



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, June 7, 2026 | Second Sunday after Pentecost – SURVIVOR’S SUNDAY



### 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:  
[www.christchurchcolumbia.org](http://www.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.

OPENING HYMN 401 | The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend;  
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

*Celebrant:* Blessed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

# 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. **Amen**

## GLORIA S280 | Glory to God

*Robert Powell*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON | Hosea 5:15-6:6

*Reader: A reading from Hosea.*

Thus says the Lord: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALM

Psalm 50:7-15 | *Deus deorum*



Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

"O Israel, I will bear witness a - | gainst you; \* |

**for I am God, your | God. | |**

I do not accuse you because of your | sacrifices; \* |

**your offerings are always be- | fore me. | |**

I will take no bull-calf from your | stalls, \* |

**nor he-goats out of your | pens; | |**

For all the beasts of the forest are | mine, \* |

**the herds in their thousands upon the | hills. | |**

I know every bird in the | sky, \* |  
**and the creatures of the fields are in my | sight. ||**  
 If I were hungry, I would not | tell you, \* |  
**for the whole world is mine and all that is | in it. ||**  
 Do you think I eat the flesh of | bulls, \* |  
**or drink the blood of | goats? ||**  
 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanks- | giving \* |  
**and make good your vows to the Most | High. ||**  
 Call upon me in the day of | trouble; \* |  
**I will deliver you, and you shall | honor me." ||**



**THE EPISTLE** | Romans 4:13-25

Reader: *A reading from Romans.*

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

SEQUENCE HYMN 711 | Seek Ye First

*Karen Lafferty*

*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 A<sup>7</sup> 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.

THE GOSPEL | Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.”

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

*Celebrant:* 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.

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

13 mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

*The people stand as able.*

THE NICENE CREED |

*All:* We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE |

Dear Lord, today is Survivors' Sunday in which we give thanks for the restoration of health to survivors of cancer and other diseases. The lessons for today remind us of your compassion and saving grace. Even when our prayers do not result in the restoration of physical health, we know the gift of eternal life. May our hearts and minds remain open to your presence even when our earthly desires do not appear to be granted. Together we ask, **Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on us.**

We lift in prayer people everywhere who are victims of war and other forms of violence, poverty and famine, environmental degradation and natural disasters. Among others, we pray for the people of the Middle East. We ask that all who suffer come to know your healing presence and that world leaders be called to be instruments of your peace. **Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on us.**

May we never forget that the church is one body, united by your love and the sacrifice of our Savior. May we forgive one another for our differences and remember that we are all members of the Jesus Movement. In the Anglican cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church. In the Diocese of Maryland, we give thanks for our sister Parishes. We lift in prayer our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Diocesan Bishop Carrie; our rector, Emmanuel; Clergy; Richard & Marcia, and Seminarian, Yehinuel. Lord, we thank you for bringing newcomers and visitors to Christ Church Columbia this morning. May they know that all are welcome here. **Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on us.**

We seek healing for those who are ill, especially Ashley, Kimberly, Lisa, Rita, Robin, Steve, Jim, Kaci, MaryAnn, Alta, Mark, Brandon, Clarence, Diane, Mildred, Kayode, Rachan & Sherry and those you now name. We give thanks for their caregivers. **Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on us.**

We pray for the souls of those who have departed this life, especially Nell Boynton & Barbara Frith and for those who weep for the loss of their loved ones. May the souls of the departed rest in peace with you and may their survivors find comfort. **Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on us.**

We are grateful for the happy occasions that members of the Christ Church family celebrate this week: the birthdays of Michael, Janelee & Angela, wedding anniversary of Dione & James Mahoney, baptismal anniversaries of Joe & Erin. We thank you for the gifts of our lives, our marriages, our baptisms and for the joy that comes with these celebrations. **O Lord, we give thanks to you forever.**

In the week ahead, O Lord, be our Guide, that we may show your love and proclaim our transformative faith to all we meet, in both words and actions. **AMEN**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION |

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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 |

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM | Let It Be a Dance

*Ric Masten  
Lumen Christi Dancers & Choir*

*Please scan to give.*



### PRESENTATION HYMN 380 vs 3 |

*Old 100th*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.**



# THE HOLY COMMUNION



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A |

*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...

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:



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All:*                               **Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER |

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

*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.**

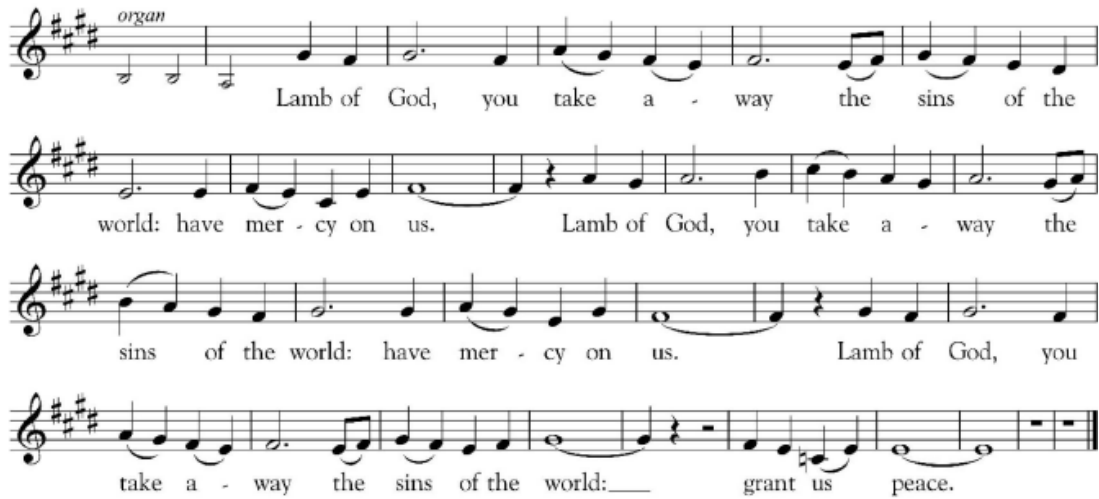
## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

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

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



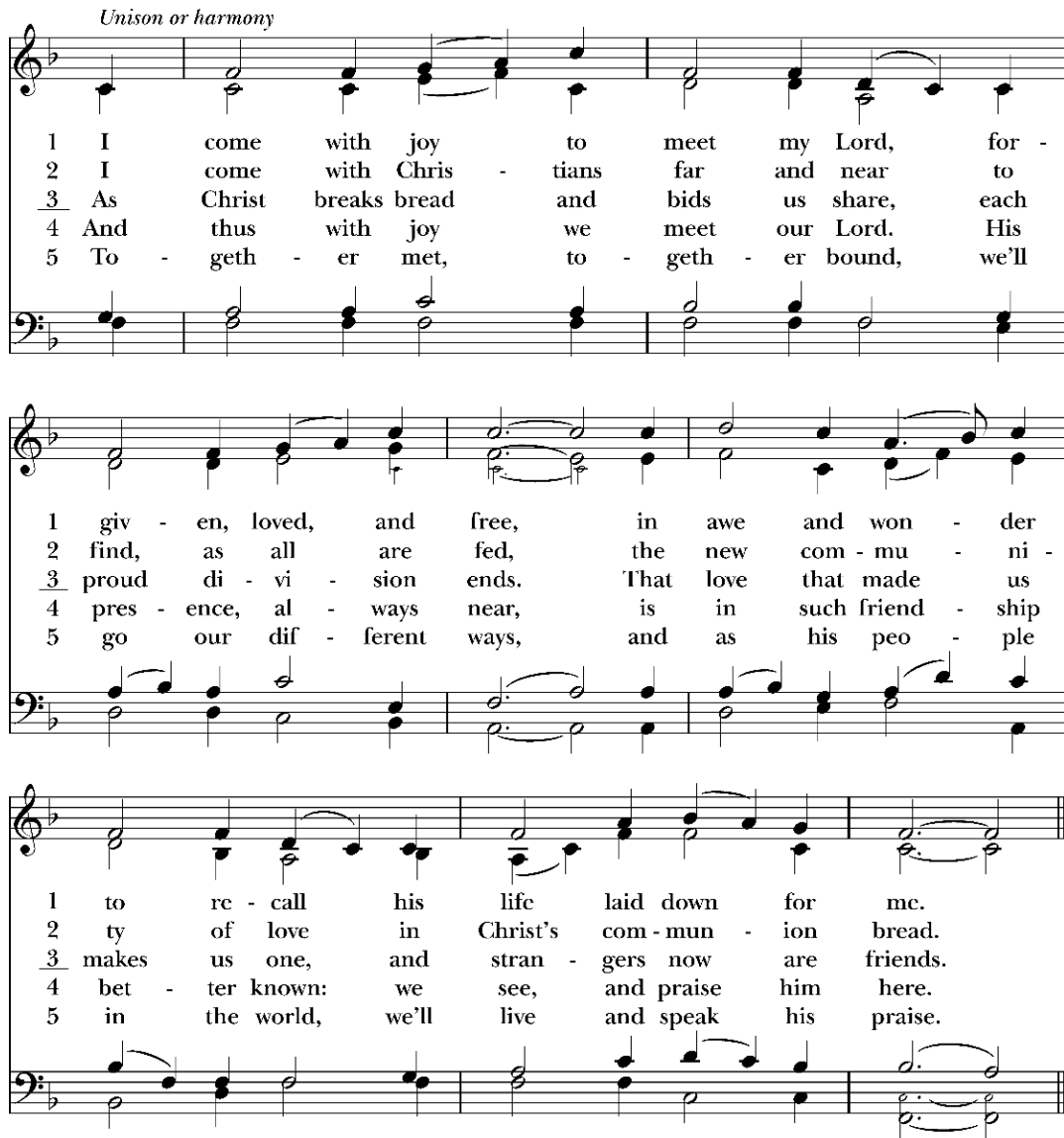
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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
 world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN 304 | I Come with Joy

*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.

EUCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER | 8 & 10:30 a.m. service

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People:* We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING |

*The Celebrant offers a blessing, and the People respond Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN LEVAS 194 | Lead Me, Guide Me

Doris Akers

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

For if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Fine

Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

1. I am weak— and I need thy strength and power to—  
 2. Help me tread— in the paths of right - eous - ness, be my  
 3. I am lost— if you take your hand from me, I am

1. help me o - ver my weak - est hour; Help me  
 2. aid when sa - tan and sin op - press; I am  
 3. blind with - out— thy light to see; Lord, just

1. through the dark-ness thy face to see,  
 2. put - ting all my trust in thee.  
 3. al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

1. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.  
 2. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.  
 3. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

*D.C.*

**THE DISMISSAL** |

*The Celebrant dismisses the people who respond.*  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE** | Dan La Glorie des Invalides, Verset X

*Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)*

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## Assisting in Worship Today

### Altar Guild

Cara Ocampo, Jan DeBoissiere, Maria Rios, Virginia Jarrett

### 8:00 a.m. Service

**Chalicer:** Sonni Aribiah

**Lector/Reader:** Sonni Aribiah

**Usher:** Michon Semon

**10:30 a.m. Service**

**Acolytes :** Abigail Boyer, Eli Munyana, Lucinda Hart

**Chalicerist:** Kathy Lyon

**Lectors/Readers:** Kathy Lyon

**Lumen Christi Dancers:** Peggy Hoffman, Phung Chau, Marcia Freeman, Doris Titus-Glover,  
Allison Davis, Veronica Ivey, Shahra Toth, Sharon Werth, Suzanne Ziobro

**Ushers:** Cherry Williams, Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams,  
Betty Dagne, Alex Amponsah

**Tellers**

Cathy Gold, Rhonda Tomlinson

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**PARISH CALENDAR**  
**JUNE 7 – 13, 2026**

**Sunday, June 7**

8:00 – 9:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
9:00 – 9:30 am	Family Worship – New Brick, UL
9:30 – 10:30 am	Sunday School, Sunday Circle
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, UL
11:00 – 11:30 am	Coffee Hour - Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Education for Ministry (EfM) – Parish Hall, CR & Zoom
4:00 – 7:00 pm	Beaudoin Recital – New Brick, UL
4:30 – 7:30 pm	Total Restoration Church – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL

**Monday, June 8**

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:45 – 1:00 pm	Dorsey Center Meal Drop-off – Parish Hall, LL
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Meal for Rt. 1 – Parish Hall, parking lot
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Grassroots Drop-off – Parish Hall, LL
4:00 – 8:30 pm	YangChu Recital – New Brick, UL
5:00 – 10:00 pm	Columbia Conjurers – New Brick, LL
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – Parish Hall, LL
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:30 – 10:00 pm	Outreach Meeting – Zoom

**Tuesday, June 9**

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:00 am– 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Coffee Hour - Zoom
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Larissa Juneteenth Rehearsal - New Brick, UL
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom

**Wednesday, June 10**

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Refugee Leadership Meeting – Zoom

### **Thursday, June 11**

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream  
12:00 – 1:00 pm Healing Eucharist – Old Brick  
12:00 – 1:00 pm Coffee Hour – Zoom  
6:30 – 9:00 pm Education for Ministry (EfM): Fast Track – Zoom  
7:30 – 9:00 pm Boy Scouts – New Brick, LL

### **Friday, June 12**

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream  
7:00 – 9:00 pm Friday Faith Film: IT'S ALL CONNECTED – Parish Hall, UL  
7:00 pm Evening Prayer Livestream

### **Saturday, June 13**

8:15 am – 12:15 pm Grace Elkridge Memorial Service – New Brick, UL  
8:30 am – 12:30 pm Center for Spiritual Nourishment (CSN) – Old Brick, Parish Hall, New Brick, LL  
12:30 – 4:00 pm HCHC Leadership Academy Event – Old Brick  
2:00 pm AA Meeting – Parish Hall, LL  
3:30 – 4:30 pm Altar Guild prep  
1:00 – 6:00 pm Private Music Teachers: Hyun Choi Recitals - New Brick, UL



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If you have an announcement to share with the church,  
Please send to [communications@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:communications@christchurchcolumbia.org) by Tuesday evening.



***SCAN THE QR CODE FOR ALL OF THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & LINKS***

### **Prepare for Father's Day by Buying DreamBuilders Goods Today**

Look for fair-trade coffee, tea, cocoa, and chocolates being sold to benefit [DreamBuilders](#) in advance of Father's Day on June 21. The goods will be available after all three worship services on Sunday, June 7. It's all for a good cause as a team of youth and adults get ready to rebuild after devastating floods in Hazard, Ky. One youth from Christ Church will be traveling June 21-27 on what will be the group's fourth trip in a row to build homes there.

And this Saturday is the 22nd Annual Matzohball Run, organized by DreamBuilders member congregation Temple Isaiah on Sunday, June 7th, starting at 8:00 a.m. at Western Regional Park in Woodbine. The proceeds benefit DreamBuilders, Grassroots, HopeWorks, and others to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable communities in need of support. Christ Church supports all of these organizations, so your help directly assists these groups.

### **The Center for Spiritual Nourishment Celebrates all Fathers - Next Saturday, June 13**

Last month, we celebrated God as divine father. This month, let's discover God as "Abba" Father and explore the nature of divine masculinity within all of us. We are offering wonderful sessions to help us delve into these topics as well as into stillness and reflection in community.

The 2nd Saturday Center for Spiritual Nourishment (CSN) provides opportunities for us to be in closer relationship with God by offering an array of experiences that engage the mind, body, and spirit. Learn about the 2nd Saturday CSN at our website - [www.christchurchcolumbia.org/spiritual-nourishment](http://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/spiritual-nourishment).

## **Spring Family BBQ & Picnic - Sunday, June 14**

The Men of Christ Church have rescheduled this weekend's Spring Family BBQ & Picnic for a later (and likely warmer) day and date - Sunday, June 14. This no-charge event is a new MOCC fellowship gathering that connects generations and celebrates our church family. All ages are welcome - there will be a moon bounce for the children, and fun, food, and drink for everyone.

Their raffle drawing has also been moved, which means you still have time to get in on it! Tickets are \$10 each, and three for \$20. That's right - if you buy two tickets, you get one free, which sounds like a pretty good deal. Proceeds are split 50/50 between the winner and supporting MOCC Outreach programs and events. Speak with Duane, Ed, Sonni, or any MOCC member, or email [MOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:MOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org).

The MOCC are providing all the grillables, but are asking for a little side support to make this event the best possible community gathering of the year. Please sign up to contribute items for the event. If snacks or condiments are not your preference, you can also sign up to help with setup or cleanup on the day of the event. Thank you, and we hope to see you there!

## **A Special Juneteenth Concert - Friday, June 19**

Please join us for a Juneteenth concert in the New Brick Sanctuary on Friday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. "Breaking the Chains" will feature the Caritas Vocal Ensemble, accompanied by our music director, Larissa Sanders, performing works by Black composers centered on themes of justice, freedom, and the ongoing fight for equality.

Proceeds from this concert will benefit the Music Ministry at Christ Church and the Howard County Center for African American Culture. A light reception will follow.

## **MOCC Breakfast – Saturday, June 20**

Join us for French toast and fellowship - the MOCC breakfast is a monthly tradition, and in May, it will take place on Saturday, May 20. Set your GPS to Silver Diner at 8250 Gateway Overlook Drive in Columbia. We'll meet at 9:30 a.m., and all ages are welcome. You can also set a calendar reminder on your phone for every third Saturday of a month, for that's when we meet up for this tasty start to our weekend.

## **The WOCC Summer Tea - Saturday, June 20**

A beloved annual event is back for 2026, and everyone is welcome to join us! The WOCC are hosting their Summer Tea on Saturday, June 20 at 11:00, so make your reservations with us as soon as possible. We gather at the Kate Pearl Tea Room in Sykesville for a few hours of delicious fruit, scones, pastries, tea sandwiches, sweets, and of course, delicious TEA! This year, the cost for the event is \$44., which includes gratuity and all charges. The deadline for signing up is June 14, and you can do so in the Narthex of New Brick or by emailing [WOCC@ChristChurchColumbia.org](mailto:WOCC@ChristChurchColumbia.org) and letting them know you are interested. You can then process payment by placing a check or cash in an envelope into the teapot on the table in the Narthex, or by paying online via Realm (select the WOCC fund and write "Tea" in the memo line).

Carpooling is also available, so if you would like to do this, please speak with any WOCC member or email us at the address above. We look forward to having you join us!

## **Get Ready for Another Summer of VBS!**

Christ Church's Vacation Bible School and Choir Camp takes place this summer from Monday, June 22, to Friday, June 26, and gathers daily from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. Then, after the Sunday 10:30 a.m. service on June 28, we'll have a wonderful ice cream celebration for all VBS&CC participants! At VBS&CC, children will enjoy a week of Bible stories, music, science, crafts, games, and making new friends and seeing old ones! Snacks, lunch, and refreshments are served daily, and the program is staffed by our wonderful Christ Church parishioners, many of whom have been a part of VBS and our Choir for years.

The registration form for VBS&CC can be completed here. If you have multiple children to register, please complete a separate form for each child. The tuition is \$30/child or \$75/family, and you can process your tuition payment here. Volunteers are also needed, so join us and have fun! Please email us if you'd like to assist with the program or have any questions.

## **Interested in Learning About EfM? This Might Be Your Chance to Join this Rewarding Program**

Education for Ministry at Christ Church (EfM) is a rewarding long-term program, a unique, small-group series based on study and practice in theological reflection, helping participants discover and nurture their call to Christian service. The first few years of EfM at Christ Church have been extremely insightful for its participants, many of whom have experienced unexpected yet beautifully transformative experiences while gaining friendships with others in the study group.

Later this year, they're opening a few extra participant spots for next season, which begins towards the end of this summer. Even if you're currently unsure whether it's the right fit for you, now is the time to ask questions and learn as much as you can from its current participants, so you can make an informed and prayerful decision. Learn more by visiting [www.christchurchcolumbia.org/efm](http://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/efm), and by speaking with Mother Marcia Davenport at church.

## **Crab Feast - An Annual FWF Extravaganza! - July 1**

The most anticipated First Wednesday Fellowship of the year comes in July, so get your crab-eatin' bibs ready! On Wednesday, July 1, at 6 p.m., we'll host our annual Crab Feast just outside the Great Hall of New Brick, and everyone is invited, no matter what your age is!

The cost is:

- \$30 for 6 crabs
- \$20 for a stocked plate of juicy BBQ
- \$45 for a combo plate (BBQ & crab)
- BYOB

Please note that you **MUST** pre-order, as this is a catered event! Orders are due by June 21, and you can pay via Realm (write "Crab/BBQ" in the memo line), check, or cash. The BBQ menu will include ribs, smoked chicken, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, hot dogs, and corn on the cob.

## **Centering Prayer - Mondays**

Centering Prayer is a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. Be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings. The Zoom link is here, the Meeting ID is **817 6254 3177**, and the Passcode is **CP**.

You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church or by emailing [centering@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:centering@christchurchcolumbia.org).

## **Christ Church Book Club - Tuesdays**

This might be a perfect time to join the CEC Book Club, as we are starting a new book. The Christ Church Book Club is an informal online conversation that selects a book and discusses it as a group, offering diverse perspectives and experiences. Email [bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org) and let us know that you're interested, or just log on later this month - everyone is welcome to take part, and we always welcome a few more participants!

## **Noonday Healing Eucharist - Thursdays**

Throughout the year, Christ Church offers a midday Healing Eucharist on Thursdays in Old Brick. A member of our clergy leads this service of readings, prayers, a litany for healing, and the Holy Eucharist. Parishioners and community members are all welcome to join in a prayerful time in the presence of God, and to share in the wonderful mystery of God's love whilst we

seek healing for ourselves and our loved ones. Please come in to reflect, pray, and participate in a service held in our beautiful, historic chapel.

### **Learn More About Your Parish - Read the Monthly Vestry Meeting Minutes**

To help provide complete transparency with our parish family, we have decided to provide the minutes from each monthly meeting of the Christ Church Vestry. [You can read a PDF of the latest Vestry meeting minutes here.](#) If you have any questions or wish to discuss something with a Vestry member, please stop by the Vestry Table at church on any Sunday morning.

### **We Need More Help at Christ Church!**

There are many roles in the church that most people don't think of regularly – or at all. However, the truth is that it requires a great deal of work by many people to keep Christ Church the well-run parish that it is. You can help your church by volunteering to be a Reader, Chalcist, Teller, the Inreach Ministry, or by assisting the Christ Church Altar Guild.

None of these requires weekly assistance - both only require a short amount of time every few weeks or so, but the impact you have on the entire parish is significant. For those specifically interested in the Altar Guild, please email [altarguild@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:altarguild@christchurchcolumbia.org) or speak with Pam Foreman or any other Altar Guild member setting up on Sunday mornings.

If you want to know more about the Inreach Ministry, please speak with Michon Semon at church, complete the brief form at [cecevents.org/Inreach](http://cecevents.org/Inreach), or email us at [inreach@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:inreach@christchurchcolumbia.org), and we will get you started.

For those interested in assisting as a Reader, Chalcist, or Teller, please call the Church Office at [office@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:office@christchurchcolumbia.org) or speak with Yetti.

### **Inviting You to Join Our Monthly Outreach Meeting on Monday, June 8**

Learn many ways to help others by joining us remotely for the Outreach Commission meeting on Monday, June 8, at 7:30 p.m. Our mission has a local, national, and international scope. JOIN US! [The link is HERE](#), Meeting ID is 892 6873 6183, and Passcode is Outreach! See you on Zoom!

### **SLYC Says ‘Thanks,’ Calls for Volunteers at Camp Imagination this Summer**

Christ Church welcomed a leader of St. Luke's Youth Center (SLYC), a collaborative of West Baltimore families who together provide youth with life-enriching experiences. On Sunday, May 31, [Engagement Coordinator Darlene “Grandma” Clark thanked the congregation during announcements at the 10:30 worship service for our support.](#)

Every summer, SLYC youngsters engage in arts and literacy activities during five weeks of day camp, followed by one week of sleepaway camp at the Claggett Center. To help make that happen, Outreach Commission members recently approved a \$3,600 donation to cover the cost of care for two children for all six weeks. These are Vestry-approved funds derived from your pledges and contributions. Thank you!

Parishioners can get personally involved by volunteering –for as little as one hour on one day – at SLYC's [Camp Imagination](#), a day camp for ages 5 to 13 held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 300 W. Maple Rd., Linthicum, Md. 21090 from June 29 to July 31. Or consider [donating directly to SLYC](#) to send a child to camp for \$300 per week or \$1,800 for all six.

[Clark spoke about how SLYC nurtures youth, from toddlers to teens, during Sunday Circle on May 31 and during a coffee hour hosted by the Outreach Commission.](#) For information, email [Darlene@bmoreslyc.org](mailto:Darlene@bmoreslyc.org).

### **Help Grassroots by Providing Food for the Homeless on Monday, June 8**

On the second Monday of each month, Christ Church serves a hot midday meal at the Day Resource Center (DRC), operated by the [Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center](#). We last participated on May 11.

A team led by Outreach member Shahra Toth makes side dishes and desserts that we serve in person after car-pooling to the Leola Dorsey Center in Jessup. To help on Monday, June 8, please check our [DRC online signup form](#), which describes the procedure. Drop-off time is 12:45 p.m. in the parking lot near Old Brick.

Some parishioners prefer to cook or shop for the evening meal at Grassroots' Emergency Shelter, whose staff serves the residents. Please arrive between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. in the Old Brick parking lot, where a volunteer picks up the food for delivery to Grassroots. Get details in our [Grassroots online signup form](#). It's efficient to provide for both venues on the same day, feeding more than 150 people in total. Your donations and Vestry-approved funds pay for the fried-chicken entrees. Thank you!

Your generosity has again helped ease the burden on our homeless neighbors, who rely on the DRC for pantry items, including food, sundries, and more. In response to a DRC request, the Outreach Commission approved spending \$460 on 80 pairs of men's jeans and an assortment of non-perishables: Spam and other canned meats and meals, canned fruits, and grape jelly. These were purchased with funds donated to the church by parishioners who give to "General Outreach." A hearty thanks!

You, too, can pitch in by shopping for the pantry at the DRC and Grassroots' two other sites. We welcome in-kind donations of items such as hearty soups and fruit cups to be dropped off ahead of time in the Parish Hall kitchen for delivery on second Mondays. Find Grassroots' [monthly needs list](#) on our signups under "Related Files."

### **Bring Items for FISH/CCC, and Consider Volunteering to Take Calls from Home**

[FISH](#) and [Columbia Community Care \(CCC\)](#) partnered last year and merged pantries. CCC continues to hand out food at three sites on Saturday mornings and by home delivery to Howard County residents. For information, visit [Get Help online](#). For updates on community services such as [youth programs](#), check CCC's [Facebook page](#).

FISH continues to pick up donated goods from Christ Church and others. Please put non-perishable food and personal care products in the altar basket or in a bin just inside the Parish Hall. Look for a combo label "FISH/CCC". Please bring baby wipes and diapers, especially large sizes.

FISH will continue to provide telephone support to Howard County residents, offering guidance and financial assistance because the personal touch is very important when people are in crisis. For information, ask parishioner and FISH treasurer Andy DeLong (*seen in this photo*) or email him at [andydelong.fish@gmail.com](mailto:andydelong.fish@gmail.com).

You could be the one to lend a helping hand by lending an ear! As a phone volunteer, you can help from your home by giving just one day a month to assist those who could benefit from financial assistance from FISH. Training is provided. Thank you!

### **Home of Our Own Howard is Having a Yard Sale at CEC - June 27**

[Home Of Our Own Howard \(HOOO\)](#), Howard County's local furniture bank for individuals and families in need, is holding a yard sale at Christ Episcopal Church. All funds raised will support our clients who are moving into a home after experiencing a crisis. [The yard sale is on](#) June 27, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., rain (Parish Hall lower level) or shine (outside on the lawn).

We hope you can support their cause by finding treasures at the sale. There will be a wide variety of items at great prices, including small appliances, linens, curtains, dishware, glassware, kitchenware, artwork, and home décor. 100% of proceeds go directly toward helping neighbors in need fill their empty homes. The majority of the items are priced between \$1 and \$5.

HOOO provides furniture and essential household goods to Howard County residents facing hardship. Most items are generously donated by community members — keeping quality goods out of landfills and putting them into the hands of families starting over. When HOOO receives donated items that aren't suitable for direct distribution, they're sold to raise funds that support the same mission. Every dollar stays local. Every purchase helps a family in need create a safe, functioning home.

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