

# Christ Episcopal Church

*Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ*

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Sunday, May 5, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.



## **Welcome Home!**

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church community: [christchurchcolumbia.org](http://christchurchcolumbia.org). This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time.

We are delighted you're here - welcome home!

# THE WORD OF GOD

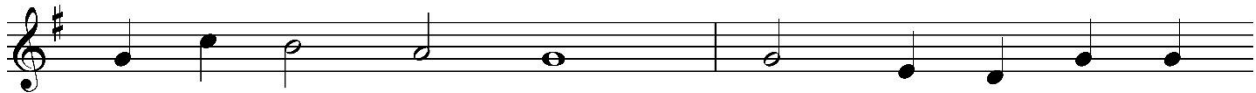
Prelude |

Opening Hymn 413 | New Songs of Celebration Render

*Rendez à Dieu*



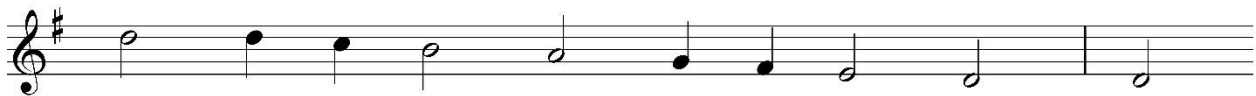
1 New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der to him who  
2 Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, let ev - ery  
3 Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, hon - or the



has great won - ders done; awed by his love his  
in - stru - ment and voice peal out the praise of  
Lord with wild ac - claim; moun - tains and stones look



foes sur - ren - der and fall be - fore the Might - y One.  
grace a - bound - ing, call - ing the whole world to re - joice.  
up a - dor - ing and find a voice to praise his Name.



He has made known his great sal - va - tion which  
Trum - pets and or - gans set in mo - tion such  
Right - eous, com - mand - ing, ev - er glo - rious, prais -



all his friends with joy con - fess; he has re - vealed to  
sounds as make the hea - vens ring; all things that live in  
es be his that nev - er cease; just is our God, whose



ev - ery na - tion his ev - er - last - ing right - eous - ness.  
earth and o - cean, make mu - sic for your might - y King.  
truth vic - tor - ious es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

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.

Gloria In Excelsis Deo |

*James Chepponis*



**Choir:**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. **Refrain: all sing**

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain: all sing**

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. **Refrain: all sing**

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. **Refrain: all sing**

The Collect |

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

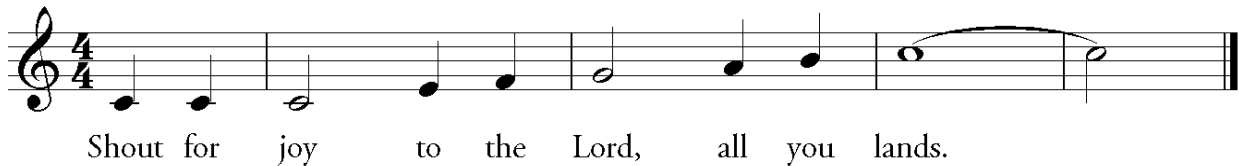
A Reading from Acts 10:44-48 |

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

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.



Sing to the LORD a new song, \*

**for he has done marvelous things.**

With his right hand and his holy arm \*

**has he won for himself the victory.**

The LORD has made known his victory; \*

**his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*

**and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

*Antiphon*

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*

**lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*

**with the harp and the voice of song.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*

**shout with joy before the King, the LORD.**

*Antiphon*

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*

**the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Let the rivers clap their hands, \*

**and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,**

**when he comes to judge the earth.**

In righteousness shall he judge the world \*

**and the peoples with equity.**

*Antiphon*

A Reading from 1 John 5:1-6 |

*Reader:* A reading from the First Epistle of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

The people stand as able.

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al -  
 D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its  
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and  
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 D Em A7 D F#m

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be  
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be  
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
 mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn | Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eousness,

5 Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

Optional Ending

9 For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord on - ly, that

13 mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.



*The people may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

Sermon | The Rev. Randy Callender, *Canon for Mission*

*The people stand as able.*

The Prayers of the People |

Christ is the center of our True Self, “In Him, we live and move and have our Being.” It is an awesome thought that the Lord of Heaven and Earth lives within our souls forever. In John’s Gospel, we are reminded that the Spirit of Truth abides in us. We are God’s offspring, and through the power of the resurrection, we will remain with God in eternal life. Our Lord’s love is all encompassing. **Glory to the Lord most high.**

May we resolve the terrible armed conflict in many areas of the world: in the Middle East, in the Ukraine, and in many areas of Africa and Asia, where violence and injustice prevail. Lord, please lead us in the ways of peace and compassion, that we may serve You in goodness and Truth. **Oh God, let us seek Your righteousness.**

We pray for the Church universal, for its unity and its wisdom. May we be faithful servants of our Lord. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for the parishes of Grace, New Market; St. James’, Mt. Airy; Transfiguration, Braddock Heights; and St. Paul’s, Point of Rocks. We also ask God’s blessing for the leaders of our Church: our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Diocesan Bishop, Carrie; our Rector, Emmanuel; our Deacon, Denise; our postulants, Mike, Kiona, and Rebecca; and our Rector-Emeritus, Richard. We’re grateful to the Vestry and laity, who give us so much of their time and talent. **Lord, may our words and actions proclaim Your love.**

We extend our warmest welcome to all visitors and newcomers who share in our worship today, both in person and online. It’s our desire to express our joy with hymns, prayers, and in the celebration of the Eucharist. **Lord, You alone are our portion and our cup.**

We offer prayers for those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, especially Michael, Katie, Kathleen, Mollie, Kathy, Jim, Kim, Erica, Marilyn, Carolyn, Mary Ann, Barbara, Sherry, Patricia, Cindy, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred, and Nell, and those you now name. May God’s healing touch and peace be with them. We also give thanks for the friends, family, and healthcare providers who are the hands of mercy and love. **Lord, be with those in need.**

We pray for those who have died and entered God’s eternal Presence, especially Kathleen Leahy, Frances Warlow, and those we now name. Our hearts are with those who grieve, whose loss is so new and painful. May our Lord Jesus lift their spirits and guide them in their future path in life. **Grant us hope and knowledge of abundant life in Christ.**

We celebrate the wonderful occasions of joy in life with the members of our parish, extending our love and blessings to those with celebrations this week, especially the birthdays of Ola, Cathy, Jane, Lorraine, Saah & Thomas; baptismal anniversaries of Isaac & Roger and wedding anniversaries of Bill & Sara Kirkpatrick, Jonathan & Johanna Smith and Roger & Mary Vail. **Lord, thank You for Your precious gifts to us all.** We pledge our hearts to Christ. May we draw close to Him in His holiness. Let us tell our accounts of how our Lord has transformed our souls and minds. Alleluia. **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

Offertory Anthem | If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

*Please scan to give.*



Presentation Hymn 400 (v. 7) |

*Laast Uns Erfreuen*

**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!**

Eucharistic 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 171 | Be Known to Us

Mason Martens

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

*Antiphon: Cantor; then All*



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

*Cantor*



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine!\_\_\_\_\_ O what a  
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light,\_\_\_\_\_ Vi - sions of  
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest,\_\_\_\_\_ I in my

1. fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine!\_\_\_\_\_ Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of  
 2. rap - ture now burst on my sight;\_\_\_\_\_ An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -  
 3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest;\_\_\_\_\_ Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

1. God,\_\_\_\_\_ Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood.\_\_\_\_\_  
 2. bove\_\_\_\_\_ Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.\_\_\_\_\_  
 3. bove,\_\_\_\_\_ Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love.\_\_\_\_\_

This is my sto - ry, this is my song,\_\_\_\_\_ Prais - ing my

*Continued...*

sav - ior all the day long;— This is my sto - ry, this is my  
 song, — Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. —

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 offers a blessing and the People respond Amen.*

*Descant*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



till all the world a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ his sa - cred Name.



till all the world \_\_\_\_\_ a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ his sa - cred Name.



Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



*Repeat Refrain*



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.



Dismissal |

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

*Thank you to The Rev. Randy Callender for joining us today!*

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

### 8:00 a.m. Service

**Lector/Reader:** Sonni Aribiah

**Ushers:** Onyx Williams, Kayode Williams

**Chalicer:** Sonni Aribiah

### 10:30 a.m. Service

**Lector/Reader:** Robin Bradley

**Ushers:** Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams, Cherry Williams, Beth Dagne, Alex Amponsah, Hope Oladipupo, Eva Oladipupo

**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Shreya Chrzanowski, Nevaeh Wilmot

**Chalicer:** Steve Alpern, Theo Jones-Quartey

### Altar Guild

Pam Foreman, Cheryl Lucente

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## PARISH CALENDAR

MAY 5 TO MAY 11

### Sunday, May 5

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Old Brick  
8:30 am Breakfast – New Brick, lower level  
8:45 am Coffee Hour – Old Brick  
9:00 am Family Service – New Brick, upper level  
9:30 am Sunday School – New Brick & Parish Hall, lower levels  
9:30 am Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level  
11:30 am – 12:30 pm Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom  
12:30 – 5:30 pm Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick  
6:00 – 10:00 pm Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level  
6:00 – 9:00 pm Event Rental – New Brick, upper level

### Monday, May 6

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream  
2:30 – 5:30 pm EFM – Parish Hall, conference room & Zoom  
7:00 pm Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level  
7:00 pm Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom  
7:30 – 9:30 pm WOCC Meeting – New Brick, lower level & Zoom

### Tuesday, May 7

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm Howard County Home School – New Brick, lower level  
11:00 – 12:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom  
12:00 – 1:00 pm Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom  
7:00 – 9:00 pm MS Support Group – New Brick, lower level & Zoom



7:00 – 11:00 pm      Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level  
7:30 – 8:30 pm      300 yr Race & Slavery Committee Meeting – Zoom

### **Wednesday, May 8**

7:00 am      Morning Prayer Livestream  
10:00 – 11:00 am      Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room  
5:30 – 6:30 pm      Refugee Leadership Meeting – Zoom  
7:00 – 8:00 pm      Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

### **Thursday, May 9**

8:00 am      Morning Prayer Livestream  
12:00 pm      Healing Eucharist – Old Brick  
12:00 – 1:00 pm      Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom  
7:00 pm      Handbell Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level  
7:00 – 11:00 pm      Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level  
7:30 pm      Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level  
7:30 – 9:00 pm      Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

### **Friday, May 10**

7:00 am      Morning Prayer Livestream  
7:00 pm      Evening Prayer Livestream  
7:30 – 9:00 pm      CEC Book Club – Zoom  
8:00 pm – 12:00 am      Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

### **Saturday, May 11**

9:00 am – 1:00 pm      CEC Center for Spiritual Nourishment – all buildings  
2:00 pm      AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm      Piano Recital – New Brick, upper level  
2:30 – 9:30 pm      Event Rental – New Brick, lower level  
4:00 – 7:00 pm      Violin Recital – New Brick, upper level  
7:00 – 11:00 pm      Peabody Recital – New Brick, upper level  
7:00 – 11:00 pm      Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To submit announcements for publication,  
email to [communications@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:communications@christchurchcolumbia.org) by Tuesday evening.

**For a digital copy of this service leaflet with working links, etc., visit the main page of our website.**

### **No Sunday Circle Today**

Mother Marcia is leading the Rehoboth Retreat this weekend, so Sunday Circle will take the day off. You are welcome to gather and fellowship in Old Brick between the 8:00 and 10:30 services.

### **Bishop Sutton Retirement Picnic - Sunday Afternoon**

On Sunday afternoon, May 5th, there will be a retirement celebration picnic in honor of Diocesan Bishop Eugene Taylor Sutton. All are welcome to gather at the Delaplaine Barn at the Claggett Center at 4 p.m. that afternoon. If you'd like to take part, **please be sure to register here**. And if you'd like to carpool to and from CEC, please speak with Kiona at church on Sunday morning.

### **WOCC May Meeting - Monday Evening**

Join the WOCC for our May meeting at a new time on Monday, May 6th - from 7:30 to 9 p.m. We hope that this new time slot allows for those who might work or have obligations during the daytime to join us. We hope that you will! It will be a hybrid meeting, so feel free to meet us in New Brick, or log in and join us via Zoom - **the link is here**, the Meeting ID is **843 0204 4790**, and the Passcode is **cecWOCC**.

### **Centering Prayer - Monday Evening**

This Monday, May 6th, Centering Prayer will be fully remote, so please gather with us on Zoom from wherever you may be. Centering Prayer is a weekly evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God and a more powerful experience of God's presence in our lives. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. We'll gather virtually via Zoom at 7 p.m. this Monday - **the Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **875 9496 3596** and the Passcode is **Centering!** We'll regather in Old Brick and have a hybrid event on Monday, May 13th.

### **Bible Study and Lunch - Wednesday Morning**

Christ Church's Bible Study meets each Wednesday morning in the Conference Room of the Parish House, explore the Lectionary readings for that Sunday, and then have lunch together at a local restaurant. Wednesday Bible Study begins at 10:00 a.m.

### **Midday Healing Eucharist - Thursday**

On Thursdays, join us for midday Healing Eucharist in Old Brick, with readings, prayers, a litany for healing, and the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome to reflect, pray, and participate in a service in our beautiful, historic chapel.

### **Christ Church Choirs - Thursday Evening**

Choir rehearsals are always welcoming new participants - anyone can join us! We gather on Thursday evenings at 7:00 (Handbells) and 7:30 (Vocal), so whether you're a novice (or shower!) singer or a seasoned musician, there's a place for you in our Vocal &/or Handbell Choirs. If you're interested, please email Larissa at **music@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

### **CEC Book Club - Friday Evening**

Book Club is taking a break this Friday, May 3rd, but will return on May 10th. When we do, we are reading and discussing the bestseller *How to Know a Person* by David Brooks. We are always welcoming new people to the group, so if reading and sharing our perspectives sounds enjoyable to you, learn more about the book **here**, grab it from your favorite bookseller, then log in and join us! We're aiming to discuss the first three chapters this Friday and will gather on Zoom at 7:30 p.m. weekly. **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **817 9855 4366**, and the Password is **CECBooks**.

### **Movie Night - May 10**

Movie night takes place in the lower level of the Parish Building, and everyone's invited to gather (bring your favorite munchies!). Our discussion will take place after viewing the film *The Case for a Creator*, based on the New York Times bestselling book by author Lee Strobel, and his journey from spiritual skepticism to profound faith. Included are interviews with scientists and scholars from a wide range of disciplines to consider whether contemporary scientific evidence points towards or away from a Creator. Meet next Friday, May 10th at 7 p.m., and speak with George Toth if you need more info.

### **CEC Center for Spiritual Nourishment Inaugural Event - May 11**

We are excited to announce the launch of our Center for Spiritual Nourishment to provide opportunities for spiritual growth for our members and the larger community. A group of parishioners has been working on creating a center that includes multiple sessions covering an array of spiritually nourishing activities. Everyone is welcome to join us for our first retreat on Saturday, May 11th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in New Brick. You can learn more by visiting **https://tinyurl.com/CEC-CSNMayEvent**.

### **Spring Tea - May 18**

Spring has sprung, and a WOCC tradition is returning soon - our annual Spring Tea. This year, it'll be held on Saturday, May 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at **Elkridge Furnace Inn**. All women are welcome to join in on this fun, social event with a delicious luncheon complete with traditional tea savories and sweets. The Elkridge Furnace Inn is a beautiful setting, and they serve up wonderful food, with all dietary restrictions accommodated. The cost is \$39 per person, all-inclusive. Please sign up in the Narthex by Monday, May 6th, or send an email to **WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org** and include any dietary restrictions that we should pass on to the Inn. You can pay by check, or you can do so **through Realm**, selecting WOCC from the *FUND* dropdown menu, and writing "Tea" in the *MEMO* line. And bring your friends! It's always a wonderful event.

### **Get Your Bicycles and Helmets Ready – May 18**

Christ Church Cycling for Health and Fellowship is coordinating riding excursions departing from the CEC campus on the first and third Saturday mornings, with the next being held on May 18th. We'll gather at 9 a.m. that Saturday in the lower New Brick parking lot for an approx. ten-mile journey, so bring your bike and helmet to ride safely. All ages (children accompanied by a parent/guardian) and skill levels are welcome to join us - we ride at a relaxing and enjoyable pace through our beautiful parks and communities. You can learn more about this summer's ride itinerary on **https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/health**.

### **Pentecost Sunday - May 19**

Our annual traditional Pentecost Day tradition continues in 2024, as we gather for one service at 10:00 a.m. We will worship together and then follow it up with a potluck lunch and fellowship. We have another special occasion at this gathering - celebrating our own Father Manny's 25 years in ministry! Join us for a wonderful day of worship, food, and fun. There are signup sheets in both worship buildings, as well as an online signup form at [tinyurl.com/Pentecost-Potluck](https://tinyurl.com/Pentecost-Potluck).

### **NAMIWalk - June 1**

The CEC Health Ministry is participating in the National Alliance on Mental Illness' NAMIWalk in Cockeysville, and they would like you to do the same! The Walk is 2.5 miles, though there is also a shorter route this year, one that's a little less than a mile. **We have set up a NAMI page for our group**, and would love to have as many people of all ages join us. If you can't, please consider donating so we can help raise awareness - you can do so using the link above, or by donating **directly to the Health Ministry via Realm** (just write "NAMI" in the *MEMO* line and we'll write a check to NAMI on behalf of Christ Church). Please speak with Diane Phillips LaGuerre for more information, or **read our recent Health Ministry blog post on the CEC website**. You can also read more about this NAMIWalks event **here**.

### **Let's Catch a Game at Camden Yards - June 12**

In June, First Wednesday Fellowship breaks tradition and meets the second Wednesday as we head north to Camden Yards to watch the Baltimore Orioles play against the Atlanta Braves in what could be a playoff matchup preview! We'll gather at the stadium at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12th, so if you'd like to join us, tickets are a very reasonable \$20. per seat. We still have tickets available, so sign up using the sheets in the Narthex or Old Brick, or use the online form at [tinyurl.com/CEC-FWF-Orioles](https://tinyurl.com/CEC-FWF-Orioles). Also, let the office know if you'd like to carpool round-trip from the church to the stadium.

### **VBS and Choir Camp - June 24**

This summer, Christ Church is hosting a special combined program - Vacation Bible School and Choir Camp! This series takes place from June 24-28 and gathers daily from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. At VBS&CC, children will enjoy a week of Bible stories, music, science, crafts, games, and friends! Snacks, lunch, and refreshments are served daily, and after the 10:30 a.m. June 30th service, we'll have a wonderful celebration with ice cream and snacks for all participants. The cost for VBS&CC is \$30 per child or \$75 per family, and **you can process payment here**. Volunteers are needed, so come and have fun with us! **Email us** if you want to help us with the program, or if you have any questions. Visit [www.christchurchcolumbia.org/vbs](https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/vbs) for more details, and we'll see you this summer!

### **Communion to You**

To connect more directly with those of you who are local and worship virtually, Christ Church offers *Communion to You*, an opportunity to have altar gifts delivered to you or made available for pickup at our campus. If you want more information, **please complete this form** or **email** the Church Office.

### **Healing Stations**

Christ Church now has healing stations during the 10:30 Eucharist at the back of the sanctuary. If you need prayer, we invite you to visit the healing station after receiving Communion. We also welcome those of you who wish to help, so if you are interested in joining a group of parishioners who offer healing prayer, email Rebecca Warlow at [healingministry@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:healingministry@christchurchcolumbia.org).

### **Please Support the Rector's Discretionary Fund**

The RDF typically helps fulfill the needs of those in our community. There are real people with real needs that we help support, so we appeal to you to consider supporting the RDF for us to help our neighbors. **Visit our main Online Giving Form** and select "Rector's Discretionary Fund" from the *FUND* dropdown menu if you'd like to help.

### **Help Baltimore County Neighbors in Need by Collecting Bags of Rice, Beans, and Maseca for RISE Between Now and Pentecost Sunday**

Please pitch in as Christ Church conducts a targeted food drive for three crucial items in short supply at **RISE**, a multicultural ministry in Baltimore County. We are collecting one-pound bags of rice and dried beans and any size bags of Maseca instant corn masa flour, which can be used in making tortillas, tamales, and pupusas.

The drive began last Sunday and will end on May 19. That's Pentecost Sunday, when Christ Church has traditionally celebrated its international roots. Please put your Maseca, rice, and beans (no cans or large bags, please) into the marked bin on the breezeway near the door to Old Brick.

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RISE – or Refugee & Immigrant Support for Empowerment – is a program of **Christ the King** (CTK), whose rector is the Rev. Mary Eliot, formerly a member of the clergy at Christ Church. Its volunteers distribute food every other Wednesday to families who likely would go hungry otherwise. RISE also offers programs such as “Camp in a Bag” which is aimed at children and another that helps mothers and babies. The mission of RISE appears online in CTK’s **“Our Story”**: “RISE is actively seeking to connect and form new partnerships, working with others to overcome the challenges of food insecurity, language barriers, insufficient housing, under-employment, transportation limitations, racism, and the trauma of economic insecurity.”

RISE offers free food, primarily consisting of produce, rice, beans, and Maseca on distribution days at CTK, 1930 Brookdale Rd., Baltimore, MD 21244. Distributions are planned from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, and Wednesday, May 29. Volunteers are welcomed to help with preparation as well as distribution. For more information and to sign up, go online to **“What is RISE.”**

CTK says that RISE fed 15,000 people in 2023, adding an expression of gratitude: “Thank you to the many donors who help make this possible.” Last year Christ Church was among supporters of RISE. The Outreach Commission approved donations to CTK of \$250 each in March and July, and \$100 in September. These funds for RISE were derived from parishioner donations to Outreach and a Vestry-approved budget drawn from your pledges and contributions. Please accept our heartfelt thanks.

### **Columbia Community Care Needs Diapers and Other Baby-Care Items**

**Columbia Community Care** (CCC) continues to need baby-care items and diapers. Sizes 4-6 are in the greatest demand, as are 3T-4T and 4T-5T pullups. Please continue to collect these along with sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin, marked “CCC,” inside the Parish Hall. Drop off items on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sundays. The Christ Church point of contact is Leigh Smith, who monitors the bin and delivers its contents.

Those who need groceries and other necessities can find information by going online to the **“Get Help”** section of CCC’s recently revamped website. Or **learn how to volunteer** at CCC’s distribution sites or as a translator or a shopper at its pantry. Check for updates on the **CCC Facebook Group**.

### **Look for the FISH Bin on the Breezeway near the Parish Hall**

FISH of Howard County requests non-perishable foods and toiletries, which we collect in the basket at the altar or in a marked yellow bin on the breezeway between the Parish Hall and Old Brick. **FISH** provides committed support to select families in need. The neighbors you help give thanks for all you do in their support.

### **Lake Elkhorn Middle School Needs Your Help on May 14th**

Tracey Williams, the counselor at LEMS, has asked Christ Church to supply a dinner for the families and provide childcare during the next workshop on Tuesday, May 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the cafeteria. We need adults and high school students who can serve food to all and play games with the children, ages Kindergarten to 8th grade. Please contact Deacon Denise **deacondenise@christchurchcolumbia.org** or Cathy Whittaker **catharinewhittaker@gmail.com** if you can help.

### **Enjoy Food and Drink to Help Support DreamBuilders!**

Come join us at Bushel & Peck restaurant in Clarksville, MD on Wednesday, May 15th from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. for an evening of dining, refreshments, and fellowship in support of DreamBuilders. One month later, DreamBuilders will be building three homes in Hazard, Kentucky, and a portion of the proceeds from your meals and drinks will go directly toward funding the materials for these three homes. PLUS, if you come to the fundraiser between 5-7 p.m., you’ll be able to enjoy our favorite Christ Church band - Small Delusions!

Between the services on May 5th and 12th at Christ Church, we’ll have two items for sale: the first is a batch of 50/50 raffle tickets that cost \$5 each or are 5 for \$20. The winning ticket will be drawn at the restaurant on May 15th, but you don’t need to be present to win (we’ll contact the winner that evening by phone if they’re not present). Those days, you can also buy DreamBuilders chocolates, tea, and coffee in advance of Mother’s Day. All proceeds from the sale of these items will be used towards the costs of building the three Kentucky homes this summer.

**In general, if you have suggestions about ways to help the community, if you want to get involved, or if you need assistance, please email Christ Church Outreach at outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org. Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.**



## **WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR BELOVED CHRIST CHURCH**

Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables our parish to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us. We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness. Your beloved Christ Church counts on you and your faithful giving.

**THANK YOU.**

### **Stewardship 2024**

We are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who support our ministry of faithful service, and we hope that each parishioner will prayerfully consider their contribution to Christ Church. You may pick up a pledge card in the Narthex to complete, or you can complete one electronically on our website -

**[www.christchurchcolumbia.org/2024-pledge](http://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/2024-pledge)**

### **Text Giving**

You can give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply send a text with the word CECCGIVING to 73256, and you'll receive a secure link to our page where you can set up a one-time or recurring gift.

### **Online Giving**

You can also continue to pledge and give to Christ Church online. It's a safe and secure method of contributing toward your annual pledge or another offering. Whether it's a one-time donation or a recurring gift, you can go to our overview page for instructions and links. Signing up is fast and easy; if you need assistance doing so, or if you have any Stewardship-related questions, please contact us at **<mailto:info@christchurchcolumbia.org>**



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