

Epiphany 6

Communion Service

For this service, Christ Church is using BCP'2019, Anglican Standard Text

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.

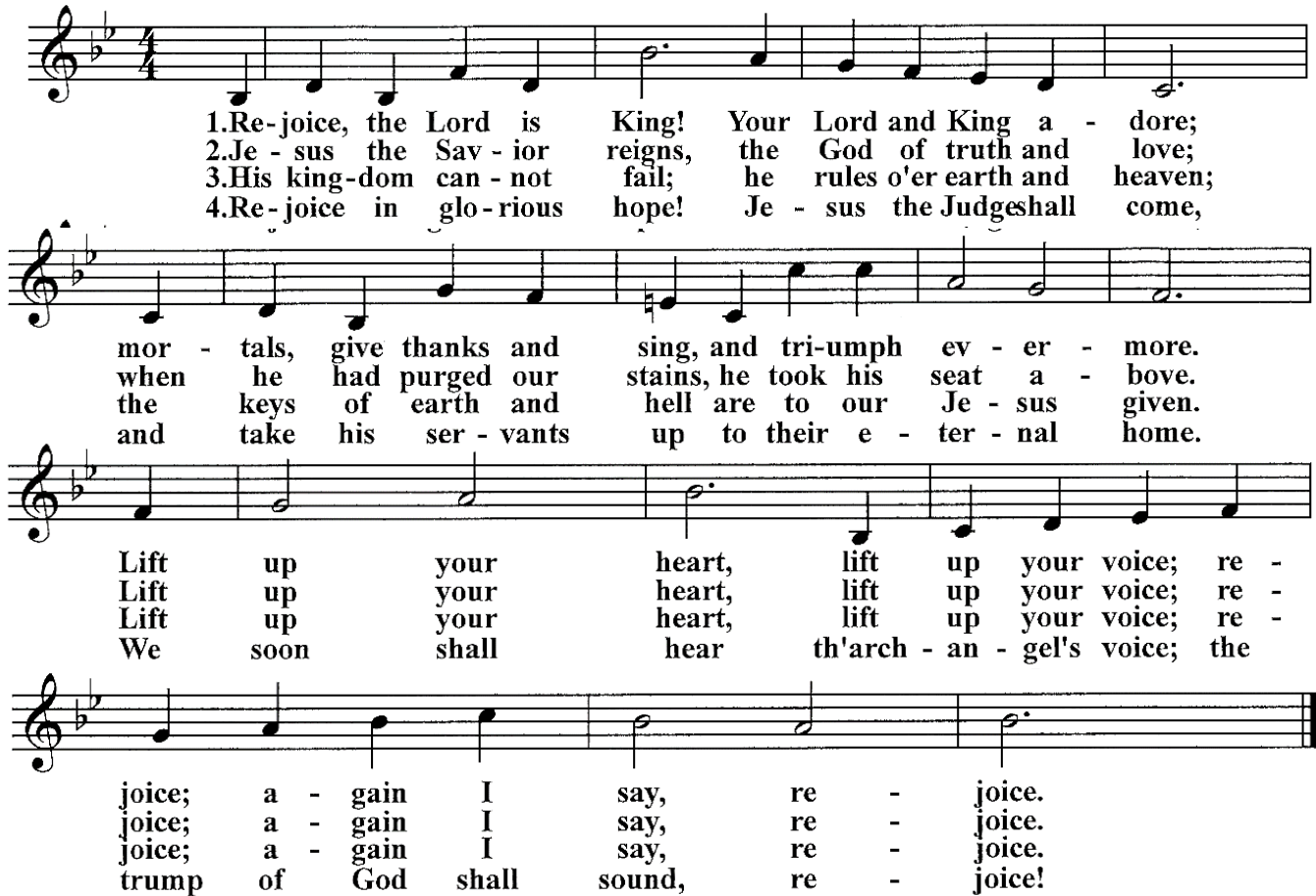
“Know – Grow – Serve!”

Prayer Meeting Dates & Times

Morning Prayer – Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Mid-Day Prayer – 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.

Corporate Prayer – Monday, February 24th at 7:30 p.m.



1. Re-joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore;
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3. His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4. Re-joice in glo - rious hope! Je - sus the Judgeshall come,
 mor - tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 the keys of earth and hell are to our Je - sus given.
 and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -
 We soon shall hear th'arch - an - gel's voice; the
 joyce; a - gain I say, re - joyce.
 joyce; a - gain I say, re - joyce.
 joyce; a - gain I say, re - joyce.
 trump of God shall sound, re - joyce!

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WELCOME

I will make you as a light for the nations.

That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Isaiah 49:6

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.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40 ESV

Song of Praise

My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

Bunting & Kauflin

Verse 1

When the enemy surrounds
And my heart grows faint within,
When the darkness overwhelms
And my fears are pressing in,
I will trust in You, O Lord,
In the silence I will wait,
I will stand upon Your Word.

Chorus 1

You're my solid rock and my salvation,
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

Verse 2

You're my stronghold and my shield,
In the midst of every threat,
Though the wicked never yield,
They will vanish like a breath,
Yes, I know the outcome's sure,
Satan's evil plans will fail,
In Your power I'm secure.

Chorus 2

You're my solid rock and my salvation,
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

You're my comfort when I feel forsaken,
My refuge and my sure foundation,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

Verse 3

This is love I can't explain,
This is mercy unreserved,
Through Your sacrifice so great
I have peace that's undeserved,
For the battle has been won,
And I fear no shame or loss,
Now the sting of death is gone.

Chorus

Tag 2X
Pouring out our hearts before You,
We will trust in You,
Perfect Savior, strong Defender,
We will trust in You.

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The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, ***look mercifully upon your people, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Children's Blessing & Prayer

The people sit.

The Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31 – 34

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33 – 40 *(Please pray responsively by half verse)*

33. Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
34. Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
indeed, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
35. Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for therein is my desire.
36. Incline my heart to your testimonies, *
and not to covetous desires.
37. O turn away my eyes, lest they behold vanity, *
and revive me in your ways.
38. Confirm your word to your servant, *
and to all those who fear you.
39. Take away the reproach that I am afraid of, *
for your judgments are good.
40. Behold, my delight is in your precepts; *
O revive me in your righteousness.

The Epistle

Hebrews 2:14 – 18

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn

Thy Strong Word

Hymn 381, v 1

Verse 1

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness,
At thy speaking, it was done.
For created light we thank thee,
While thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to thee whose light doth send!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

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The people remain standing.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Matthew 5:43 – 48

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sequence Hymn

Thy Strong Word

Hymn 381, v 3

Verse 3

Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous,
Bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to thee whose light doth send!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

The Sermon

Rev. Gene Sherman

We Believe: “What Does the Law of God Require?”

The people stand.

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 people sit.

The Prayers of the People

From the rising of the sun to its setting let us pray to the Lord:

That the people of God in all the world may worship in spirit and in truth:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the church may discover again that unity which is the Father's will:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the nations of the earth may seek after the ways that make for peace:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the whole creation, groaning in travail, may be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for all the blessings of this life.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

February Prayer Focus

Heavenly Father, who revealed your glory through your Son Jesus Christ, reveal in our hearts by the light of that same glory, the ways in which you are calling us to glorify you in thought, word, and deed, that we may be intentional with every moment of our lives, through the power of your Holy Spirit, Amen.

That all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death may rest in peace and rise in glory:
Let us commend the world, to which Christ showed the way, to the mercy and protection of God. **Amen.**

Confession

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, 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:

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

1 Timothy 1:15 ESV

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

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

Announcements / Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays:

John Mack	2/16
Matt Litzler	2/18
David Whalen	2/20

Offertory

The people 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 people remain standing.

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, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who took on our mortal flesh to reveal His glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

Therefore, we praise you joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever 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.

The people sit or stand.

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, Jesus Christ, 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, 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 joy 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, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. Apart from your grace, 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.

Communion Music (*Please join in singing.*)

Jesus, Lamb of God (3X)

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us.

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O Great God

Bob Kauflin



1. O great



God of high-est heav'n, oc-cu - py my low - ly heart. Own it all and reign su -
(2.) blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice, did not know Your love with-



-preme, con-quer ev - 'ry re - bel pow'r. Let no vice or sin re - main that re -
-in, had no taste for heav - en's joys. Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o-pened



-sists Your ho - ly war. You have loved and pur - chased me, make me
up Your word to me through the gos - pel of Your Son, gave me

1. INSTRUMENTAL 1		2.	
E \flat	F ^{sus} F	B \flat	F
B \flat	F Gm ⁷ Cm F ^{sus} F E \flat /F	B \flat	F



Yours for - ev - er more. 2. I was peace.
end - less hope — and



3. Help me now to live a life that's de - pen-dent on Your



grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that — I face. You are



wor - thy to be praised with my ev - 'ry thought and deed. O great God of high - est

1.				2.	
C	C/E	F	G ^{sus} G	C	G
C	C/E	F	G ^{sus} G	C	G



heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name — through me. You are me.

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Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day,
 Christ on the road to Calvary.
 Tried by sinful men, torn, and beaten then,
 nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus

This, the pow'r of the cross:
 Christ became sin for us.
 Took the blame, bore the wrath.
 We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on your face,
 Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
 Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed,
 Crowning your bloodstained brow.

Chorus

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
 Quakes as its maker bows His head.
 Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,
 "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Chorus

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
 For through Your suffering I am free.
 Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
 Won through Your selfless love.

This, the pow'r of the cross:
 Son of God slain for us.
 What a love, what a cost.
 We stand forgiven at the cross.

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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.

The people stand.

Recessional Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymn 657

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788); Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women’s Spring Luncheon Planning Meeting, today February 16th, Directly After Our Service, in the Nave – We are just beginning the planning of the luncheon and volunteers are needed to assist. Ladies, if you are available and would like to help out with this event, please join us. It's a wonderful afternoon of great food, amazing fellowship, wonderful speaker, and fun! We look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – Come enjoy pancakes & sausage with your CCW family **Tuesday, March 4th, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Join in the talent show, line dancing, and cheer the kids on as they race and flip pancakes to win the Golden Skillet. We will need volunteers to either set-up, cook, or tear down. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church for volunteers. If you are available to help, please add your name(s) to the appropriate column. Contact Gene directly for the talent show. Make sure to invite a friend or two for the fun and games!

Ash Wednesday – Our Ash Wednesday Communion services are on **March 5th at 7:30 am, 10:30 am, and 7:30 pm in our sanctuary.** There is also a service at Knickerbocker Apartments (27100 Knickerbocker Road, Bay Village, OH) at 1:00 pm.

Saturday, March 15th, at Bay Presbyterian (215415 Lake Rd., Bay Village – Do you know your love language? Understanding how you and your spouse give and receive love can transform your relationship. We’re thrilled to welcome Dr. Gary Chapman and Dr. Clarence Shuler for the 5 Love Languages marriage conference happening here in a few short weeks. Get practical tools for strengthening your marriage in this one-day class on Saturday, March 15. Spots are filling up fast! Over 30% of tickets are already taken! Don’t miss this opportunity to invest in your relationship. Get your tickets today at baypres.org, click on events, and cursor down to this event for more information or to register online. (Husbands, this wouldn’t be a bad idea for a Valentine’s Day gift.) Please consider inviting a friend or two.

SAVE THE DATE – Please join us for our annual **CCW Women’s Spring Luncheon on April 12th in the Fellowship Hall from noon until 2:30 pm.** Amy Jackson will be our speaker for the event. Details to be announced as soon as they have been finalized. Please call Kristin Hewko at 440-823-4403 with any questions or concerns.

CRS Update – CRS is currently in need of cereal, jams or jellies, hearty soups, snack crackers, canned fruit, apple sauce, Velveeta shells & cheese, & canned meats. In addition, they are completely out of pasta! Donations can be brought to church and placed in the collection area outside the sanctuary.

February Prayer Focus

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Sermon Text: Matthew 5:43 – 48 & Question 7, NCC

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’
⁴⁴But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Question for Week 7

The New City Catechism

What does the law of God require?

Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that **we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves.** What God forbids should never be done and what God commands should always be done.

(Matthew 22:37-40)

And Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the prophets.”

***Children’s answer emboldened**



Giving

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God
by Christ & Nancy Hund
in loving memory of Harry & Virginia Hund,
Doc & Rusty Davis, Rob, and for all of God's blessings including Zara &
Tory, who bring us so much joy!

2025 Cash Requirements

Through Sunday	02/09/2025
<u>Offerings</u>	
Current Month Cash Needs	\$51,983
Current Month Actual Revenues	\$15,147
Current Month Additional Requirements	\$36,836
YTD Cash Need	\$103,966
YTD Actual Revenues	\$73,822
YTD Additional Requirements	\$30,144
2025 Total Cash Requirements	\$623,798

Attendance for 02/9/2025

10:00 am — 98

Wednesday — 6

Online — 39