



ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ISLE OF HOPE
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 7, 2026

*We are a welcoming community of faith and love that serves one another
and seeks to draw others to God through our ministries.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Air

Wilbur Held

THE OPENING HYMN

O worship the King, all glorious above

Hymnal #388

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE GLORIA

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y 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,

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.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 229

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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

Genesis 12: 1-9

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is right,*
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But the Lord's will stands fast forever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy

Hymnal #470

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13; 18-26

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.”

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

Litanist Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive. God of grace,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist God of creation, all you have made is yours. Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend. God of grace,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found. God of grace,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need especially those we name aloud or silently within our hearts (*brief silence*). God of grace,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness. God of grace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness. May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own. God of grace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 ABSOLUTION

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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERTORY ON *SIMPLE GIFTS*

DAVID NECHES

**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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

8:00 am – Eucharistic Prayer II – BCP 340

10:00 am - Eucharistic Prayer A – BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, 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, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name,

SANCTUS

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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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

Celebrant 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.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymnal #304

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those unable to take communion today may pray this prayer

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Celebrant In the name of God and of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body as we all share the one bread and the one cup. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

May God, who has led us in the paths of justice and truth, lead us still, and keep us in his ways. **Amen.**

May God, whose Son has loved us and given himself for us, love us still, and establish us in peace. **Amen.**

May God, whose Spirit unites us and fills our hearts with joy, illumine us still, and strengthen us for the years to come. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

Lead on, O King eternal

Hymnal #555

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Gigue

Dieterich Buxtehude

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration and thankful hearts for Lily Lyn Calver on her 4th birthday, by Will and Candice Calver.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Lay Eucharistic Minister: (8:00 am) Chris Conner

(10:00 am) Rick Lantz and Karen Otto

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Bob Lupacchino

Acolytes: Crucifer: Billy Steinhauser

Lectors: (8:00 am) Chris Conner (10:00 am) Jamie McCurry

Ushers: Kurt Hammesfahr and Joe Roberts

Vestry on Duty: Bob Lupacchino

Altar Guild: Donna Dunn, Cathy Joyce, Laura Knarr, Jennifer Pigage

Hospitality: Calver Family

Worship Tech: Tino Aguilar

Nursery: Dianne Jones and Eva Aguilar

Guest Organist: David Neches

Cantors: Emma Reardon & Kaleb Reavis

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS'

Sunday, June 7	9:00 am	Choir Practice
	5:30 pm	AA in CE Building
Monday, June 8	10:00 am	Planning in CE Building
	1:30 pm	Created to Create Arts and Crafts
	6:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, June 10	7:30 am	Unseen Guests Cook
	11:30 am	Healing Service
	2:00 pm	Communion at River's Edge
Friday, June 12	5:30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal & Rehearsal Dinner
Saturday, June 13	5:00 pm	Wedding in the church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tripp will be on vacation through June 11.

3rd Annual United in Song

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church is proud once again to host United in Song, a Summer Hymn Festival, featuring a spectacular combined performance by three of our area's finest choirs: St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, First Baptist Church, and Isle of Hope Methodist Church.

After the event, St. Thomas' will host a reception for over 200 people and we could use help with food donations. Here's how you can help: 8 pork tenderloins (we will marinate and grill), chicken fingers, 2 fruit and cheese trays, 1 vegetable tray, finger sandwiches (specifically tomato and cucumber), shrimp salad, chicken salad, deviled eggs, bite-sized desserts (brownies, cookies, etc.), wine (red and white). We also need help with serving and cleaning up. Please contact Boo McCullough at (912) 657-5091 with what you can contribute and any questions you may have.

June Outreach: Drop Your Change, to Make A Change

Our June Service Project will support Episcopal Relief and Development. One of their many initiatives is to provide safe and clean water to communities around the world. There is a water jug in the parish hall where you can toss your loose change to help us fill the jug – we accept paper money and checks too!

Instant Church Directory

We're updating our membership directory and would like you to make sure the information we have for you and your family is correct. There are four copies of the directory available in the parish hall. Please review one of the copies and make any needed updates or changes. If all of your information is correct, please initial next to your family name so we know it has been reviewed. If you are not currently included in the directory and would like to be, please email admin@stthomasioh.org.

WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS

We're so glad you're here to worship with us. Restrooms are in the Parish Hall and the Christian Education (CE) Building.

Children's faith formation is offered during the 10:00 am service for infants through 5th grade. In the Nursery (ages 0–4), children sing, hear Bible stories, enjoy crafts, play, and have a snack. If you use the nursery, we invite you to bring your child back into the church to receive Communion or a blessing.

Children's Chapel is on hiatus until the fall. During the school year, children are invited to participate in Children's Chapel during the first part of the service. They will process out behind the cross to the CE Building and return to the church at the Peace. Parents and caregivers are always welcome to accompany their child to either the nursery or Children's Chapel. If you have any questions, an usher will be happy to help.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians—of any age or denomination—are welcome to receive Holy Communion. At St. Thomas', we share the common cup. You may either consume the bread and sip from the chalice or hold your bread and dip (intinct) when the chalice comes to you. If you prefer not to receive the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest. If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing.

If you'd like to learn more about our worship or traditions, please feel free to speak with The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr.

We'd love to stay connected—please fill out a visitor card from the pew rack and return it to a member of the clergy or an usher so we can greet you more personally in the days ahead.



If you would like to give electronically towards our offering today or if you are traveling during the year, there are two easy and safe options: through our website at www.stthomasioh.org/give or through Venmo.

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