

We welcome you this morning!
If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us today.

Officiant Rev Chris McCann **October 31, 2021**

Opening Hymn *A mighty fortress is our God* Hymn #688

The people, standing, the Celebrant prays.

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Kyrie

Musical notation for the Kyrie, featuring two staves of music with lyrics: Kyr-i-e, e-le-i-son, Chris-te, e-le-i-son, Kyr-i-e, e-le-i-son, Kyr-i-e, Chris-te.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

(Please sit for the readings)

First Reading Book of Deuteronomy [6:1–9]

Psalm 119:1–8

Second Reading Letter to the Hebrews [9:11–14]

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia*

The Holy Gospel Mark [12:28–34]

Sermon Rev Chris McCann

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Intercessions

Parish Intercession/Prayer List:

- Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop, Arthur and William assisting bishops;
- For the whole world for which Jesus offered himself as a saving source of our reconciliation with God: for all who strive for peace with justice in God's creation. For the Uyghurs; the people of Syria; the people of Myanmar; the people of the holy land

For our civic life; for leaders in government, for all who work for the common good

For the mission of the church, and especially for the ministry of Reconciliation and especially for clergy and congregations as we gather together to wait upon the Lord's and his appearing

For the missionaries in Haiti

In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the Northeast Mission Area.
St. Christopher's by the River Church, Gates Mills, The Rev. Ann Kidder, Rector, The Rev. Lydia K. Bailey, Regional Deacon
St. Hubert's Church, Kirtland Hills, The Rev. Daniel H. Schoonmaker, Rector, The Rev. John H. Hayden, Priest Assistant
Church of the Good Shepherd, Lyndhurst, The Rev. Stephen N. Ashby, Rector, The Rev. Anne M. Pillot, Regional Deacon
St. Bartholomew's Church, Mayfield Village, The Rev. Stephen C.

Lectors: Greg Videtic & Deb Blackley
Organist: Jean Spangler

Today's Readings

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading

Book of Deuteronomy [6:1–9]

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. *The Word of the Lord.*

Psalm

119:1–8

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
who walk in the law of the Lord!

2 Happy are they who observe his decrees *
and seek him with all their hearts!
3 Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.
4 You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.
5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!
6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.
7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
8 I will keep your statutes; *
do not utterly forsake me.

Second Reading

Letter to the Hebrews [9:11–14]

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel

Mark [12:28–34]

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Financial Income Information			
Week of 10/24/21		Year To Date	Budget
Pledges/Non Pledge	\$ 320	\$86,787.75	
Loose Plate	\$ 31	\$936.35	
Memorial	\$100		
Attendance	25 people		

Parishioners and Friends

Our Christmas Program this year will be a revised version of our "Live Nativity" performed a couple of years ago, with modifications to include Al the Amazon Driver. Hence please bring used Amazon boxes, along with any bubble wrap, to church. Our decorations will feature these items, so we could use as many and as much as we can get. Thanks! Cindy Lorenczi

We will be collecting personal care items, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. for those in need. A basket for donations is located in the church entrance. Thank you, Sue Mullet

Metro Food Bank Project

The next Metro Food Bank event will be on **Nov 20, 2021**. Volunteer sign-up online www.stlukechardon.org, in food pantry info.