

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Third Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, June 9, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. & 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. 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!

Opening Hymn 8 | Morning Has Broken

Bunessan

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
 born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

Opening Acclamation |

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.

People: Amen.

Gloria S 280 | 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.

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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

A Reading from Genesis 3:8-15 |

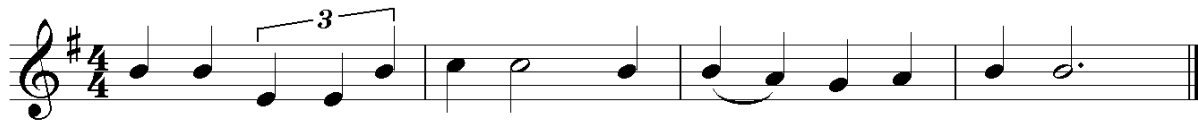
Reader: A reading from Genesis.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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



With the Lord there is mer - cy and plen - teous re - demp - tion.

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;

LORD, hear my voice; *

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *

O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; *

therefore you shall be feared.

Antiphon

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *

in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the LORD,

more than watchmen for the morning, *

more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the LORD, *

for with the LORD there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption, *

and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Antiphon

A Reading from 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 |

Reader: A reading from the Second Epistle to the Corinthians.

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

The Gospel | Mark 3:20-35

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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,

Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

Optional Ending

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

mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

Sermon | Kathleen Lyon, *Lay Preacher*

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 worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People |

Proclaiming the Lord's glory, majesty, dominion and steadfast love is the true purpose of our lives. Being a bearer of the Truth is a privilege of every believer. May we continue to praise God, in the way of the prophets, the psalms and the disciples. Our faith grows as we live in the presence of God. **Lord, in You we place our trust.**

May we each be a seed in the kingdom of God, growing, maturing and sheltering those in need. Each of us has a role, a story that enfolds throughout our lives, and God uses our talents in unseen ways as we touch the hearts and minds of our friends, families and all whom we encounter in our journey. **Lord, create in us a desire to listen to Your voice and follow Your guidance.**

We pray for the worldwide Church, as it faces injustice, poverty, illness, persecution, violent conflict and the spiritual hunger experienced by so many people. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. In our Diocese, we pray for our sister parishes. We ask our heavenly Father to bless the ministries of our Church leaders: our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Diocesan Bishop, Carrie; our Rector, Emmanuel; our Deacon, Denise; our Postulants, Kiona, Mike, and Rebecca; and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. May they be given wisdom, compassion and love to share with us all. **Lord, grant us the strength and courage to be agents of change in our world.**

We extend our warm hospitality to all visitors and newcomers with us today. Your presence in our midst is a wonderful gift. May our worship, music and Eucharist bring you joy, peace and encouragement. As summer begins, may we have new and enriching experiences, as we revel in the beauty of God's creation. **Lord, we praise you for gifts and your never-ending care.**

Our prayers are with those who are ill, especially Sabrina, Graham, Brian, Jim, Erica, Marilyn, Carolyn, Mary Ann, Barbara, Cindy, Tim, Sherry, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred, and Nell, and those we now name. May the healing touch of Christ bring health and wholeness to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We also ask our Lord to bless and strengthen their families, friends and caregivers. **Lord, remain close and give Your comfort and peace to those in need.**

We remember all those who have died and entered eternal life, especially Ann Marie Leeman and Mike Bruggink. Let us be assured that light and love surround all those in God's heavenly kingdom. May those who grieve be given special care by all to overcome the emptiness after losing someone so dearly treasured in their lives. **Lord, you are our refuge and our strength.**

We celebrate all those joyous occasions in our parish this week, especially those with birthdays of Becky, Steven & Janelee, wedding anniversaries of Jan & Tom DeBoissiere, Aileen & Stephen Kimberling, and baptismal anniversary of Erin. May we draw closer as a Church family and recognize the contributions of all the marvelous people in our lives. **Lord, may we serve You always.**

Let us walk in faith, trust and confidence in Christ, aiming to please God by our words and deeds, and urged on by God's endless love. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin |

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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us; and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading Jasmine Opiri, Alex Opiri, and Kiona Lookingbill to this time and place. Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope, and love, and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you, Jasmine, Alex, and Kiona as ambassadors and missionaries of Christ Church. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God. I commend you to this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement and support. The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

Celebrant: Go in the peace of Christ to love and serve the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God!**

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.

Passing the Peace Song | I Love You with the Love of the Lord

Jim Gilbert

**I love you with the love of the Lord,
Yes, I love you with the love of the Lord.
I can see in you the glory of my King
And I love you with the love of the Lord.**

Welcome and Announcements |

THE HOLY COMMUNION



Offertory Anthem | Triumphal March

Michael Bedford
Handbell Choir

Please scan to give.



Doxology Hymn 380 (v. 1) |

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.**

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:



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."

All:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
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 LEVAS 270 | Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

organ

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 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
 2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your
 3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
 at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing
 hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

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.***

Closing Hymn | Shine, Jesus, Shine

Graham Kendrick

Lord the light of your love is shining.
In the midst of the darkness shining.
Jesus light of the world, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me. Shine on me.

CHORUS

Shine Jesus shine,
Fill this land with the Fathers Glory
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow river flow
Flood the nation with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word.
Lord and let there be light.

Lord I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance,
By your blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me. Shine on me.

As we gaze on Your Kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from Glory to Glory,
Nearer here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me. Shine on me

Dismissal |

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

Postlude |

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Ron Baran

Ushers: Michon Semon

Chalicerist:

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Cheryl Lucente

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

Acolytes and Crucifer: Anya Sheriff, Ava Kelso, Everet Kelso

Chalicerists: Ivy Amponsah, Cheryl Lucente

Altar Guild

Sonni Aribiah, Ivy Amponsah, Ed Koharik & Nicole Moon-Koharik

PARISH CALENDAR JUNE 9 TO JUNE 15

Sunday, June 9

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – New Brick, upper level
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – New Brick
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
1:30 – 4:30 pm	EFM – Parish Hall, conference room
6:00 – 10:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Monday, June 10

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:45 – 1:00 pm	Dorsey Center Meal Drop-off
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Grassroots Drop-off
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:00 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Outreach Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, June 11

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Stewardship Meeting – Old Brick & Zoom
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:30 pm	Building and Grounds Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, June 12

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Refugee Leadership Meeting – Zoom
6:30 – 8:30 pm	FWF Orioles Game – Oriole Park at Camden Yards
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, June 13

8:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom

Friday, June 14

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 9:00 pm	Movie Screening – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, June 15

6:00 am – 12:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Cycling & Fellowship
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	CEC Center for Spiritual Nourishment – Old Brick & New Brick
9:30 – 11:30 am	MOCC Breakfast – IHOP, Columbia
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level



REGISTER NOW! WWW.CHRISTCHURCHCOLUMBIA.ORG/2024CAMP

ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT!

VBS & Choir Camp Registration Ends this Sunday

Christ Church's Vacation Bible School and Choir Camp takes place from June 24-28 and gathers each day from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. At camp, 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. Tuition is \$30 per child or \$75 per family, **and you can register your child by completing this form** - but don't delay! Only five spots are remaining, and registration closes this Sunday, June 9th. Once you have registered, **you can process payment here**, or by sending a check to Christ Church (please write "VBS" in the memo line).

Volunteers are also 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements for publication,

email to 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.

Centering Prayer - Monday Evenings

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 are a hybrid gathering, so be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings. **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **875 9496 3596** and the Passcode is **Centering!**

Camden Yards FWF Outing - Next Wednesday

All of our Orioles game tickets have been sold and most have been distributed, but we still have a few to give to their owners. If you've already purchased tickets but don't have yours yet, stop by the church office during business hours any weekday between now and June 12th. And those of you still interested in carpooling to and from the stadium, please email info@christchurchcolumbia.org and let us know. We'll put you in touch with other carpoolers.

Christ Church Choirs - Thursday Evenings

Choir rehearsals will be taking a break soon, but we are always welcoming new participants - anyone can join us! Whether you're a novice singer or musician or one with experience, there's always a place for you in our Vocal &/or Handbell Choirs. If you're interested, please email Larissa at music@christchurchcolumbia.org, or speak with her after church on Sunday mornings.

CEC Book Club - NEW DAY

Christ Church's Book Club now gathers weekly on a new day - Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. - and since we are about to begin a new book - *Somehow* by Anne Lamott - now's the perfect time to join us! You can learn more about the book [here](#) and [here](#), and get a copy in your preferred format from any bookseller. CECBC is always welcoming new people to the group, so if reading and sharing our thoughts on books sounds like something you'd enjoy taking part in, log into Zoom - **the Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **817 9855 4366**, and the Password is **CECBooks**. Email Ellen Hoke at bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org if you'd like more information.

Consider a Donation to the Rector's Discretionary Fund for Fr. Manny's Birthday.

In honor of Fr. Manny's birthday on Tuesday, June 11 please consider making a donation to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. 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.

Back-to-Back Movie Days - June 14 & 15

Bring your favorite movie munchies to a double-bill movie screening weekend. At 7 p.m. on Friday, June 14th, we'll gather in the lower level of the Church Office building for the film *Metamorphosis* (**view the trailer here**) a film exploring the design, engineering, and life-cycle of the butterfly, and discussing how they came into being. Then at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 15th, a repeat screening of the film *After Death* (**view the trailer here**) will take place. Group discussions will follow both events, so join us as we share our thoughts and insights from these films.

Center for Spiritual Nourishment – June 15

Join us for the June CSN gathering from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon for experiences that engage the mind, body, and spirit. Come for any or all of the morning as we offer: Meditation, Spiritual Direction, Exploring Synchronicities, Science Supporting Spiritual Reality, Trauma-Informed Care and Spirituality, and closing with a Healing Liturgy Worship Service.

An Independence Day FWF Celebration - July 3

Gather with us to celebrate Independence Day one day early, as we host a barbecue and open mic night on campus Wednesday, July 3rd. A scrumptious BBQ main dish will be provided by the church, and there will be an open mic night with storytelling, poems, singing—you decide. There will also be outdoor games and fellowship for all! Bring a side dish, snacks, or dessert to share, as well as soft drinks, beer, or wine. Let's welcome the start of this summer together!

Register Now for the Assateague State Park Weekend - July 5-7

Christ Church's Youth Group is sponsoring a free beach camping trip for youths, their families and friends, and other parishioners who want to get away for a few summer days. There will be many activities, including swimming, hiking, crabbing, fishing, kayaking, beach games, campfires, and much more. Bring your tent, and camp right by the ocean! **We need your registration forms immediately, so please go here and complete the form by the end of day on Friday, June 18th.** The form has a lot of details about the trip, but if you have any questions, please email info@christchurchcolumbia.org. You can also **visit this site** to find out more about Assateague State Park.

Dinner Theatre Fun! - July 12

The WOCC presents an opportunity to see *Jersey Boys* at Toby's Dinner Theater on Friday, July 12th at 6:00 p.m., and friends and families are all welcome to join in the fun, food, and music! Please sign up in the Narthex and pay by Tuesday, June 18th. **If paying by Realm**, please select "WOCC" in the *FUND* dropdown menu and write "Toby's" in the *MEMO* line. If paying via check, make it out to Christ Episcopal Church and write "Toby's" in the *MEMO* line.

EfM Invites You to Participate Next Year

Education for Ministry is a unique four-year, small-group program based on study and practice in theological reflection, helping participants discover and nurture their call to Christian service where they live, work, and play. Now, as the first year of our EfM seminar is drawing to a close, we are looking for a few additional people to join us as we enter the next year of study and reflection. Because of the program's cyclical nature, individuals may begin their studies during any calendar year of the four-year cycle. Participation by members at a variety of levels of study will be so enriching for us all. Please consider joining us! If you have questions, you can speak with Mother Marcia Davenport at church, or email EfM@christchurchcolumbia.org.

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.

Inviting You to Join Our Monthly Outreach Meeting this Monday, June 10

Learn many ways to help others by joining us remotely for the Outreach Commission meeting on Monday, June 10th, at 7:30 p.m. Our mission has a local, national, and international scope. [The Zoom link is HERE](#), the Meeting ID is **864 9837 1844**, and the Passcode is **Outreach!** See you on Zoom!

Join us for the 20th Anniversary MatzohBall 5k - Sunday Morning

Temple Isaiah's 20th Annual 5K Run & 1-Mile Family Fun Run is Sunday, June 9th at 9:00 a.m. Proceeds benefit Christ Church-supported groups such as DreamBuilders, Grassroots, and Hopeworks to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable communities in need of support.

This family event is for runners AND walkers! Both the 5K race and the 1-mile fun run/walk courses follow the paved foot paths around the lake at beautiful Centennial Park, located off Route 108 in Ellicott City, Maryland. The race starts and finishes near Pavilions A, B & C (south entrance). After the race, you're welcome to stay at the park and attend Family Wellness Day. [The MatzohBall Run website](#) has race information, sponsorship forms, and sign-ups.

Last Call: Somos Amigos Holds a "FUNdraiser" this Sunday Afternoon

Enjoy a carnival-themed afternoon of fun in Northern Virginia, where [Somos Amigos Medical Missions](#) will hold a "FUNdraiser" on Sunday, June 9, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Sylvanside Farm, 19606 Telegraph Springs Rd., Purcellville, Va., 20132.

Former Christ Church parishioners Mary and Ed Keath plan to travel from their home in Oregon to attend and show their support for how Somos Amigos provides care in the Dominican Republic. The event will celebrate 25 years of Somos Amigos' medical and dental care while raising funds as the nonprofit organization looks forward.

Tickets are \$45 each or four for \$110. You can [order tickets](#) up until this Sunday, June 9th. Enjoy games, snacks, beer, wine, hot dogs, and hamburgers by Smokin Willy BBQ. Live music is by Spencer Bates of Georgetown Piano Bar. See the Clydesdale horses, scenic views, and restored barns of [Sylvanside Farm](#), which dates to 1744. A live auction that starts at 4:15 p.m. will feature the chance to bid on two VIP tickets and backstage passes to meet Stephen Colbert and see a live taping of The Late Show. Colbert affirms his longtime support of Somos Amigos in [a video on Vimeo](#).

The auction also offers a chance to "Dunk Frank in the Dunk Tank." Founder and Executive Director Frank Brightwell is well known to Somos Amigos volunteers Dione and Jim Mahoney, Shahra Toth, Dr. Preethi Jackson, and Dr. Ellen Boudreau Hoke for his visits to Christ Church. View his most recent sermon in the [Collect, Readings, Sermon, and Livestream of Feb. 25, 2024](#), at 28:28 minutes into the video. See photos and learn more about the clinic in the [Outreach Blog of Feb. 22, 2024](#).

Help the Homeless on Monday, June 10, by Preparing a Dish for Grassroots' Live-In Facility or Serving a Meal at Its Day Resource Center

On the second Monday of each month, Christ Church provides a hot midday meal for the homeless at the Day Resource Center (DRC) and drops off dinner at a live-in shelter for 50 residents. Both are operated by the [Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center](#).

We last participated on May 13.

A team led by parishioner Shahra Toth makes side dishes and desserts that we serve in person at the DRC. To join us on Monday, June 10, please sign up by Sunday, June 9. If you wish to volunteer or bring food for the midday meal, our [DRC online signup form](#) describes the procedure. Drop-off time is 12:45 p.m. in the Christ Church parking lot near Old Brick for DRC's food, drinks, and supplemental items such as fruit and granola bars. In-person

volunteers gather at that time to carpool to Jessup. Later, parishioners who cook or shop for the evening meal at Grassroots' Live-In Facility arrive in the Old Brick parking lot between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. Get details in our **Grassroots online signup form**. Grassroots staff serves the evening meal at its Freetown Road facility. It's efficient to provide for both venues on the same day. Your donations and Vestry-approved funds pay for the fried chicken entrees. Thank you!

Buy DreamBuilders Goods On the Next Two Sundays In Time for Father's Day

Look for goods on sale to benefit **DreamBuilders** after both services on Sunday, June 9th, and Sunday, June 16th. It's first-come-first-serve for the remaining chocolates after high demand during a recent restaurant fundraiser. But we'll have plenty of fair-trade coffee and tea at our table in the Narthex. Buy a treat for Dad and help a good cause! A multi-generational team will build three homes in flood-damaged Hazard, Ky. Christ Church will be represented by Director of Youth & Family Ministries Kiona Lookingbill and Jasmine and Alex Opiri during the Kentucky trip from June 16 to June 22.

Columbia Community Care Needs Diapers and Other Baby-Care Items

Columbia Community Care (CCC) requests baby-care items and diapers, especially sizes 4-6, and pull-ups in sizes 3T, 4T, and 5T. Put these along with sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers 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 items.

Those who need groceries and other necessities can find information by going online to **"Get Help"** on CCC's website. Or **learn how to volunteer** at distribution sites or as a translator or shopper at its pantry. Find 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.

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.

Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church and makes us 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.

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

Text Giving

You can give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply send a text with the word **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 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 **info@christchurchcolumbia.org**



‘The Harvest Is Plentiful, But The Labourers Are Few’

We’ve entered our fourth week of “Ordinary Time,” the parts of the liturgical year that fall outside of the major seasons of the church calendar. Aside from green altar linens and clergy vestments, “ordinary time can be understood in terms of the **living out of Christian faith and the meaning of Christ’s resurrection in ordinary life.**”

In practical terms, it often means a slowing down of things, a softer rhythm that fits well with the summer’s sweltering heat and longer days. At Christ Church, we break from activities like Sunday Circle, Sunday school, and youth formation, as well as our 9 a.m. family worship service. Our “8 o’clockers” relocate from Old Brick to the air-conditioned spaces in New Brick. We take a collective breath to enter into a community experience of ordinary time.

But despite the Church calendar, things at Christ Church are anything but ordinary. Father Manny is preparing to embark on his sabbatical and will be away all of July and August. And I am mentally preparing for my time at Christ Church to come to a close.

My last service here will be September 8th, and it will indeed be a bittersweet day. As I celebrate the four years I’ve spent with this beloved community, I will also grieve the fact that I will no longer be with you each Sunday, no longer minister alongside you, no longer share in Christ Church’s common life.

In the Episcopal Church, Deacons directly serve their diocesan Bishops. The Bishop sends forth Deacons for roughly a three-year assignment at a parish. Sometimes this can be extended, and in cases of rural congregations where the Deacon lives far from other parishes, it can be a permanent assignment. But that is the exception, and for good reason.

First, nationwide and in our diocese, there aren't enough Deacons to go around. The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland has 19 "active" (non-retired) deacons—and more than 125 parishes. The math just doesn't make it possible for Deacons to remain in one place.

But beyond that, I strongly believe the diaconate is meant to be itinerant. Matthew 9: 35-38 says, "Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'"

As we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, Deacons must be willing to go where sent and where needed to proclaim the Gospel. And we should do this with joy and anticipation of the new opportunities we will encounter to glorify God's kingdom.

Deacons serve as the bridge between the Church and the world, called to lead people particularly in ministries that serve those on the margins: those who are outcast, underserved, oppressed, exploited, persecuted, impoverished, lonely. At our ordination, we affirm that we "are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world." We can only do that well for the Church as a whole when we move through different spaces and make diverse connections to help people understand their unique gifts and ways they can make an impact in the world.

This is what I mean by bittersweet: I will deeply miss the people of Christ Church, even as I'm excited to see what's next in my new assignment at St. Peter's in Ellicott City.

You know the old saying that you never forget your first love? I would add that for clergy, you never forget your first congregation. My official "formation" experience ended with my ordination in 2020, but I believe formation is lifelong. And Christ Church has played a pivotal part in my continuing growth as a Deacon and as a disciple of Christ.

This is not a goodbye letter; I will take the opportunity to say more as we approach September. For now, know that each of you has been a blessing to me in ways I can voice, as well as in ways I understand only in their essence. The Spirit is working in powerful ways here, and I'm fortunate to be part of this beautiful community. Thank you for all you do in Christ's name.

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