

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, May 29, 2022 | 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE – Variation IX: *Nimrod* (Enigma Variations, Op. 36)

Edward Elgar

Ola Oladipupo, guest organist

OPENING HYMN 525 – The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

1 The Church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid - toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
People: **Amen.**

A SONG OF PRAISE S236 – Canticle 13

John Rutter

1. Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-ters; you are worthy of praise; glo-ry to you. 2. Glo-ry to you for the rad-i-ance of your ho-ly Name; we will praise you and highly ex-alt you for ev-er. 3. Glo-ry to you in the splendor of your tem-ple; on the throne of your ma-jesty, glo-ry to you. 4. Glo-ry to you, seated be-tween the Cher-u-bim; we will praise you and highly ex-alt you for ev-er. 5. Glo-ry to you, be-holding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glo-ry to you. 6. Glo-ry to you, Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit; we will praise you and highly ex-alt you for ev-er.

OPENING COLLECT

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

The people may be seated.

A READING FROM ACTS 1:1-11

***Reader:* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half verse.

The LORD is King;
 he has put on splendid apparel; *
**the LORD has put on his apparel
 and girded himself with strength.**

He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.

The waters have lifted up, O LORD,
 the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the sound of many waters,
 mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

Your testimonies are very sure, *
**and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,
 forever and for evermore.**

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:15-23

Reader: A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesian.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The people stand as able.

Steal a - way, steal a - way, steal a - way to Je - sus!

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a series of chords. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

Steal a - way, steal a - way home, I ain't got long to stay here!

Fine

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

1. My Lord— calls me, He calls me by the thun - der;
 2. Green trees are bend - ing, Poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling;
 3. Tomb stones are burst - ing, Poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling;
 4. My Lord— calls me, He calls me by the light - ning,

The third system features a vocal line with four numbered verses. The first and fourth verses have a dashed line under the word "Lord". The bass line continues with a steady accompaniment.

The trum - pet sounds with - in - a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

D.C.

The fourth system concludes the piece with a vocal line and a bass line. It ends with a double bar line and the instruction "D.C." (Da Capo).

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Rebecca Warlow, *Lay Preacher*

The people stand as able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our Lord promises His steadfast love for all people who hold Him in their hearts and walk in His ways. Paul and Silas prayed that all people be filled with awe for the one true God, full of majesty and power, who extends the gift of a divine relationship to the whole world. **Declare His glory among the nations.**

May we all come to realize the magnificence of our Lord, the king of creation, and lord of heaven, who offers saving grace and deep joy to all who seek Him. Jesus prayed for our unity and deep love for each other. **Proclaim the Good News.**

As we celebrate Memorial Day, instituted following the Civil War, to honor the sacrifice of many in service to their country, let us work together to preserve our union, to respect the dignity of all people and to forge a community of many races, ethnicities, and religions. Let us halt violent, hateful speech and actions resulting in fear, distrust, and divisions in our country. Today we honor those in the armed services who paid the ultimate sacrifice and lost their lives while serving our nation. **Lord, bless our country and guide our leaders.**

We pray for the unity and hopefulness of the worldwide Church. We ask the Lord's blessing for the churches in the Anglican Communion, and especially for The Church of South India (United). In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for St. James, Parkton; St. John's, Western Run; St. Mark's on-the-Hill, Pikesville; and Trinity, Towson. We open our hearts to all refugees and for those innocent civilians caught in areas of oppression, conflict, and war. **Lord, we worship with gladness and gratitude.**

We extend our caring thoughts and prayers to all who struggle with illness or disability, that they would receive strength and a healing touch from our Lord, especially Erica, Barbara, Nell, Gina, Coy, Ivy, Megan, Mildred, Jim, Kathleen, Caroline, Catherine, Mary Ann, Sherry, Rena, Kandi, Bradley, Alta, Alfred, & Ashley, and those we now name. May we all reach out to help those in our community of faith, in our families and in our neighborhoods, who need our time, love, and encouragement to meet the physical and emotional challenges in their lives. **Lord, we place our trust in You.**

We remember those who have died and entered Your eternal kingdom of light, especially those we now name. May we comfort their families and friends who are grieving and surround them with our love. **Lord, You are our Sustainer and Redeemer.**

Today we celebrate all the wonderful occasions of joy in our parish. We give thanks for the birthdays of Lee, Patricia, Havilynd, Rebecca, Skip, Suzanne, Olamma & Rhonda. We are blessed with the lives of all our church family. We warmly welcome all visitors or newcomers worshipping with us today. Your presence enriches our congregation. **Lord, Your grace abounds.**

Lord, bless us with Your grace and the magnificent gift of the water of life. **AMEN.**

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING – Fairest Lord Jesus

Richard DeLong
Catherine Hinton, soprano

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels heav'n can boast.*

PRESENTATION HYMN VF 79, V. 1

Linstead

Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy: reach - ing out with a shout of joy:

Bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured; Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Je - sus lives a - gain; earth can breathe a - gain;

pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound! (repeat Refrain)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: 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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 Lord 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 he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: **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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

FRACTION ANTHEM S 163 – Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN 304— I Come with Joy

Land of Rest

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 182 – Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Truro

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE – Verset X from *Dans la Gloire des Invalides*

Marcel Dupré

*Today's altar flowers were donated by Bunmi Daramaja
in loving memory of
Babatunde Daramaja, Babafemi Daramaja, John Charles Curley and Gisela Ruark*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send announcements to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org

Youth Formation this Weekend

There is no Sunday School this Sunday. We will resume next weekend.

Help Us Beautify our Campus - After Worship

We'll host a Parish Beautification Day this Sunday, May 29th, and everyone's encouraged to take part! Whether it's for a few hours or all afternoon, your input will help make lighter work. From 12 noon to 5 p.m., we'll gather to get our buildings and grounds spruced up, so bring your work clothes, water bottle, and work gloves, and stick around after Sunday worship. Even if you only have a little time to spare, it will help. Refreshments will be available. [Contact Jan Deboissiere](#) if you have any questions or need more information.

Prayer Vigil - This Sunday Evening

This Sunday evening, May 29th, Christ Church will hold a Prayer Vigil for all those who have perished by gun violence, especially our brothers and sisters in Buffalo, NY, and Uvalde, TX. Please be with us at 7:00 p.m. in the New Brick Sanctuary. This is to honor those whose lives have been cut short, to pray for families with broken hearts, and to pray for the healing of our nation. Please join us for this solemn service of prayer and healing.

Confirmation Update

Confirmation classes are on hiatus until September, so be sure to join us then. In other news, we have learned that Bishop Sutton will be at Christ Church on Sunday, December 4th to lead us in Confirmation. Mark your calendars!

Our Nursery Returns Next Sunday

Beginning next Sunday, June 5th, our Nursery will be open and available to care for and engage young children during our services in a playful and comforting environment. Safeguarding God’s Children is an important requirement of all of our youth leaders and nursery attendants. We will provide this service from approximately 7:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Coffee Hour Sign-Up

We hope you’ll join us for refreshments and fellowship time between services each Sunday, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in New Brick. Additionally, if you’d like to help by providing light refreshments for a future Coffee Hour, [please sign up using this link](#) or scan the QR code that's on the Coffee Hour posters in the Narthex.

Help Us Care For the Sanctuary... Join the Altar Guild

We are looking for a few volunteers to join the [Christ Church Altar Guild](#) this season. Altar Guild is a volunteer group whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Its members prepare the sanctuary for services, and tidy up afterward. During certain seasons, Altar Guild members also supervise the decoration of the sanctuary of the parish with flowers. Any adult is welcome to take part in this essential ministry, and training is provided. Please speak with Jan DeBoissiere if you are interested - jdeboissiere@gmail.com

We're in Need of a Few More Tellers

Christ Church is in need of a few more tellers to assist with the counting of offerings, donations, and pledges. This process takes place after the 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday, but each Teller is only needed about once a month or so. Please speak with Yetti Lipede on Sunday mornings, or email her at ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org if you might be interested.

Reconfiguring the New Brick Sanctuary for the Summer

One of the beautiful gifts that New Brick offers us all is the flexibility of use throughout the space. Beginning on Sunday, June 5th, we will reconfigure the New Brick Sanctuary for the summer months. We then plan to revert back to its present look in September.

New Committees at Christ Church

As mentioned during the recent Sunday Town Hall discussions, Father Manny shared two Committee plans that we are developing. These important steps are designed to help deepen and enrich our common life. This is a chance to take part in helping shape our future, so if you are interested in serving on the Worship or the Fellowship Committee, please sign up on the sheets that are located in the Narthex.

Council of Commissions Meeting - NEW DATE

Due to a scheduling conflict, the annual Council of Commissions meeting has been moved to a new date - Saturday, June 4th at 9:00 a.m. We will plan and review the church's calendar on this date, so please make sure that your ministry is well-represented at this gathering. [The Zoom link is here](#), Meeting ID is 835 2711 6094 and Password is Commission

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed this coming Monday and Tuesday, in observance of Memorial Day. It will reopen on the morning of Wednesday, June 1st.

Choir Rehearsals

Adult Choir meets on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. If you've ever been interested in joining our choir, now's that time... and this invitation is open to every parishioner. No experience is necessary. Please email music@christchurchcolumbia.org to learn more.

Pentecost Sunday Food Truck - June 5th

On Pentecost Sunday, we will have a Food Truck on campus after the 10:30 service. Christ Church will provide chairs and tables but you are invited to bring your own chairs if you wish, as well as a blanket for an afternoon of great food and fellowship. We will also provide ice cream! Parishioners are invited to donate towards the meal.

Women of Christ Church Update

Saturday, September 17th marks the return of the annual Christ Church Flea Market! This is our primary fundraiser for the year, and we are excited to be able to offer it again. We'll be sending out information for renting spaces soon,

and will also be looking for lots of volunteers to help run the event. The rain date will be September 24th. Keep your eyes peeled for more details soon!

The next WOCC meeting takes place via Zoom on Monday, June 6th at 1 p.m. This will be our last meeting before we take our summer break. If you're a woman who's aged 18 or older, you're already a member of the WOCC, so join us and see what's happening! [The Zoom link is here](#), Meeting ID is 843 0204 4790 and Password is cecWOCC

A Celebration - Sunday, June 12th

Join us as we gather after the 10:30 worship on June 12th. That day will be Len's last as Interim Music Director, so we hope that you'll stick around and give thanks for the wonderful music and service that Len has provided over the last year. We will also celebrate Father Manny's birthday that day (his is June 11th), so join us for food and fellowship. If you would like to help us set up for the festivities, please contact the Church Office.

Father's Day Flowers

If you would like to donate to Altar Flowers in memory or thanksgiving of someone special on Father's Day (June 19th), there are two ways you can do so. You can complete the form that's in the Narthex, or [you can go online and use the Altar Flowers and Gifts fund](#). Whichever method you choose, be sure to include the name(s) of the people you wish to acknowledge; there's a line on the written form, or use the *Memo* field if giving online.

SAT Summer Camp Kickoff - June 22nd

In conjunction with Howard County Public School System, Applerouth Testing Agency, and the Paumier family, Christ Church will be offering a free Summer Camp for 40 students at Oakland Mills High School. This has been made possible by a generous donation from Cy Paumier's family. Christ Church will host a kickoff event on Wednesday, June 22nd at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is highly encouraged to join us in the New Brick Sanctuary as we celebrate our first Paumier Scholars!

Take a Field Trip on June 10th to Saint Luke's Youth Center and Support its Summer Camp with Your Prayers and through an Online Poetry Event

Youngsters in West Baltimore are already anticipating the 2022 summer sessions of Camp Imagination, which is held by St. Luke's Youth Center (SLYC). It's pronounced as "slick". The non-profit organization operates year-round from the former St. Luke's Episcopal parish at 217 N. Carey Street, Baltimore, MD.

You don't have to go there in person to enjoy the poetry program, "The Dream Project," to be held on Sunday, June 12 from 5 to 6 p.m. It will be available on Facebook Live. The fundraiser for camp will feature The SLYC Poets, Granny Slam, Gayle Danley, APoetNamedNate, and Jazz by Aaron Hill. You can link to the event from the website for [SLYC](#). By contrast, we are suggesting you go there in person on Friday, June 10, when the Christ Church Outreach Commission is taking a field trip. We are inviting anyone interested to join us in carpooling or meeting up at historic St. Luke's. We will spend an hour from 4 to 5 p.m. observing SLYC After School, a program that engages about 40 young people. There are pandemic protocols intended to keep everyone safe. To attend, please email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org. Many of the students also will be attending Camp Imagination. For the second year in a row, the Christ Church Outreach Commission has donated \$500 in Vestry-approved funds to support SLYC's summer camp. Thanks to all parishioners for your contributions to making that possible.

This summer, Kennedy Center Master Teaching Artist Gayle Danley will guide campers through an exploration of the theme of Roots, Reparations, and Renewal. Campers will be reading various texts, writing, and discussing how the theme relates to their own lived experiences. Throughout camp, they will work extensively with professional artists to create original works of art as an expression of their interpretations, emotions, and ideas.

Some of you may recall meeting leaders of SLYC in February when several visited Christ Church. In informal conversations, Board Member Nyah Vanterpool, Engagement Coordinator Darlene Clark and Executive Director Amanda Gardner Talbot described SLYC's collaborative model. It includes families, staff members, and supporters and volunteers from several Episcopal parishes. The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland is among the partners. The May 10, 2022 newsletter of the diocese has an article on the historic church and how it became a youth center. That was the mission of Talbot's father, the Very Rev. Van Gardner, after retiring as Dean of the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore. After his death, his daughter carries on with their dream. The church has a fascinating history that pre-dates the laying of its cornerstone in 1851. To learn more, watch a 5-minute video on YouTube by Baltimore Heritage's executive director who is joined briefly by Gardner.

SLYC leaders, including Gardner, will speak at Christ Church on Sunday, Aug. 7, during both worship services. Please save the date. They'll describe in-person tutoring and other volunteer opportunities that you may wish to explore as individuals or in small groups when the 2022-23 school year begins. Requests to parishes for "time, gifts, and talents" go well beyond tutoring students in math, reading, and writing. For example, there are needs for carpenters, architects, and landscapers or for grant-writers and graphic designers.

To learn more, email the executive director at amanda@bmoreslyc.org. Or, email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org, and ask to be put in contact with parishioner Michon Semon, who is the Outreach Commission's liaison to SLYC.

You can read the rest of this week's Christ Church Outreach news on our website:
<https://tinyurl.com/CECoutreach526>

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