

We welcome you this morning!

If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us today.

Officiant Rev. Chris McCann **May 2, 2021**

Opening Hymn *Come, we that love the Lord* Hymn #392

The people, standing, the Celebrant prays.

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Gloria S280

Collect Inserted

(Please sit for the readings)

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles [8:26–40]*

Psalm *22:24–30*

Second Reading *First Letter of John [4:7–21]*

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia*

The Holy Gospel *John [15:1–8]*

Sermon Rev. Chris McCann

Prayers of the People

Parish Intercession/Prayer List:

- Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop, Arthur and William assisting bishops;
- For the whole world for which Jesus came to earth in great humility ... for peace with justice for those who have had their lives torn apart through violence and war: for the victims of mass shootings in these United States. For the Uyghurs of China; the people of Syria; the people of Myanmar.

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 whereby God is reconciling the world to God's self in Christ, especially for clergy as they seek to serve under the restrictions and limitations of Covid.

- For all who have asked our prayers: Georgette, Joan, Dave and Suzanne, Martin, George, Donald, Anna, Sandy, Jeannette, Andy, Rose...for all who are distressed and discouraged because of illness,.....and all those we name either silently or aloud
- For the Faithful Departed: Thelma Wise

Confession BCP p. 360

The Peace

Offertory Hymn *Descend, O Spirit, purging flame* Hymn #297

Prayer Over The Gifts

*All things come of thee O Lord.
and of thine own have we given thee.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p 361

Sanctus S130

Lord's Prayer S149

Fraction Sentence

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

baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. *The Word of the Lord.*

Psalm

22:24–30

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
“May your heart live for ever!”
26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.
30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Second Reading

First Letter of John [4:7–21]

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into

the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel

John [15:1–8]

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you

wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Church Financial Income Information			
Week of 04/25/21		Year To Date	Budget
Pledges/Non Pledge	\$ 115	\$43,727.75	
Loose Plate	\$ 41	\$288	
Capital Campaign	\$ 10		
WomenSafe	\$100		
Attendance	25 people		

Metro Food Bank Project

The next Metro Food Bank event will be on **May 15, 2021**. Volunteer sign-up online www.stlukechardon.org, in food pantry info.

Altar Guild

We are looking for people who would be willing to join the altar guild. An internal ministry of the parish, this work is essential in preparing for Sunday morning worship on a weekly basis. Primarily, responsibilities include preparing the elements and the chalice for Holy Communion, and from time to time Altar Guild members also take accumulated linens home for laundering and pressing. Full explanations and demonstrations are available for anyone who wishes to become involved in this important ministry. Please speak to Fr Chris or Cindy Lorenzi.

Chalice Bearers

We are currently refreshing the list of those who would be interested in continuing or who would like to join for the first time, in the ministry of serving the parish as a chalice bearer during Sunday morning worship. Although we are receiving communion in the form of bread only for the time being, chalice bearers are involved in other aspects of Sunday worship, including the process of preparing the Lord's Table for

Communion. In addition, they typically read the first lesson and lead the congregation in the responsive reading of the psalm during worship. From time to time they are asked to share in the work of leading the congregation in the prayers of the people. Full demonstrations and a review of responsibilities is offered by the rector. If you are interested in participating in this essential component of ministry, please speak with the Rector.

Free Covid Test Kits

Geauga County Libraries have free COVID test kits available to the public. These are do-it-yourself but easy to use. All branches and the Administrative Center on Ravenwood have these.

30th Annual Chardon Flea Market Sunday, June 6, 2021

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Friends, I have found a sign that Geauga County is making steps to normalcy: the Chardon Square Association has scheduled the Flea Market this year on Sunday June 6th. Each exhibitor will get a 10 foot x 10 foot space. Remember St. Luke had participated a few years back, I am looking to you all for interest in participating again this year. Maybe you have some items that having been taking up too much space, or have lost their luster, or have lost your interest. If so please consider donating to this project. The area allotted does not have the space normally used for the Trash and Treasure sale, so please keep that in mind. Also, any items not sold at the sale will either be donated or discarded. Please contact me for questions or suggestions. You can call or text 440-221-7821 or email cynthiaatobin@gmail.com.

Thanks for your interest! Cindy Lorencz