

# **Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church**



**THE HOLY EUCHARIST WITH CONFIRMATION**  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 19, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m.**

## **Welcome to St. Barnabas A Community of Encouragement**

*Our mission is to seek and encourage deeper relationships with God and our neighbors, especially through vibrant and spirit-inspired ministries in our communities.*

### **Service Participants**

Bob Krone, Cherry Perlson, & David Batchelder—Lay Eucharistic Ministers  
Kathy Kennedy, Susan Hillhouse, & Deacon Pam Fairley—Altar Guild  
Rebekah Hardison & Satya Rajasingh—Lectors  
Rob Konkol & Jim Fox—Ushers  
Marc Colegrove & Jason Williams — Greeters  
Dave Rucker —Technology  
Clark Crabill—Vestry Person of the Day

### **Altar Flowers**

Given by Chris and Mary Beth Dauner in celebration of their 40th wedding Anniversary.

### **Ordinary Time**

*As we gather, our worship together is marked by the seasons of the year. We are in the season after Pentecost, or as it is sometimes known “Ordinary Time.” It is the longest season of the church year stretching throughout the summer and fall. It is a season for growing in our faith and giving thanks for all the ways that God is present in our lives and all of creation. Take time as we begin worship to reflect on what you are grateful for in this season.*

*It is our hope and prayer that your life and relationship with God will be enriched by your worship with us today. If you are visiting with us today and would like to learn more about Saint Barnabas, we encourage you to fill out a yellow card in the pew (or online at <https://www.st-barnabas.org/newcomers>) and let us know how we can stay in touch with you. We look forward to getting to know you.*

### **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

*For this week’s announcements, updates, and upcoming events, check out our weekly newsletter by scanning the QR code below or visiting:  
[www.st-barnabas.org/ministry-matters](http://www.st-barnabas.org/ministry-matters)*



PRELUDE

Michael Chertock

OPENING HYMN 376 — Joyful, Joyful

*Hymn to Joy*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

BAPTISMAL ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* There is one body and one Spirit;

*People:* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant:* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People:* **One God and Father of all.**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR & SUNDAY SCHOOL ANTHEM

Let Your Light Shine

*Mary McDonald*

THE COLLECT

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The people are seated for the lessons and psalm.*

THE FIRST LESSON— Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam

from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

## THE SECOND LESSON—1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand and remain standing for the Gospel.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 636 — How Firm a Foundation

*Foundation*

THE GOSPEL — Matthew 25:14-30

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Nedi Rivera  
Assistant Bishop of Southern Ohio

## CONFIRMATION

*Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ by a solemn, public reaffirmation of our Baptismal promises, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.*

### PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*The congregation remains seated during the presentations.*

*Bishop:* The Candidates will now be presented.

*Presenters:* I present *N.* for Confirmation.

*The Bishop then asks the candidates:*

*Bishop:* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidate:* I do.

*Bishop:* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidate:* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*All stand, as able. The Bishop addresses the entire Congregation:*

*Bishop:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power support them in their life in Christ?

*People:* **We will.**

### THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Bishop:* Let us join with those who are committing to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*Bishop:* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Bishop:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People:* **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.**

*Bishop:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People:* **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.**

*Bishop:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Let us now pray for the candidates who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*Leader:* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Then the Bishop says:*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit, you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## LAYING ON OF HANDS

*The Bishop invites candidates forward. The Congregation may be seated.*

*For confirmation*

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says:*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant, *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *her* for your service; and sustain *her* all the days of *her* life. **Amen.**

*For reception*

*N.*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer:*

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are seated.*



# The Welcome and Offertory Sentence

Birthdays and Anniversaries

OFFERTORY ANTHEM — Thy Word is a Lantern

*Franklin Ashdown*

THE PRESENTATION HYMN 400 v. 7

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

*The people stand to sing the hymn and remain standing for the Great Thanksgiving*

**Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,**

**O praise him, Alleluia!**

**Praise God the Father, praise the Son,**

**And praise the Spirit, Three in One:**

**O praise him, O praise him,**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please come forward to one of the communion stations to receive the bread, wine, or a blessing. You may receive wine by drinking from the chalice or by intinction (dipping) the bread in the chalice. The gold chalices are for intinction, and the silver chalice in the center is for those who wish to drink from the chalice. You may also receive just the bread. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – PRAYER 1

Enriching Our Worship

*The People remain standing*

**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 God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then the Celebrant continues,*

Blessed are you gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life, You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said; "Take, eat; This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, and all your saints, past, present and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD S155

*Near*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All who seek God are welcome at Christ's table.*

### COMMUNION HYMN 325 — Let Us Break Bread Together

*Let us Break Bread*

### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant and People:*

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant blesses the congregation.*

**All respond: Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN 529 — In Christ There is No East of West

*McKee*

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon dismisses the people.*

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

Michael Chertock

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The Reverend Pam Fairley, Deacon  
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