

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit
Lebanon, New Jersey
Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

8am & 10am



The Mission of Church of the Holy Spirit is to become like Christ
as we serve others, proclaim God's love, and grow in the Spirit

Dear Beloved Child of God,

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, know that you are loved, and welcome to participate in as much of the service as you would like.

In general, the congregation sits to listen, stands to proclaim, and kneels to pray, but we recognize that not all bodies move in the same way, and that God loves all bodies, so move as is most comfortable for you. If you have any questions, please ask a greeter or a neighbor to help (in the course of the service) or the priest (after the service).

Christians have gathered here to worship, learn, and serve God since 1970. We are an Episcopal parish, part of The Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey, The Right Rev. Sally French is our Bishop, and The Rev. Kimberly Reinholz (Mother Kim) is our rector.

We use The Book of Common Prayer as well as other approved hymnals and resources in planning worship. Your being here today helps us live our mission, and we hope this service provides solace, nourishment, and strength for your journey. If you are interested in learning more about this community, the denomination, or our understanding of being followers of Christ, please sign the guestbook, and a representative of the congregation will be in touch with you soon.

For more information, visit our website www.churchholyspirit.org and @chslebanon on Facebook and Instagram. If you'd like to arrange a meeting or visit, please reach out directly, call the church office, call or text our rector at 908-437-8209, or email rector@churchholyspirit.net to make arrangements.

Thank you for joining us,
In peace,

The Clergy, Vestry, Wardens, and Members of the Church of the Holy Spirit.

All services are live-streamed on social media-
if you would like to remain off camera for any reason, please speak to an usher to
find out where the camera-free zones are located
Restrooms are located through the green double doors,
down the hall from Dove Hall.
There are diaper changing tables in both facilities.

Rite I * 8 am Service BCP 323

The Liturgy of the Word

Gathering Hymn * Hymnal 518 * Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation

The Word of God * BCP 323

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Gloria * BCP 324 * Glory be to God on high,

The Collect of the Day and the Lessons * (Pages 6-8)

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed * BCP 326

The Prayers of the People * BCP 387 * Form III

The Confession and Absolution * BCP 331-2

The Peace * BCP 332

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

People: And with thy spirit.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (*Ephesians 5:2*).

Offertory Hymn * Hymnal 525 * The Church's One Foundation

The Doxology

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving* Eucharistic Prayer II * BCP 340

Sanctus * BCP 341 * Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Hosts,

The Lord's Prayer * BCP 336

The Breaking of the Bread * BCP 337

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The Gifts of God.
People: For the people of God.

*Sacrament is distributed at the station in front of the altar.
If you cannot come forward, let the usher know, and communion will be brought to you.
To receive, put out your hands for the bread and either dip or sip the wine.
To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.*

Eucharist continues * BCP 339

Blessing of Those Who Offer the Lessons and Intercessions (

Easter Blessing (Page 11)

Missional Hymn * Hymnal 484 *

Dismissal * BCP 340

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Rite II * 10am Service * BCP 355

The Liturgy of the Word

Gathering Hymn * Hymnal 518 * Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation

The Word of God * BCP 355

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Gloria * Hymnal S 278 * BCP 356

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;*

*you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect of the Day * BCP 222

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

The Lessons

First Reading * Acts 7:55-60

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Acts.

People: Speak Lord, for your servants are listening.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Let it be unto us according to your Word.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

The Psalm will be read responsively in half-verses. The reader will read the first half, and the congregation will read the part after the asterisk.

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

Epistle * First Peter 2:2-10

Reader: A Reading from the First letter to Peter.

People: Speak Lord, for your servants are listening.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as

they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Let it be unto us according to your Word.

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Processional * Hymnal 184 * Christ The Lord Is Risen Again * v. 1-2

Gospel * John 14:1-14

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Recessional * Hymnal 184 * Christ The Lord Is Risen Again * v.3

Sermon

The Nicene Creed * BCP 358

The Prayers of the People * BCP 387 * Form III

The Confession and Absolution * BCP 360

The Peace * BCP 360

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

People: And also with you.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory sentence

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (*Ephesians 5:2*).

Offertory Hymn * Hymnal 525 * The Church's One Foundation

Doxology * Hymnal 43 v.4 * Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Please stand as the offerings are presented.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creature here below;

praise him, above ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer * Form 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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: (continues)... and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus * BCP 362 * S 125 * Holy, Holy, Holy

ALL: *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.

Celebrant: (continues) ...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

The Lord's Prayer * BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread* BCP 364

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God.

People: *For the people of God.*

Sacrament is distributed at the station in front of the altar.

If you cannot come forward, let the usher know, and we will bring communion to you.

To receive, put out your hands for the bread and either dip or sip the wine.

To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn * Hymnal 487 * Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Eucharistic Prayer continues * BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

ALL: *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.*

Blessing of those who Offer the Lessons and Intercessions

Celebrant: I present these persons who minister in this congregation as Lay Readers.

People: *There are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone.*

Celebrant: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly:

All: *Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*Silence.*) Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O Lord, to be Lay Readers in your Church; and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that, seeking your glory and the

salvation of souls, they may minister your Word with steadfast devotion, and by the constancy of their faith and the innocency of their lives may adorn in all things the doctrine of Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns for ever and ever..

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Lay Readers in this parish.

All: **Amen.**

Please stand.

Easter Blessing

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

Announcements

Missional Hymn * CHS Hymnal 484 * Praise The Lord Through Every Nation`

Dismissal * BCP 366

Celebrant: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: *Thank be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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The rose on the altar is in Thanksgiving for the birth of Dara Caspian Andrews, born on Wednesday April 29th, a second grandchild for Beth and John Andrews

Welcome to Church of the Holy Spirit– Please introduce yourselves to our clergy, greeters, or any of the Lay Ministers. Join us for coffee and conversation in the Narthex after the service.

Remember to wear your name tags to refresh memories and encourage learning one another’s names.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday– Lectio Divina at 9:30 am - Burton Chapel

PENTECOST HAPPENINGS

Like a Flame Please note that on Sunday, May 24, we will have **one service at 9 am** to bring the entire congregation together to celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit. This is your “to do list” for Pentecost:

- _ Wear flame colors (red, yellow, orange) and comfortable shoes
- _ Bring a candle from home (unscented)
- _ Plan to stay for cake to celebrate the birthday of the church

FROM THE RECTOR - Please save my contact information on your devices so you can easily check for scams and also reach me in case of a pastoral emergency. My cell phone number is 908-437-8209. My email is motherkimchs@gmail.com or rector@churchholyspirit.org.

I will be out of town for vacation from June 29 to July 14 and August 3 to 14. There will be supply clergy scheduled on Sunday as they are available, and if there is an emergency during this time, please contact Senior Warden Diane H.

FELLOWSHIP

Recognizing Graduates - If there is any member of your household, family, or the larger community who you would like to celebrate in the “Class of 2026,” we would love to remember and celebrate their accomplishments. Whether graduation means passing the bar or managing to climb the monkey bars, the Church of the Holy Spirit will include you in a special blessing during worship on Sunday June 28, 2026. If you would like to celebrate someone you love (even if they are not a member of this congregation) with a card and blessing from the congregation simply email to Mother Kim at motherkimchs@gmail.com and in the message include the Graduate’s name, mailing address, where they are graduating from, and any other information that you’d care to share. IE- Jane Doe, 123 Main St, St Swithens, NJ 12345, Rutgers University, BS Biology- this is my niece, John Smith.

Parish Picnic - Will be held on May 31, 2026 – Watch for information about this event, the activities, location, time and what to bring and what not to bring. Weather permitting, we will be outside so dress comfortably.

WORSHIP

Feast of the Ascension- The only feast of the church year that never falls on a Sunday is the day on which Jesus Ascended into heaven. This year the feast falls on Thursday May 14th. Mother Kim will be at a diocesan meeting all day so there will not be Holy Eucharist offered at CHS. Some ways to observe this feast either alone or in small groups include going for a hike to a high place, praying the rosary, practice lectio divina, spending time watching clouds or star gazing, listen to this Ascension Day [playlist](#) on Spotify, read the lectionary readings for the day linked below.

[Acts 1:1-11](#) [Ephesians 1:15-23](#) [Luke 24:44-53](#) [Psalm 47](#) [Psalm 93](#) |

Altar Guild work day on **May 16th from 10 am to 12 noon**. Thank you to those who expressed interest in serving behind the scenes last week. Next steps for supporting these aspects of worship include testing a new bread recipe and adding a new person to the baking team. If you would care to join and learn more, let Mother Kim know. The interest sheets for Greeting, Tech Team, Altar Guild, and Baking are still in the narthex.

Acolyte Training will be held on Sunday, May 17th, after the 10 am service. All those interested in learning more and possibly serving in any of these roles are invited to join us. We will fit all altar servers with robes and ropes (cinctures), practice carrying the cross, candles, ringing bells, setting the altar, and handling the gospel book. We may even get a chance to start fires and practice swinging smoke if there is time. All are welcome- attending training does not mean you are committing to serve it just means you are learning about this role.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in serving at the altar as a server or as a Eucharistic visitor and are not currently licensed, please contact Mother Kim as soon as possible. She would like to arrange a training for this ministerial role before the summer, if possible.

Prayer List- There are two ways to include folks in this community's prayers. You can add a name to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning by printing the name or concern neatly on the prayer sheet in the gathering space (narthex). You can also share a prayer request with the prayer team at any time through the prayerrequests@churchholyspirit.net

FORMATION

Today, grab a cup of coffee and gather in the narthex between services with Michelle Marlow and Gary Scott to have a conversation about their experiences with the Open Cupboard and food insecurity in Hunterdon County.

Children's Formation

During the remaining weeks of Easter and Pentecost, the children will be decorating bags for meals to be distributed by Meals on Wheels.

We are planning the 2026-2027 program year for children. We have three seasons, each planned by a different volunteer coordinator. If you have ideas about projects or opportunities for children to learn to love and serve the Lord that relate to either the liturgical year, the lectionary, or our missions to feed, clothe, and welcome, be in touch with Mother Kim, and she will connect you with the appropriate individual.

Books and Bagels Rescheduled for **MAY 17th**. We will meet after the 10 am service in the St Martin's Room today to discuss **Horses** by Geraldine Brooks. If you borrowed a book from the Library through CHS make sure to return your copy.

Episcopal Pride Film Series- For the month of June, we will be hosting a series of conversations about the lives of LGBTQIA+ Episcopalians. You can watch the films on your own, or, if you cannot access the listed streaming platforms, contact Mother Kim to find a time to watch them at CHS.

- **June 7: Matt Shepherd is a Friend of Mine** – Mother Kim, Facilitator. (Runtime 1 hr. and 29 minutes) Free Streaming on YouTube OR Rent on Apple TV
- **June 14: For The Bible Tells Me So - Wendy Hallstrom, Facilitator** (Runtime 1 hr. 35 minutes) Free Streaming on Kanopy (From Public Library) OR Rent on Apple TV
- **June 21: My Name is Pauli Murray** – The Rev. Ayden Patrone, Facilitator (Runtime 1 hr. 31 minutes) Streaming on Amazon Prime Video

OUTREACH/RELATIONSHIPS

Calling all Golfers—Fundraiser for Open Cupboard –
First Annual Golf Outing at High Bridge Golf Course— Monday June 1st—Registration includes 18 holes + cart; lunch and drinks; contests and prizes.

Feed the Hungry- The Youth Group hosted their spaghetti dinner fundraiser last night. This was a brilliant event, and they hope to make it an annual occurrence. The Holy Spirit gave us a calendar nod too as through no planning on our part-- Today, the Episcopal Community Service, NJ's diocesan ministry, is asking all in the Diocese to consider, discuss, and promote opportunities to serve. Their theme for 2026 is Setting a Table Where All are Fed.

Donations to OCFP are needed and every item you donate makes a big difference. Donate food items, ShopRite gift cards, checks. Hunger never stops.

Clothe the Naked -

Linus Blankets- The fleece tie blankets that the children have made this year have been delivered to the Hunterdon-Warren chapter of Project Linus in Bloomsbury. What a brilliant way to provide comfort to children. Demonstrating that we love them and God loves them more.

Knitters and crocheters have continued to create cowls, scarves, and hats for seafarers, and we are planning a trip to the Seamen's Church Institute in Newark near "Christmas in July" to deliver more items. If you would be interested in participating in this trip, email Mother Kim.

Welcome the Stranger- As we continue to develop our ministry and missions around the concerns discussed at the Annual Meeting we are looking for ideas of what it means to welcome the stranger this summer we will be having a series of conversations about films that look at the LGBTQIA+ experience and the Episcopal Church.

YOUTH GROUP - The youth group thanks Kings and Shop Rite for their donations, which provided the ingredients, supplies and dessert for last night's spaghetti dinner.

FROM THE VESTRY

At April's Vestry meeting, we discussed stewardship and agreed to use the 2026 The Episcopal Network of Stewardship (TENS) campaign. We are working to establish a stewardship committee for the coming year.

The vestry also agreed to give \$200.00 to the Episcopal Community Services, a diocesan ministry which CHS help fund, as well as the non-pledge offerings collected on Sunday, May 3,

Finally, we discussed and reviewed the Good Friday Day of service and next steps in our discernment and shift from volunteering to ministry.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Celebrant	The Rev. Kimberly Reinholz	
Music	Alexei Tartakovski	
Altar Guild	Cecile Bulcha	
Tech Team	John Rollins, Jan Paxton	
Counters	Rich Southwick, Larry Robinson	
Coffee Hour	Chris Hanneken	
	8am	10am
Greeters	Carol Crawford-Jones	Rich Southwick, John Higgins
Readers	Judy Linger	John Rollins, Jane Paradiso
LEM	John Andrews	Jane and Jeff Anderson
Crucifer/Acolyte	-----	Chloe Shive
Children's Formation	-----	Susan Kane Elizabeth Van Veldhuisen
Announcements	Diane Hrozencik	Rich Southwick

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

May 10 th – Recognizing Ministry	10am	Recognition of Musicians
Sunday May 24 th	All Day	Pentecost – Red is the color of the day.
Sunday May 31 st	11:30am	CHS Picnic
Sunday, June 28 th	8 & 10am	Recognition Formation Ministries, including Children and Youth; Class of 2026 across all platforms
Friday July 10 th	7pm	Somerset Patriots Ball Game
Saturday Oct 3 rd	5pm	Annual Service Auction
1 st Sunday	8 & 10am	Birthdays/Anniversaries
2 nd Sunday	8 & 10am	Got Change
2 nd and 4 th Mondays	6:30pm	Sangha Meditation
Every Tuesday	7am	Bible Study @ Spinning Wheel
Every Tuesday	9:30am	Lectio Divina
1 st Wednesday	1-3pm	Knit 'n Chat
1 st Thursday, 3 rd Sunday		Bell Choir
2 nd Thursday	6:00pm	Choir Dinner/Rehearsal
3 rd Thursday	7pm	Vestry Meeting