

U2Charist

August 2, 2026
Dublin Irish Festival
Dublin, Ohio

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church



*Almighty and most merciful God,
you commanded us to offer food to the hungry and
satisfy the needs of the afflicted;
Grant that your holy and life giving spirit
may so move every human heart
that following in the steps of your blessed Son
we may give of ourselves in the service of others
until poverty and hunger cease in all the world
and all things are reconciled in the reign of Christ. Amen.*

About the Service

This U2charist is a communion service using the music of U2 as the hymns. The band U2 is from Ireland, and their music is laced through with biblical and religious themes. U2 allows churches to use their music as long as all donations go to support the Millennium Development Goals. Our donations today will go to the Dublin Food Pantry.



The U2charist began almost 20 years ago with Episcopal churches that discovered the link between so many of the lyrics of U2 songs and the message of the Gospel. For our service today, we will be using the following songs:

The opening hymn is *It's a Beautiful Day*, and today is a beautiful day!

Our Psalm is U2's version of Psalm 40.

The gradual hymn is *I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For*: a song about the search for meaning in life.

The offertory hymn is *Where the Streets Have No Name*, because that is where God calls us to ministry, even in the remote areas of need around the world.

Communion hymns are *Yahweh* and *Ordinary Love*, written for the film *Mandela-Long Walk to Freedom*.

The closing hymn is *Pride (In the Name of Love)*, a song about martyrs, specifically Jesus and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

Opening Hymn—*It's a Beautiful Day*

The heart is a bloom, shoots up through stony ground
But there's no room, no space to rent in this town
You're out of luck and the reason that you had to care,
The traffic is stuck and you're not moving anywhere.
You thought you'd found a friend to take you out of this place
Someone you could lend a hand in return for grace.

It's a beautiful day; Sky falls, you feel like
It's a beautiful day; Don't let it get away

You're on the road but you've got no destination
You're in the mud, in the maze of her imagination
You love this town even if it doesn't ring true
You've been all over and it's been all over you

It's a beautiful day; Don't let it get away
It's a beautiful day! Don't let it get away

Touch me' take me to that other place
Teach me; I know I'm not a hopeless case

See the world in green and blue
See China right in front of you
See the canyons broken by a cloud
See the tuna fleets clearing the sea out
See the Bedouin fires at night
See the oil fields at first light
See the bird with a leaf in her mouth
After the flood all the colors came out

It was a beautiful day; Don't let it get away
A beautiful day; Don't let it get away

Touch me; take me to that other place
Reach me; I know I'm not a hopeless case

What you don't have, you don't need it now
What you don't know, you can feel it somehow
What you don't have, you don't need it now
You don't need it now
Was a Beautiful day

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church;
and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect
and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from the book of Isaiah 55:1-5

Thus says the Lord:

"Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40

I waited patiently for the Lord
He inclined and heard my cry
He lifted me up out of the pit
Out of the miry clay
I will sing – sing a new song
I will sing – sing a new song
How long to sing this song?
How long to sing this song?
How long – how long,
How long – how long
To sing this song

He set my feet upon a rock
And made my footsteps firm
Many will see, many will see and hear
I will sing – sing a new song
I will sing – sing a new song
How long to sing this song?
How long to sing this song?
How long – how long,
How long – how long
To sing this song

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn—*I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For*

I have climbed highest mountains
I have run through the fields
Only to be with you
Only to be with you

I have run
I have crawled
I have scaled these city walls
These city walls
Only to be with you

But I still haven't found what I'm looking for
But I still haven't found what I'm looking for
I have kissed honey lips
Felt the healing in her fingertips
It burned like a fire
This burning desire

I have spoke with the tongue of angels
I have held the hand of a devil
It was warm in the night
I was cold as a stone

But I still haven't found what I'm looking for
But I still haven't found what I'm looking for
I believe in the Kingdom Come
Then all the colors will bleed into one
Bleed into one
But yes I'm still running

You broke the bonds
And you loosed the chains
Carried the cross
Of my shame
Oh my shame
You know I believe it
But I still haven't found what I'm looking for
But I still haven't found what I'm looking for
But I still haven't found what I'm looking for

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

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

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Jason Emerson

All stand.

The Nicene Creed

**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.

Prayers of the People

Comfort us, gracious God in our anxiety and worry, and grant us such rest and renewal that we may be strengthened to share in your reconciling and healing work of bringing peace to the world, as we pray: You are our God;

Our savior and the rock of our salvation.

Your Church has been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus as the cornerstone: Break down the dividing walls within your Body and be our peace, that we may act no longer as strangers and aliens but as citizens with the saints and all the members of the household of God. You are our God;

Our savior and the rock of our salvation.

Give us rest from all our enemies and guide our leaders to be instruments of peace to those who are far off and to those who are near. You are our God;

Our savior and the rock of our salvation.

Bring your reconciling love and infinite peace to all who suffer from any trouble or injustice throughout the world, that they may be touched by your healing presence. You are our God;
Our savior and the rock of our salvation.

Let your faithfulness and love be with us and among all with whom we live, that no one shall be a stranger or alien, but everyone may live together in your new humanity. You are our God;
Our savior and the rock of our salvation.

Touch with your healing grace all who are sick, anxious or fearful. You are our God;
Our savior and the rock of our salvation.

You have promised that you will not take your love from your people, let those who have died rest in your love and be given an eternal name. You are our God;
Our savior and the rock of our salvation.

Celebrant concludes with this Collect.

You are our peace, O God: Give us renewing rest that we may rise daily to share in your healing and reconciling work, through Jesus Christ our Ruler and Shepherd, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Offertory Hymn—Where the Streets Have No Name

I wanna run
I want to hide
I wanna tear down the walls
That hold me inside
I wanna reach out
And touch the flame
Where the streets have no name

I want to feel
Sunlight on my face
I see the dust cloud disappear
Without a trace
I want to take shelter from the poison rain
Where the streets have no name

Where the streets have no name
Where the streets have no name
We're still building
Then burning down love
Burning down love
And when I go there
I go there with you
It's all I can do

The city's aflood
And our love turns to rust
We're beaten and blown by the wind
Trampled in dust
I'll show you a place
High on a desert plain
Where the streets have no name
Where the streets have no name
Where the streets have no name
We're still building
Then burning down love
Burning down love
And when I go there
I go there with you
It's all I can do
Our love turns to rust
We're beaten and blown by the wind
Blown by the wind
Oh, and I see our love
See our love turn to rust
Oh, we're beaten and blown by the wind
Blown by the wind
Oh, when I go there
I go there with you
It's all I can do

The offering this morning will be donated to the Dublin Food Pantry to assist in its efforts to combat poverty in our own neighborhood. Checks may be made out to The Dublin Food Pantry.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Presider
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.
For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Presider and People

**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.**

Presider
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into 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 disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper 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 shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.
AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

Please proceed to the communion station nearest you.

If you choose to take communion, you may do so in several ways:

- *Consume the bread first and then sip from the cup.*
- *Intinction is strongly discouraged however if you choose to intinct, please simply leave the wafer in your hands. The chalice bearer will dip the wafer for you then hand it back to you.*
- *Communion in one kind, or both, is acceptable. If you prefer to not receive the wine, please return to your seat after receiving the bread.*
- *If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your hands over your chest as a signal to the ministers.*
- *For gluten free wafers, please go to Fr. Jason's station.
Rev. Stefi will not have gluten free wafers.*

Communion Hymns

Yahweh

Take these shoes
Click-clacking down some dead end street
Take these shoes
And make them fit
Take this shirt
Polyester white trash made in nowhere
Take this shirt
And make it clean, clean

Take this soul
Stranded in some skin and bones
Take this soul
And make it sing, sing
Yahweh, Yahweh
Always pain before a child is born
Yahweh, Yahweh
Still, I'm waiting for the dawn

Take these hands
Teach them what to carry
Take these hands
Don't make a fist, no
Take this mouth
So quick to criticize
Take this mouth
Give it a kiss

Yahweh, Yahweh
Always pain before the child is born
Yahweh, Yahweh
Still, I'm waiting for the dawn
Still waiting for the dawn, the sun is coming up
The sun is coming up on the ocean
This love is like a drop in the ocean
This love is like a drop in the ocean

Yahweh, Yahweh
Always pain before a child is born
Yahweh, tell me now
Why the dark before the dawn?
Take this city
A city should be shining on a hill
Take this city
If it be your will
What no man can own, no man can take
Take this heart
Take this heart
Take this heart
And make it break

Ordinary Love

The sea wants to kiss the golden shore
The sunlight warms your skin
All the beauty that's been lost before
Wants to find us again
I can't fight you any more
It's you I'm fighting for
The sea throws rocks together
But time leaves us polished stones
We can't fall any further if
We can't feel ordinary love
And we cannot reach any higher if
We can't deal with ordinary love

Birds fly high in the summer sky
And rest on the breeze
The same wind will take care of you and I
We'll build our house in the trees
Your heart is on my sleeve
Did you put it there with a magic marker?
For years I would believe
That the world couldn't wash it away
'Cause we can't fall any further if
We can't feel ordinary love
And we cannot reach any higher if
We can't deal with ordinary love

Are we tough enough For ordinary love

We can't fall any further if
We can't feel ordinary love
And we cannot reach any higher if
We can't deal with ordinary love *(Repeat)*

Post Communion Prayer

Presider and People

**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

The Celebrant gives a blessing at this time.

Life is short, and we do not have long to gladden the hearts of those who make this earthly pilgrimage with us. So, be swift to love, make haste to do kindness, shower abundant hospitality on friend and stranger, and walk in mercy that you might find the path of justice. And may the blessings of Almighty God, the speaker, word, and breath, be with you and those you love now and forever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn—*Pride (In the Name of Love)*

One man come in the name of love
One man come and go
One come he to justify
One man to overthrow

In the name of love
What more in the name of love
In the name of love
What more in the name of love

One man caught on a barbed wire fence
One man he resist
One man washed on an empty beach.
One man betrayed with a kiss

In the name of love
What more in the name of love
In the name of love
What more in the name of love

Early morning, April 4
Shot rings out in the Memphis sky
Free at last, they took your life
They could not take your pride

In the name of love
What more in the name of love
In the name of love

What more in the name of love
In the name of love
What more in the name of love..

Thank you for joining us this morning.

Upcoming Events at St. Patrick's

Backpack Blessing + Sunday, August 16th

As our children prepare to return to school and our teachers begin a new year of learning and ministry, we invite the whole community to celebrate and pray for them. Bring your backpacks, tote bags, work bags, or briefcases on August 16th to the 9:30 service and place them around the altar before the service. During our Backpack Blessing, we will offer prayers for students, teachers, and all who are beginning a new school year, asking God to guide, protect, and bless them in the year ahead. Come and join us as we surround our students and educators with love, prayer, and encouragement.

Ministry Fair + Sunday, August 30th

Join us, after both services, as we showcase all our ministry and small group offerings at St. Patrick's and for possible prizes! Come to the parish hall after the morning services to learn more. Plan to stay after the 9:30 a.m. service for hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn and a photo-booth! Come and learn more about St. Pat's! All are welcome!

Way of Love Dinner + Wednesday, September 2nd

For the entire program year we will be studying the prophets. These events take place in Smith Parish Hall. Dinner is provided and starts at 6:30 p.m. The evening concludes at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Program Year Kick-off + Sunday, September 13th

St. Patrick's Program Year begins with a full schedule of Sunday Services at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Godly Play will resume during the 9:30 a.m. service. We will be joined by guest preacher Jerusalem Greer and guest musician Nathan Greer, from the Procter Center. Join us after worship to enjoy treats from the Kona Ice Truck! All are welcome!

Welcome Class + Sunday, September 27th

The Newcomers Ministry Team invites those interested in learning more about everything St. Patrick's to join us in the Sanctuary following the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 27th. During this time we will share about the culture, ministry and missions of this special place! Bring your questions for us, too! All are welcome!

Pet Blessing & Stuffie Blessing + Sunday, October 4th

Join us for a special celebration of God's love and care for all creation! In honor of St. Francis of Assisi Day, we will celebrate our annual Pet Blessing on October 4th at 4:00 p.m. around the fire pit. Bring your beloved pets of all kinds as we gather to give thanks for the joy, companionship, and love they bring into our lives. All creatures are welcome! For our 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. services, we will also offer a special Stuffie Blessing. Bring your favorite stuffed animal to be blessed as we celebrate the comfort, warmth, and sense of belonging these special friends bring to us. Bring your paws. Bring your stuffies. Bring your joy. Let's celebrate the amazing gifts of God's creation together!

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

Our liturgy follows *The Book of Common Prayer 1979 of the Episcopal Church*, and is inspired by the Irish and New Zealand *Books of Common Prayer*. Prayers of the People are from *Planning for Rites & Rituals: A Resource for the Episcopal Church* (Church Publishing, New York, NY).

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Ministers:

Clergy:	The Rev. Dr. Jason Emerson, Rector The Rev. Stefi Baiju, Associate Rector
Musicians:	Robert Behrens, Sarah Behrens, Rowan Behrens, Kellan Behrens, Jennifer Bell, Mike Yonchak
Lay Reader:	Kenyra Glasgow
Lector:	Lissa Barker
Crucifer:	Isaac Emerson
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Weekly Services of Holy Eucharist

8:00, 9:30am & 4:00pm on Sunday

(4pm Worship on hiatus until Sept. 13th)

Noon on Wednesday



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