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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP

Palm Sunday, March 28 – From a Parade to the Passion

Prepare your worship space with palms that will be available outside the East Entrance on Saturday, March 27 after 10:00 AM for those attending Sunday's 9:00 AM online worship.

10:00 AM: In-person Worship: We will begin outside the East Entrance for the Liturgy of the Palms, then process into the nave for the Passion narrative and Eucharist. **You must register to attend in-person worship due to limited seating capacity during the pandemic. To register, Email Kelly Zeller at zellerk0611@gmail.com or call the office at 937-323-8651 by 3:00 PM on Thursday.**

Stations of the Cross: The Way of the Cross

Join the crowds to witness the agony of Holy Week and pray along the way for the needs of the world in the sure and certain hope that God will make all things new. An opportunity will be available any time Monday–Friday of Holy Week to pray the Stations online:

- **Stations of the Cross (traditional)** – Stations that use icons from churches across the diocese and the traditional liturgy from the Book of Occasional Services.

Maundy Thursday, April 1 – “Do this for the remembrance of me”

7:00 PM: In-person and Live Streamed on Facebook–**You must register to attend in-person worship due to limited seating capacity during the pandemic. Email Kelly at zellerk0611@gmail.com or call (937-323-8651) by 3:00 PM Tuesday to register.**

Good Friday, April 2 – Where you there?

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Easter, April 4 – He is Risen!

7:30 AM: Sunrise celebration with Holy Eucharist in the rose garden between the church and Hollenbeck (or more spread out if needed)
9:00 AM: On-line worship
10:00 AM: In-person worship. **Registration is important on this festival day. When registering, give the number of people who will be accompanying you. Register at zellerk0611@gmail.com or call the office at 937-323-8651 by 3:00 PM on Thursday.**



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A NOTE ON RETURNING TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We have all longed for the day when we can return to the church building for worship – to see one another, to pray together, and to join in Holy Eucharist. That day has come, with some changes and precautions to assure the safety of everyone. Dawn Ivy and Angus Randolph have developed a handbook for ushers that follow diocesan safety guidelines. We ask that everyone who is ready to come back inside take your personal responsibility to protect your health and the health of others seriously. We are all aware of the basics – maintain at least 6 feet of distance from others, wear a face mask covering your nose and mouth, wash hands frequently, and stay home if you do not feel well. In addition, we ask that you:

- **Register to attend worship each week.** Register via email at zellerk0611@gmail.com or call the church office at 937-323-8651 by 3:00 PM on Thursday. We are capping attendance at 50 individuals (approximately 25% of our seating capacity).
- **Plan to arrive at church no earlier than 9:45 AM and move directly into the nave to be seated in designated pews.** The online service will be taped in the sanctuary beginning at 9:00, so no one will be admitted before **9:45**.
- Unfortunately we are unable at this time to gather informally before or after services inside the building. **Please exit the building immediately after the service.**

During the service diocesan safety guidelines will be followed for the safe distribution of communion (bread only at this time). Details will be printed in your service bulletins.

We will continue to offer online services as long as they are needed for safety, but probably far into the future as a new way to be part of the Christ Church community. That service will be live at 9:00 AM each Sunday and posted on Facebook for later viewing.

Above all else, we want you to feel safe as we enter this new phase of our lives together. If you have any questions or concerns at all, contact Senior Warden Dawn Ivy at dvivy0960@yahoo.com or Canon Lee Anne Reat at lareat@diosohio.org or 614-214-4236.



Church Staff

All staff are currently working from home as much as possible!

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Your Vestry

Vestry at Large: Bonnie Bingman, Kay Koeninger, Jimmy Ryan, Denise Sharp, Linda Mortensen, Joyce Spangler, and Keith Doubt

Youth Representative: Leeza Wheeler



Confirmation & Reception

We are baptized as Christians; we are confirmed or received as Episcopalians. We make a decision to follow Christ in the context of a particular tradition. Those who were once confirmed in another liturgical tradition are not confirmed, but received into the church.

The Diocese of Southern Ohio is offering confirmation instruction via Zoom for anyone interested in confirmation or reception this spring or simply interested in learning more about the church. The class will be taught on Tuesday in Eastertide from 7 – 8:30 PM and recorded for viewing at other times. To register go to <https://diosohio.wufoo.com/forms/diocesan-confirmation-class-2021/>. It is important to also register your interest with Canon Reat so that you can be accompanied throughout the process by a mentor from Christ Church. Email her at lareat@diosohio.org. Here's what you will learn about in the classes:

April 13 - Faith & Life

April 20 - Church History

April 27 - Episcopal Stories

May 4 - Liturgy, Liturgical Year & Worship

May 11 – Theology

On **Pentecost Sunday, May 23** confirmations will take place throughout the diocese, with one in Dayton in which we will participate. More details on time and location will be announced closer to the event.

Feline-informed Faith

by Heidi Mann



I am the epitome of a “cat lady”: Each of my five felines has taught me a bit about faith. As I settle into bed, Piccolo presses his body tightly against

mine. As I type, Tina sits on my lap, often reaching to rest a paw on my hand (the one on the mouse, of course!). Pumpkin cries persistently, even raising his front legs like toddler arms when he wants to be picked up. Yet, as any cat lover knows, these animals can be stubbornly aloof — at least until mealtime.

My cats' actions make me think about how intentional daily Bible reading is like pressing myself against God. When I see God's presence in nature or someone's kindness, pausing to give thanks is like reaching out to touch God's hand. When I feel needy, I can stretch my spirit toward God's embrace with an honest prayer. And when I make myself aloof — as, alas, I sometimes do — I can rejoice that God's love always calls me back, to nourish me again.



Worship... Offering meaningful, relevant, and welcoming worship in the Episcopal tradition for people of all ages.



**Prayer Services Offered
Wednesdays at Noon**

The Rev. Canon Dr. Lee Anne Reat and Judy Johnson will take turns offering a Noonday Prayer service on Christ Church’s Facebook page(<https://www.facebook.com/christspringfield.org/>) at noon. The Noonday Prayer service’s text is located on p. 103 in the Book of Common Prayer or online at <https://www.bcponline.org>



Calling in Via Telephone for Sunday Worship Audio

Below are instructions for calling in via telephone to listen to the audio of our virtual Sunday morning service.

1. A few minutes before 9:00 AM, call **312-626-6799**. A recording will answer, saying “Welcome to Zoom!”
2. It will ask you to enter your Meeting ID, followed by #. That’s **841 1414 5583#**
3. When asked for your Participant ID Number press #
4. When asked for your password, enter **712122#**

Now you’ll be able to hear our worship!

NOTE: if you don't hear anything right away, don't panic. Sometimes we run a few minutes late, so just hang on and trust that we'll begin as soon as we can.



Revised Common **LECTIONARY**

March				
Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
March 7th	Exodus 20:1-17	19	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
March 14th	Numbers 21:4-9	107:1-3, 17-22	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
March 21st	Jeremiah 31:31-34	51:1-13	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-30
March 28th	Isaiah 50:4-9a	31	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 14:1-15

African Bible Study Wednesday at 7 PM

African Bible Study meets each Wednesday via Google Meet. The African bible study now has a permanent URL for Google Meet for meetings, meet.google.com/nwt-cfge-txd

What is African Bible Study? The approach used is sometimes called African Bible Study, which refers to the method’s origins. It is a very structured, very disciplined, and very meditative approach to learning from scripture. It not only discourages but prevents crosstalk and intellectualizing on a reading. It instead encourages listening to others and ourselves as opposed to talking as a group.

THE FORMAT

Opening Prayer: O Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life,

which you have given us in our savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

Procedure:

1. One person reads passage slowly.
2. Each person identifies the word or phrase that catches their attention. (1 minute)
3. Each shares the word or phrase with the group. (3-5 minutes, NO DISCUSSION)
4. Another person reads the passage slowly (from a different translation, if possible.)
5. Each person identifies where this passage touches their life today. (1 minute)
6. Each shares. (3-5 minutes, NO DISCUSSION)
7. Passage is read a third time (another reader and translation, if possible.)
8. Each person names or writes: “From what I’ve heard and shared, what do I believe God wants me to do or be? Is God inviting me to change in any way?” (5 minutes)
9. Each shares their answer. (5-10 minutes, NO DISCUSSION)
10. Each prays for the person on their right, naming what was shared in other steps. (5 minutes)

Closing: The Lord’s Prayer



- Alan Ladd..... Mar-01
- Rick Everingham..... Mar 1
- Joann Albright..... Mar-02
- Keith Harbaugh..... Mar-03
- Stacy Whitt..... Mar -06
- Cheryl Whipp..... Mar-06
- Bailey Doan..... Mar-07
- Judy McGregor Mar-08
- Doug Smith..... Mar-13
- Wayne Southward Mar-14
- Elisabeth Rigsbee..... Mar-15
- Deb Southward..... Mar-16
- Babs Reed..... Mar-16
- Olivia Chitkara Mar-17

- Ian Shelburne Mar-18
- Traudie Milleck..... Mar-25
- Jennifer Oldstone-MooreMar-27
- Kevin Rigsbee Mar-27
- Lori Swafford..... Mar-27
- Wade Smith..... Mar-28



- Wayne and Deb
SouthwardMarch 15
- Ted and Wendy
DeLong.....March 27

St. Patrick's Day





Outreach... helping to provide the physical, material, social, and spiritual needs in Springfield and beyond

**Reminder from Outreach Team
Member Deb Southward**

Just a REMINDER! Continue to **SAVE PENNIES** for the Warder Literacy CENTER & **SAVE PULL-Tabs** for Dayton Ronald McDonald House. The Warder Literacy CENTER is opening on a limited basis & there will be a growing need for their services given that kids have been out of school (some without access to computers) & will need to play catch up. The Dayton Ronald McDonald House is continuing to be a safe haven for healthcare professionals to rest & relax without exposing their families if they so choose. Not sure when they plan to transition back to families. Rolls/baggies of pennies/pull-tabs can be dropped in the Hollenbeck House mail slot, or returned in the church building when we resume in-person worship. THANKS in advance for everyone's continual support!



Woof! Woof! Purr...
There is a growing need for pet food in our community. If you would like to donate, place your dog food, cat food, or dog

biscuits in the black receptacle in the East Entrance or email Kelly Zeller at zellerk0611@gmail.com to drop it off at the Parish office. Donations will be distributed at the Food Pantry. Hungry cats and dogs and their humans thank you!.



Christ Church on Social Media!

If you're on Facebook go to Christ Episcopal Church's Facebook page and like the page. You'll receive information on upcoming events, learn historical facts, and view beautiful pictures. You will be in the know! If you would like to view the Facebook page and are not on Facebook you can visit Christ Church's web page at christspringfield.org, scroll to the bottom of the home page, click on the small **f** and it will redirect you Christ Church's Facebook page.



EASTER FLOWERS

Easter can be a wonderful time to remember loved ones with a gift to Christ Church for flowers. Fill out this form and place it in the offering plate along with your check, payable to *Christ Episcopal Church*. Please write Easter Flowers on the memo line of the check. The deadline is Sunday, March 21st.

Donor(s): _____

In thanksgiving for: _____

In memory of: _____

Parishioner Amy Zook, upon hearing of Bishop Breidenthal's retirement, sent him a poem in appreciation for his service to the diocese and the greater church. Amy received a very gracious note and a poem in response. The Bishop sent Christ Church Springfield his greetings and said Amy was free to share. Below are Amy's poem to the Bishop and his response.

*In Gratitude for Thomas Breidenthal,
kind shepherd and fierce leader during
his years as Bishop of Southern Ohio...*

Manus Dei

*The diffident beauty of hands
work-worn, well-scrubbed, small,
large, pale or dark, some trembling,
replaces the usual chorus of faces
as priest and deacon move
again and again
across the altar rail, sharing
the mystery of the faith
in sacraments of bread and wine.
Palms opened upward, the lifeline
traced in a curve like moonrise,
fingers slightly curled, some
crooked, some tapering,
blue tracery of veins in the wrist
like rivers stirring under
spring snow—such ordinary beauty.
Recalling his years of ministry
the bishop remembers the hands
more than processions or candles
or the sunlight blazing through
stained-glass windows. Those
who could not sing or teach or
swing a censer could always come,
hands outstretched, and become
equal to every other child of God.*

Amy Jo Schoonover

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To Amy Zook in appreciation...

Fast

*As this communion fast drags on
Presence denied and presence promised
Look less & less the same
Nostalgia yielding to uncertainty
About the life we miss
As in a camera obscura we observe
Our racuous greetings, nursed bitternesses
The glance of shared distaste for an unwanted other
Till weaned from fellowship rubbed thin
Or crazed by hunger for the real thing
We catch the sweet sharp taste
of generous return*

*Tom Breidenthal
10 February 2021*





It's not too late for "Day of Change."

We all got to "spring forward" on March 14, but we didn't get to mark the date in the traditional Christ Church way. **You can still use your change to help change the lives of the hungry in Springfield.** Special baskets for loose change (bills gladly accepted too!) will be beside the offering basket at the front of the Sanctuary at the in-person 10:00 service on March 21st. If you would like to mail in an offering, send a check marked "Pantry" in the notes to Christ Church, 409 East High Street, Springfield, Ohio 45505.