

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, May 15, 2022 | 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE – Prelude

Jean Langlais
Ola Oladipupo, organist

OPENING HYMN 416 – For the Beauty of the Earth

Lucerna Laudoniae



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu-man love, bro-ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,
6 For each per - fect gift of thine to the world so free - ly given



1 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
2 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
3 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
4 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
5 of - fering up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,
6 faith and hope and love di - vine peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Refrain



Christ our_ God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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

The people may be seated.

A READING FROM ACTS 11:1-18

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

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The following Psalm is read responsively by half verse.

PSALM 148

Laudate Dominum

Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
**for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.**

He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
**the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!**

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 21:1-6

Reader: A Reading from the Revelation to John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN 583 – O Holy City, Seen of John

Morning Song



1 O ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,
2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and greed for gain
3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath stood
4 Al - rea - dy in the mind of God that ci - ty ris - eth fair:



with - in whose four-square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain,
too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is ser - vant - hood,
lo, how its splen - dor chal - leng - es the souls that great - ly dare—



and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!
and bit - ter - lips in blind de - spair cry, "Christ hath died in vain!"
and where the sun that shin - eth is God's grace for hu - man good.
yea, bids us seize the whole of life and built its glo - ry there.

THE GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people stand as able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” We don’t have to look far to see people in desperate need. We might feel powerless to solve the problems of poverty, sickness, disaster, hate, or war. But we can reach out with love and support, locally and globally. We are God’s hands and feet in this world, called to help others, in our own way, with our own talents. ***We are one body in Christ.***

Welcome to all who are worshiping with us this morning. We thank all who support this service today. We pray for our church leadership: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert, our Bishops; Father Manny, Reverend Marcia, and Deacon Denise; and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church. In our diocese, we pray for Holy Nativity, Baltimore; Immanuel, Glencoe; and, St. Andrew’s, Baltimore. ***We are one body in Christ.***

We pray for the people of Ukraine, especially the children, and all who suffer or are afraid. Be known to them, Lord, and help them feel your loving presence. We pray for world leaders, that wisdom, compassion, and courage guide their choices. We pray for the world in this moment of crisis. We reach out in solidarity to help our brothers and sisters in need. ***We are one body in Christ.***

We pray for all those who are hungry and in need of shelter. We lift up our friends at the Leola Dorsey Center, FISH, Columbia Community Care, the Grassroots Crisis Center and Bridges to Housing Stability. We pray for the DreamBuilders team traveling to Puerto Rico this week to repair damaged homes. We bless all those who support these causes and pray that helping those in need may help us to grow in your love. ***We are one body in Christ.***

We rejoice with all those members of our church family who are celebrating birthdays especially Phil, Marie, Leigh & Linda, and the anniversaries of Kathleen & Ronald Panzera and Janelee & Lowell Sunderland. ***We share our joy and love.***

We pray for all those ill in mind, body or spirit, especially Ivy, Megan, Mildred, Jim, Kathleen, Caroline, Catherine, Nell, Mary Ann, Sherry, Rena, Kandi, Bradley, Alta, Alfred, & Ashley, and those who care for them. We pray especially for those suffering from COVID here and around the world. We keep the residents and staff of Springfield Hospital in our prayers. ***May Your healing touch ease their pain and restore them.***

We ask God Our Father to accept in his loving arms all those who have departed this life, especially those you now name. We pray for all who mourn them, that they may heal in the warmth of your love. ***Thank You Jesus for the gift of eternal life.***

We pray for peace in the world, and especially in Ukraine and Afghanistan. We pray for a world that will counter hatred and violence with love and peace. May each of us know peace of mind and heart, body and spirit, and in our community. ***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer for peace. 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 – Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether

Harold Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment’s hem.*

*As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living Make us sacraments of thee,
That be caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.*

PRESENTATION HYMN VF 79, V. 1

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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.

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

3
him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

6
ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new be - gin-ning with
 you and start - ing from to - day. Be - hold, be - hold, I
 make all things new, my prom-ise is true, for I am Christ the way.

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.***

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE – In Thee Is Gladness

arr. Robert Hobby

*Today's altar flowers were donated by Ellen Boudreau Hoke
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send announcements to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org

Confirmation Class | Christ Church offers Confirmation classes for all high school students and adults who may be interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. We meet on Zoom every Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Then, our candidates will be confirmed by one of the Bishops of Maryland later this year; we'll share the date when it becomes available. If you are interested in learning more about Confirmation and/or registering for the class, please reach out to Fr. Manny at revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org

The Christ Church Nursery Returns | Beginning 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 more information in upcoming emails and newsletters.

New Committees at Christ Church | Last Sunday during the Town Hall Meetings, Father Manny shared two Committee plans that we will be working on that will help deepen and enrich our common life. If you are interested in serving on either the Worship or the Fellowship Committee, please reach out to Father Manny at revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Reconfiguring the Space in New Brick | 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.

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 the Parish Hall. 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.

We're in Need of a Few 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.

Centering Prayer – Mondays | Centering Prayer takes place every Monday at 7 p.m. and is a form of contemplation, a method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God. We invite you to log in, see what Centering Prayer is all about, and how it can find a unique and valuable space in your own life. The Zoom link is [here](#), Meeting ID is 859 2522 4340 and Password is Centering! [You can also check out last week's Centering Prayer on YouTube.](#)

Choir Rehearsals | Both choirs are rehearsing weekly, with the Children's Choir meeting on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Adult Choir 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. Generally, Please email music@christchurchcolumbia.org to learn more.

Lectionary Bible Study – Wednesdays | Bible Study takes place on Zoom each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., discussing and reflecting on the readings for the coming Sunday. All readings are located [at LectionaryPage.net](http://atLectionaryPage.net). You do not have to know much about the Bible; just join in and we'll all study and learn together. The Zoom link is here, Meeting ID is **885 9287 2661** and the Password is **CECBible**.

CEC Book Club – Fridays | The CEC Book Club "meets" every Friday at 7:30 p.m. We have just begun a new book and always enjoy having new people join our virtual gathering at any point in the discussion, so if you enjoy curling up with an insightful read and talking about it with others, log in for about an hour and learn more! The Zoom link is [here](#), the Meeting ID is 894 0227 6226, the Password is CECbooks.

WOCC May News | Save the Date: Saturday, September 17th marks the return of the annual Flea Market! This is our primary fundraiser, and we are excited to be able to offer it again. We'll be sending out information for renting spaces and also will be looking for lots of volunteers to help run the event. The rain date will be September 24th.

The next WOCC meeting takes place via Zoom on Monday, June 6th at 1 p.m. It will be our last meeting before the summer break. If you're a woman aged 18 or older, you're already a member of the WOCC, so join us and see what's happening. And you can always find the latest information about Women of Christ Church, as well as our upcoming gatherings and special events, [on the Christ Church website's WOCC page](#). Our most recent blog posts are at the bottom of that page, so be sure to check in regularly!

Somos Amigos Holds Its April Clinic, Expands Diabetes Care, and Expresses Gratitude for Parishioners' Support | At last, [Somos Amigos Medical Missions](#) has been able to return volunteers to the Dominican Republic after a long hiatus due to the pandemic. Although the government is still restricting dental operations, a small group of medical volunteers was allowed to travel and provide care during the April clinic. They were welcomed to the little town of Naranjito for the first time in two years.

Somos Amigos' previous healthcare delivery model had depended on volunteer clinicians and other helpers traveling four times a year, collaborating with residents of Naranjito. Instead, Somos Amigos created a local model to serve patients in the rural, mountainous region, as described in its [August 2021 blog](#). Last month, with fewer volunteers than in pre-pandemic times, Somos Amigos once again partnered with Dominican healthcare providers.

It was a successful clinic, wrote Executive Director and CEO Frank Brightwell, in an email to the Outreach Commission. "Yes, we had a good week. Best of all was having volunteers back at the clinic. It was a very small group, but it felt as if we are finally on the other side of the pandemic, at least as far as staffing the clinic is concerned."

In another success, due in part to supporters at Christ Church, Somos Amigos has expanded its insulin program to better care for people with diabetes whose needs had been unmet. Outreach recently donated \$500 in vestry-approved funds to the program as part of its support for nonprofit organizations that are local, national and international. "Before commencing with our first patients three years ago, we spent a full year investigating and consulting with renowned experts. We could not find a model of insulin delivery to patients in remote communities anywhere else in the world," Brightwell said.

Somos Amigos began with six patients, whom he described as having "maxed out" on their oral medications. "Our physicians knew these patients would benefit from insulin. We explained our intentions to the patients and required that they attend an orientation with a family member or someone else who lived in the same home or nearby; we wanted to anticipate emergencies and properly educate everyone.

"We provided those patients with their insulin and all of the necessary supplies, and we embarked on a journey with them whereby they check in with us regularly to report their blood sugar levels and any concerns. Their feedback is reviewed by one of our physicians here in the U.S., and adjustments to their treatment are made as deemed appropriate. In April we brought four

more patients into the program, and now they number 26. We have also implemented a schedule of yearly visits (or more frequently if necessary) with an endocrinologist and with an ophthalmologist,” he wrote. “We are very proud of the insulin outreach program, and we know we are helping those patients live much healthier lives. The horror stories we have all heard about the cost of insulin and supplies are unfortunately true, and as we have gone from six to twenty-six, we have, of course, seen a more than 400 percent increase in the budget for this program. We remain grateful for the support of our benefactors, and in particular, the incredibly generous congregation at Christ Church.

To learn more about Somos Amigos, feel free to speak to parishioners Shahra Toth and Dione Mahoney, who regularly volunteer at the Naranjito clinic when circumstances permit. Former parishioners Ed and Mary Keath also were regular volunteers, and she participated in an adult forum with Brightwell when he last visited Christ Church in March 2020 to deliver the sermon at both worship services. (See their photo in this [July 1, 2021 Outreach blog](#).)

Columbia Community Care Seeks Volunteers on Saturdays, Continues to Request Diapers, Personal Care Items | At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to continue supporting the all-volunteer organization, [Columbia Community Care](#) (CCC). Please look for updates, such as requests for volunteers on Saturday mornings, posted in the [CCC Facebook Group](#). There you'll find a need for volunteers to take grocery items to one of the three distribution sites after pickup at the CCC pantry building, 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia. The dates to sign up this month are May 14, May 21, and May 28 but the signup form goes through next fall. Please keep collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Put any of these in the yellow bin, marked “CCC,” inside the Parish Hall. Drop off items on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday. The Christ Church point of contact is Violet Smith, who monitors the bins and delivers their contents.

Afghan Family Update | On Sunday, May 22, don't miss the chance to meet our Afghan family, from 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. in the lower level of Old Brick. The family is very much looking forward to being able to express its thanks to as many members of Christ Church as possible, and it will be an opportunity for many of us to meet this extraordinary family. Members of St. John's Episcopal Church and the Patapsco Friends (a Quaker community), our partner organizations, will also be here to meet the family. Refreshments will be served. If you would like to help, please contact Pat DeLorenzo.

WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR BELOVED CHRIST CHURCH

Because of your genuine and overwhelming acts of selflessness, kindness, grace, compassion, and love, you continue to give immensely to support and build our common life at Christ Church. You inject life into Christ Church so that we may be able to serve the world. It is your giving that has made it possible for us to accomplish some of the work that God has given us. The truth is that we have been able to minister and serve countless people because of your faithfulness, and for that, we thank God for each one of you and thank God for what God is doing in your lives.

We also want to thank **YOU**. Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables Christ Church 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, and so as we celebrate the season of giving, we want to highly encourage all who have not fully completed their pledge for 2021 to remember their faithfulness. We also want to appeal to all who have not as yet returned their pledge for 2022 to remember their faithfulness.

TEXT GIVING: You can now give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply text **CECGIVING** 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 towards 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 info@christchurchcolumbia.org



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