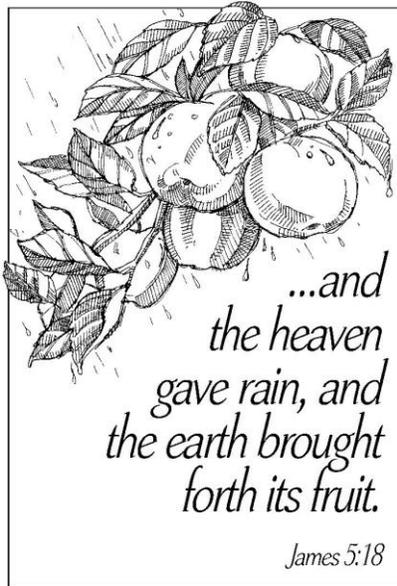


Saint Christopher Episcopal Church
Fairborn, Ohio
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio



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.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 30, 2018

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Ten o'clock in the morning

Sunday School- 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Nursery Care - 10:00 AM

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! ~

The Liturgy of the Word

The Prelude “Wonderful Words of Life” by Philip Bliss

All as are able, standing

The Processional Hymn: # 677 “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity *(in unison)*

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.

The Hymn of Praise “Glory to God” S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

“Glory to God” (Cont.)

you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most
High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the
glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading **Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm: 124 *Nisi quia Dominus*

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

We thank you, O God, that you have provided us with those things that make our lives better—fire for heat, salt for seasoning. We thank you for all of the good gifts we so easily take for granted.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

God our help;

Receive our prayer.

We pray, O God, for all those with whom we share this city. Bring people together. Enable healthy relationships. Help us to be at peace with one another.

Silence

God our help;

Receive our prayer.

Blessed God, as you command us, we pray for those in need of healing and wholeness. Turn their sorrow into gladness and their mourning into holiday. Lord, raise them up in Jesus' name. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

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

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

God our help;

Receive our prayer.

Almighty God, were you not on our side, we would be without hope. But you are our salvation. Grant us entrance into your heavenly kingdom; may we become partakers of your heavenly treasure. 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 (6932).

Silence

God our help;

Receive our prayer.

(The Prayers of the People are adapted from Praying the Scriptures, Litanies for Sunday Worship, by Jeremiah D. Williamson)

The Confession and Absolution

All as are able, kneeling.

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Celebrant stands and says

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 Celebrant proceeds

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 on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

The Sanctus “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” S-129 (sing in unison)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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: (in unison)

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, (sing in unison)

Lord's Prayer: "Our Father" by Melody Kelley

The **Our Father**

Worshipfully Melody Kelley

Our Fa-ther, which art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be Thy Ho-ly
name. Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give our sins as
we for-give oth-ers. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion but de-
liv-er us from e-vil, for Thine is the king-dom and the
pow-er, and the glo-ry for-ev-er, for-ev-er, a-men.

©March 23, 2014 by Melody Kelley. All rights reserved.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of reflective silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem: S 152

Celebrant
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People
There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Administration of Communion *The Celebrant says*

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.

~ All are welcome to the Lord's Table: open to all who come, so all may be fed. ~

The Communion Hymns: # 343..... “Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless”

“It’s Me, It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord” #797 Wonder Love And Praise

It's me, it's me, O Lord, Stand-in' in the need of prayer;—
It's me,

— It's me, it's me, O Lord, Stand-in' in the need of prayer.— **Fine**
It's me,

1. Not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's me, O Lord,
2. Not the preach - er, not the dea - con, but it's me, O Lord,
3. Not my fa - ther, not my moth - er, but it's me, O Lord,
4. Not the stran - ger, not my neigh - bor, but it's me, O Lord,

stand-in' in the need of prayer, not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's
stand-in' in the need of prayer, not the preach - er, not the dea - con, but it's
stand-in' in the need of prayer, not my fa - ther, not my moth - er, but it's
stand-in' in the need of prayer, not the stran - ger, not my neigh - bor, but it's

D.C.
me, O Lord, stand - in' in the need of prayer.
me, O Lord, stand - in' in the need of prayer.
me, O Lord, stand - in' in the need of prayer.
me, O Lord, stand - in' in the need of prayer.

The Post Communion Prayer

All as are able, kneeling.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray

(in unison)

Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Recessional Hymn: #525..... “The Church’s One Foundation” verses 1-3

The Announcements

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

Special Music



ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ❖ **Altar flowers Sunday September 30** – given by The Rev. Gregory and The Rev. Margaret Sammons in gratitude for the people of St. Christopher’s.
- ❖ **Sunday Schedule** –
9:30 – Sunday School Junior/Senior high
10:00 – Eucharist, Sunday School Pre-K through grade 5.
- ❖ **TODAY Sunday September 30** – Fifth Sunday – Salad potluck Coffee Hour
- ❖ **Wednesday October 3** – ECW/M outing to Dayton Foodbank -- carpool from church at 11:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Saturday October 6** - Abiding Christ Lutheran Church is holding their annual **Fairborn Community Health Expo on Sat. Oct 6th**, 10am - 2pm. at Abiding Christ Church - 326 E Dayton Yellow Springs Rd.
- ❖ **Monday October 8** – **Columbus Day Holiday** – church office closed.
- ❖ **Sunday October 14** – at 2 p.m. **Cropwalk**. You can sign up to walk, or support others who are walking
- ❖ **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/M activities, Prayer Chain, etc. ****Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers and/or to host Coffee Hour. Many dates are available!**
- ❖ **Prayer Concerns:** Please call or email Joyce D’Alessandris to activate the Prayer Chain.
e-mail: dallessa@aol.com, phone: 254-0005.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **The October Lantern** – is 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!!

Special Events

***** The Episcopal Church Women/Men group:**

On Wednesday, October 3, we will go to the Dayton Foodbank to assist in one of their projects. We will carpool from the church at 11:30, have lunch at Hickory BBQ at noon and go to the Foodbank at 1. Please sign up.

Abiding Christ Lutheran Church is holding their annual **Fairborn Community Health Expo - Sat. Oct 6th** - 10am - 2pm. at Abiding Christ Church - 326 E Dayton Yellow Springs Rd.

Fairborn CROP Walk

Ending Hunger One Step At A Time

That is the slogan for the CROP Hunger Walks that take place in over 900 communities in the United States.

The Fairborn CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, October 14th. It starts at 2:00 p.m. at Fairborn United Methodist Church, 100 N. Broad Street. Several parishioners are walking and will be looking for sponsors. 25% of the funds raised will stay in Fairborn, going to the local Food Bank. The balance goes to Church World Service to support their programs which include providing safe drinking water; providing seeds, tools and training to help families grow their own food, and providing animals that are a source of income as well as food.

See Gail Stauffer or Rosalie Arnold for more information.

~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

Those Who Serve	
Celebrant	The Rev. Gregory P. Sammons
Worship Leader	David Christmas
Chalice Bearers	Alan Haberecht
Acolyte	Kathy Smith
First Reader	Cindy Feltz
Second Reader	Ron D’Allessandris
Ushers	Iyabo Eguaroje, James Lester
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Andrea and Alan Haberecht
Nursery	Jones
Altar Guild	Judy Brainard, Betty Crichton
Tellers	Rosalie Arnold, Millie Roach
Fellowship	5 th Sunday – Salad Potluck
Director of Music Ministries	Melody Kelley
Organist Emeritus	Connie Klarer
Senior Warden	Deb Snavelly: 937-478-3687 (C)

ST. CHRISTOPHER EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**PO BOX 1026 1501 N. BROAD ST,
FAIRBORN, OHIO 45324-1026**

(937) 878-5614 (Office)

Website: stchristophersfairborn.org

E-Mail: office@stchristophersfairborn.org

THE REV. GREGORY P. SAMMONS, SUPPLY PRIEST

Contact Information: gpsammons@gmail.com

For Pastoral emergencies only (hospitalizations, etc.)

419-350-9518

CHURCH SECRETARY – KAY MITCHELL

OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday, 10 AM to 2 PM