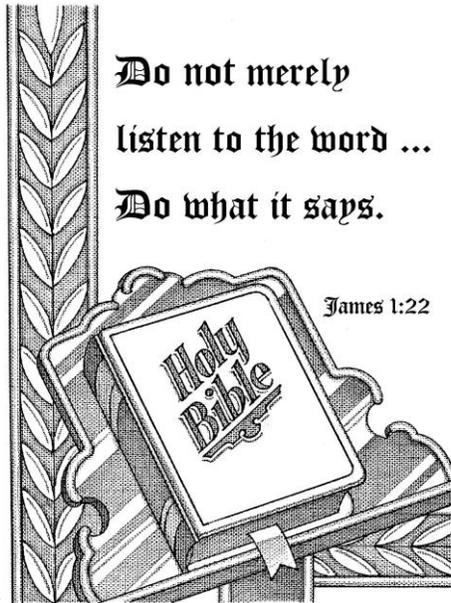


Saint Christopher Episcopal Church
Fairborn, Ohio
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio



Welcome!

Be thoughtful, be silent, and be reverent,
for this is the house of God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord.

During the service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another during fellowship

So we may become friends and be strangers no longer.

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 2, 2018

The Celebration of Morning Prayer

Ten o'clock in the morning

Nursery Care - 10:00 AM

Sunday School class for children, downstairs during the service
& they will come upstairs during the peace.

Enter to Know Christ – Leave to Make Him Known

*~ Hail Guest! We ask not what thou art; If Friend, we greet thee, hand and heart;
If Stranger, such no longer be; If Foe, our love shall conquer thee! ~*

Service of Morning Prayer Rite II

The Prelude

“Arabesque No. 1” by Claude Debussy
Guest Pianist: Melanie Danford

All as are able, standing

The Processional Hymn: # 423 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Opening Sentences

Leader Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People **I was glad when they said to me,”
Let us go to the house of the Lord.”**

Leader Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,

People **and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.**

Confession of Sin

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(In unison)

All as are able, kneeling

**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 neighbor 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.**

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

All as are able, standing

Leader Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen, Alleluia.**

Leader and People

Jubilate Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

**he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Psalm: 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Leader and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen, Alleluia.**

The First ReadingDeuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn # 679 “The First Song of Isaiah” (*Isaiah 12:2-6*)

The Second ReadingJames 1:17-27

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn # 656 “Blest Are the Pure in Heart”

The Third Reading Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Message Cindy Feltz

The Apostles' Creed

Leader and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers *All as are able, kneeling.*

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

Leader and People

**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.**

Suffrage

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Leader

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Leader: I invite your prayers for the needs of the world, our nation and all those on our parish prayer list:

Linda, Betty, Carol, Joanne, Toni, Lynda, Daphne, Florence,
Peggy, Camden, Warren, Frank, Joe, Nikki, Edwin, Jim and Ann,
Paul, Zada, Peg, Judy, Deb, the family and friends of Esther, and for all those who lost their health and freedom through addiction

A Collect for those we love

O Lord, we entrust all those who are dear to us to your never failing care and love, for this life and the life to come; knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Especially we remember this day: children and loved ones, those who have lost their lives to violence, and those who have laid down their lives in the service of their country (6930).

Esther Redington, friend of Ann Foster.

Air Force Staff Sgt. James T. Grotjan // 26, on 7/12/18, of CT

Sgt. 1st Class Reymund R. Transfiguracion // 36, on 8/12/18, of HI

Army Chief Warrant Officer 3 Taylor Galvin // 34, on 8/20/18, of WA

Prayer for the Peace of Christ

Lord Jesus Christ, you have said to your apostles, my peace I give to you, my own peace I leave with you. Regard not our sins but the faith of your church and give to us the peace and unity of the heavenly city where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, One God, now and forever. **Amen**

The Peace

All as are able, standing.

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Prayer for a Birthday

(said in unison)

Watch over your child *N.*, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer for an Anniversary

(said in unison)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who sets the solitary in families: We commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech you, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Moment

Cindy Feltz

Healing Prayers will be offered at the altar rail after the service.

The Offertory

The Music at the Offertory

Music by Guest Pianist: Melanie Danford

All as are able, standing

The Doxology

Hymn #380 vs 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.

The General Thanksgiving *Leader and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom *Leader and People*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them:

Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Leader Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Leader

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Recessional Hymn: #344.....“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

Leader Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude “You’re a Grand Old Flag” by George M. Cohan

Our thanks to Melanie Danford
for the special music for this morning’s service.



The Announcements –

Please take note of the announcements on the following pages.



Sunday Attendance

It is important that we are aware of how many people are in attendance on Sunday. So each month we show the attendance numbers. Remember, statistics indicate that to have a thriving and prosperous congregation, we need to shoot for 100 as the average Sunday attendance.

<u>Sunday Attendance</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
1st Sunday	Easter 131	59	63	56	46
2nd Sunday	47	70	57	47	64
3rd Sunday	56	48	67	61	72
4th Sunday	56	50	51	61	61
5th Sunday	63	n/a	n/a	49	n/a
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>353</u>	<u>227</u>	<u>238</u>	<u>274</u>	<u>243</u>

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ☆ **Altar flowers Sunday September 2** – given by Rick and Millie Roach in Thanksgiving for family and St. Christopher's.
- ☆ **Monday September 3 – Labor Day Holiday** – church office closed.
- ☆ **Thursday September 6** – 7:00 Choir restarts
- ☆ **Sunday September 9** – We will start the new program year with our usual picnic/potluck. Sunday School and Choir will start again September 9th
- ☆ **Weekly Healing Service** – **Tuesdays at noon** a Healing Service is held in the church proper. The service is open to anyone who wants to attend.
- ☆ **Check sign-up sheets** – On the counter in Christopher's Corner there are sign-up sheets for **altar flowers**, sanctuary candles, fellowship, ECW activities, Prayer Chain, etc. ****Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers and/or to host Coffee Hour. Many dates are available!**
- ☆ **OUTREACH** –Remember **Box Tops for Education**. Please continue with donations for FISH; they need shampoo, tooth brushes, cereal, peanut butter, deodorant, toilet paper, sugar, and other Food items. And feed your change to our bank – for 2 cents a meal.
- ☆ **Prayer Concerns:** Please call or email Joyce D'Allessandris to activate the Prayer Chain. e-mail: dallessa@aol.com, phone: 254-0005.
- ☆ **The September Lantern** – will be online at stchristophersfairborn.org. A printed copy is available upon request.
- ☆ We are still collecting used printer cartridges. They can be recycled at the office supply stores. There is a plastic container in Christopher's corner for you to fill!!

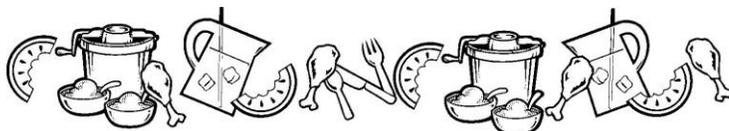


Children's bulletins – There are Activity bags available for children ages 3-6, 7-12; the bulletins relate to service readings for that week. Please keep the bulletins, and return the bags after the service.

Volunteers needed - to help with putting the sign saying up.

We have lost 3 people this year and need help. It's not difficult finding sayings with the books we have and the internet. It helps if you partner up with another person and it only has to be done about 2 months a year. See John Stauffer or Ed Smith for more information.

September Event - Sunday September 9th
St. Christopher's start of our new program year,
including a Picnic/Potluck following the service.



~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

**“Living the Great Commandment by Ministering
to Our Neighbors in Body, Mind and Spirit.”**

Worship Leader	Cindy Feltz
Acolyte	Ed Smith
First Reader	Judy Brainard
Second Reader	John Stauffer
Ushers	James Lester, tbd
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Judy Brainard, Telesa Learn
Nursery	Kopp
Altar Guild	Judy Brainard, Betty Crichton
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