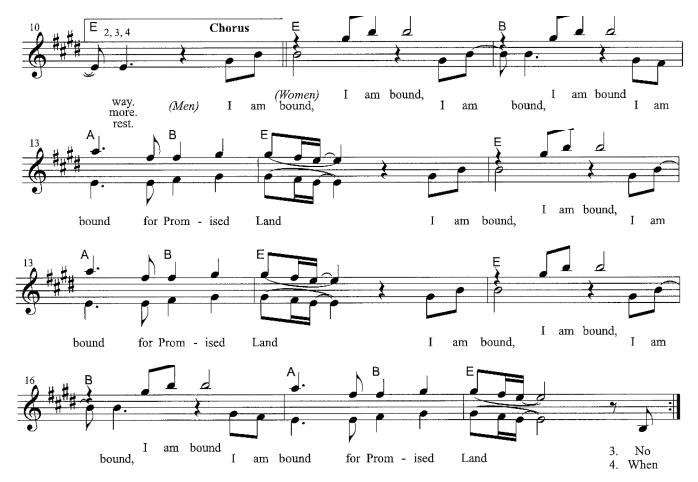
Jesus, Strong & Kind





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Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, 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, Father, 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 forever. Amen.

The Blessing

The people respond: Amen.

Please stand.



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The Dismissal Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. *Thanks be to God.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Home for CCW – Bob Middlemiss, Senior Warden, and Gene invite you to attend the congregational meeting after the 10:30 am service today. They will reveal the building and outline the plans and timeline for moving. You will have the opportunity to ask any questions that you have. The meetings will not be live-streamed. We look forward to seeing you in person!

Salvation Army & CRS Drop Off – Our next drop off is Saturday, Oct. 1st from 10:00 am to noon. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Raising the Standard for Life 2022 – Cornerstone Pregnancy Services is having a **Walk for Life fundraiser** on **Saturday, Oct. 1**st beginning at 9:30 am until noon, starting at their offices (364 Griswold Rd., Elyria, OH). The fundraiser includes a 1-1/2 mile walk, worshipping together, refreshments, etc. We are forming a CCW Team and looking for volunteers/families to join us. It will be a wonderful opportunity to fellowship together, spend some family time, enjoy some exercise, and meet new people! We will share one pledge card. A registration was sent out via Realm to all this week. Please RSVP for the event and include the amount of your donation. There are various ways to donate which will be outlined in the Realm post. Since Roe vs. Wade was overturned, Cornerstone Pregnancy Services has received a huge number of women in need of their services, and they need our help! We are looking forward to a great turnout for this event! Please contact Iris at 847.404.6335 with any questions and/or concerns.

Mark Your Calendars

Sharing 1-2-1 Workshop – Led by Gene Sherman, this workshop will be on Saturday, October 16th from 9:00 am to noon at Anchor and will help you:

- transition conversations from secular to spiritual
- help your friends see the value of investigating Christ
- use the Gospel of John so they will be able to easily investigate the claims of Christ
- introduce them to Christ and help them to begin to follow Him

You will be able to register via Realm as we get closer to the date. Please contact Gene Sherman with any questions or concerns.

Membership Matters – Our next Membership Matters seminar will be held on Friday, November 11th, from 7-9 pm and Saturday morning, November 12th, from 9 am to noon at Anchor Church in Room 7. Completion of this seminar qualifies you to become a member of Christ Church, but in no way obligates you to join. If you choose to become members, you will be confirmed or received by the Bishop during his next visit. You will be able to register via Realm as we get closer to the date.

SAVE THE DATE – The Women's Holiday Luncheon will be on **Saturday, December 3rd** at Sangria Y Tapas (27200 Detroit Road, Westlake, OH), from noon to 2:30 pm. Our guest speaker will be Sue Hill! More details to follow as soon as we get closer to the date!

Do you have FOMO (Fear of Missing Out)?

Are you using Realm Connect to its full capabilities? If you are relying solely on the default that CCW news posted in Realm Connect comes to your email, you are missing a lot! Realm Connect, whether on your mobile devices or on your PC, allows you to respond to group events requesting an RSVP, see your pledge and giving status, view a full calendar of events, and much more! Pick up the Realm Connect user cheat sheet for information and instructions.

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³⁶Let all the house of Israel, therefore, know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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Giving

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God by Sybil Mundy In loving memory of Doris McNeil

2022 Financials

Through Sunday	9/18/2022	
Current Month Budget	\$29,250	
Current Month Actual	\$18,762	
YTD Budget	\$300,475	
YTD Actual	\$294,270	
Annual 2022 Budget	\$430,000	

<u>Attendance for 9/18/2022</u> 8:00 am — 24 10:30 am — 82 Wednesday – 8

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