

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Day of Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Sunday, May 19, 2024 | 10:00 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!

Prelude | Laudate Dominum

Jacques Berthier de Taizé

Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, Lau - da - te Do - mi - num om - nes

1. 2. D.C.

gen - tes, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Translation: Praise the Lord, all you peoples.

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

Cantor

1. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, from heav - en shine forth

with your glo - rious light. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

2. Come from the four winds, O Spir - it, come breath of God; dis -

perse the shad - ows ov - er us, re - new and strength - en your

peo - ple. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Opening Acclamation and Collect of the Day |

Celebrant: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people.
People: **Kindle in us the fire of your love.**
Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People: **One God and Father of all.**

**Choir:**

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

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

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the
right hand of the Father: Receive our prayer. *Refrain: all sing*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone
are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
Glory of God the Father. Amen. *Refrain: all sing*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the
promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the
preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ 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 Ezekiel 37:1-14 | Read by Jane Adams in Mandarin

Reader: A reading from Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in
the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the
valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God,
you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of
the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will
lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you,
and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and
the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come
upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to
the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O
breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath
came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 | Led by Alex Amponsah in Twi

Benedic, anima mea



O LORD, how manifold are your works! *

**in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

Antiphon

All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
**you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.**

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

Antiphon

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.

Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

Antiphon

Reader: A reading from The Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

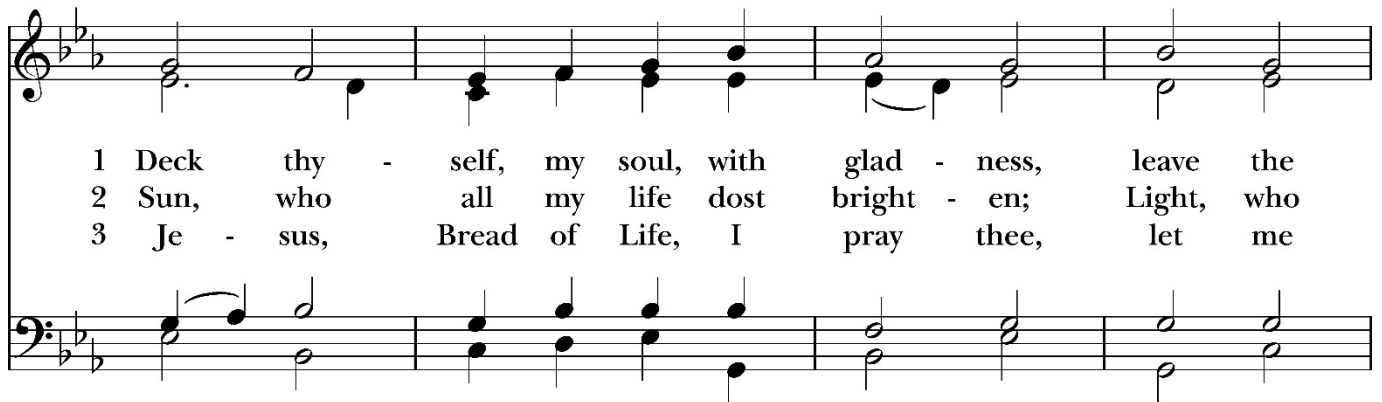
Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
 that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
 and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams.
 Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
 and they shall prophesy.
 And I will show portents in the heaven above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
 The sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Reader: The word of the Lord.

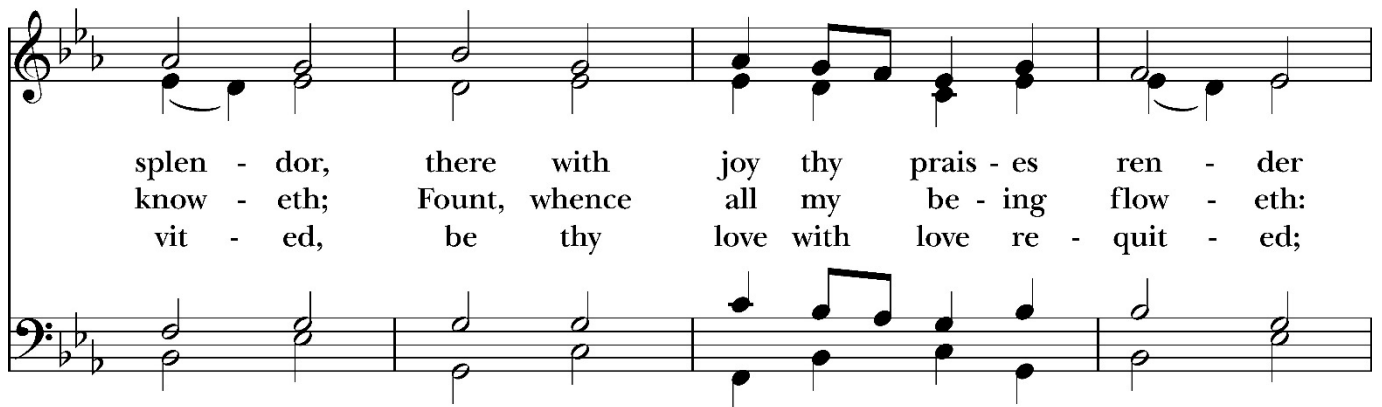
***People:* Thanks be to God.**



1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -



splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban-quet found-ed- high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par-ta-ker of this bless-ed food from
 vast and deep its trea-sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign-eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign-eth.
 hea-ven, for our good, thy glo-ry, giv-en.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re-ceive me.

The Gospel | John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Verses 15:26-27 Read by Robin Bradley in Czech

Verses 16:4b-15 Read by The Rev. Marcia Davenport in German

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

5 Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

Optional Ending

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

13 mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

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.

Dear Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, help us as you helped the disciples to know you and to feel the peace and love of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We pray especially for peace, reconciliation, and healing in the Holy Land. **Oh Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us!**

We pray with others in many languages this day and every day and know that you hear us, Lord. We pray for visitors and new members among us, both in person and online, that they feel the loving spirit of Christ Church Columbia. We give thanks and celebrate the 25th anniversary of our Rector's ordination today—and pray you continue to bless him in his ministry for many years to come. **Oh Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us!**

We pray for the worldwide Church and all its leaders. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for Grace Memorial, Darlington; Holy Cross, The Rocks; and St. John's, Havre de Grace. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of Canada. We ask for blessings for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Diocesan Bishop, Carrie; our Rector, Emmanuel; our Deacon, Denise; our postulants, Mike, Kiona, and Rebecca; and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. We pray for all government leaders in our nation and around the world. **Oh Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us!**

We pray for all who are sick and suffering and their caregivers, and ask that You help them find Your peace, especially for Brian, Michael, Katie, Mollie, Kathy, Jim, Kim, Erica, Marilyn, Carolyn, Mary Ann, Barbara, Patricia, Cindy, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Rhonda, Mildred, and Nell and those we now name. We pray for all who have died, especially those we now name. We pray for all who are grieving, that they may find peace and comfort in You. We hold up in prayer those in military service, especially Conner Warlow and Kofi Abdallah. We seek Your continued presence in our lives. **Lord, do not let our hearts be troubled, do not let us be afraid.**

We offer prayers of thanksgiving for all students and educators in our church family and everywhere and ask that you watch over and guide them in their studies and their service to their community. We give special thanks for all the college and high school graduates in our parish family especially Gavin, Jonah, Hannah & Setutsi, and we pray You continue to bless them as they embark on new journeys. We ask you to watch over Lake Elkhorn Middle School as they prepare for new educational adventures. We pray for those celebrating birthdays especially Alex, Phillip, Sarah, Marie, Leigh & Linda, wedding anniversaries, Amy & Maurice Hairston and Kathleen & Ronald Panzera and baptismal anniversaries King & Cindy. **Oh Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us!**

May your Holy Spirit guide us in a spirit of unity, faith, and love throughout the world! **Amen.**

The Peace |

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

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

Welcome and Announcements |

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem | Lord, You Have Come to the Seashore/Pan de Vida

Cesáreo Gabaráin/Bob Hurd, arr. Kevin Keil

Please scan to give.



Presentation Hymn 400 (v. 7) |

Laast Uns Erfreuen

**Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Eucharistic Prayer B |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

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



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 S 171 | Be Known to Us

Mason Martens

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



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

Cantor

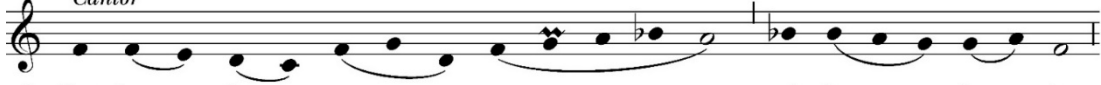


1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



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

Cantor



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



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

Communion Anthem | Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

arr. Harold W. Friedell

Communion Hymn 602 | Jesu, Jesu

Ghanaian folk song

Chorus



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

Repeat Chorus



feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love. All are neigh - bors to us and you.
 slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

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.

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 |

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.**

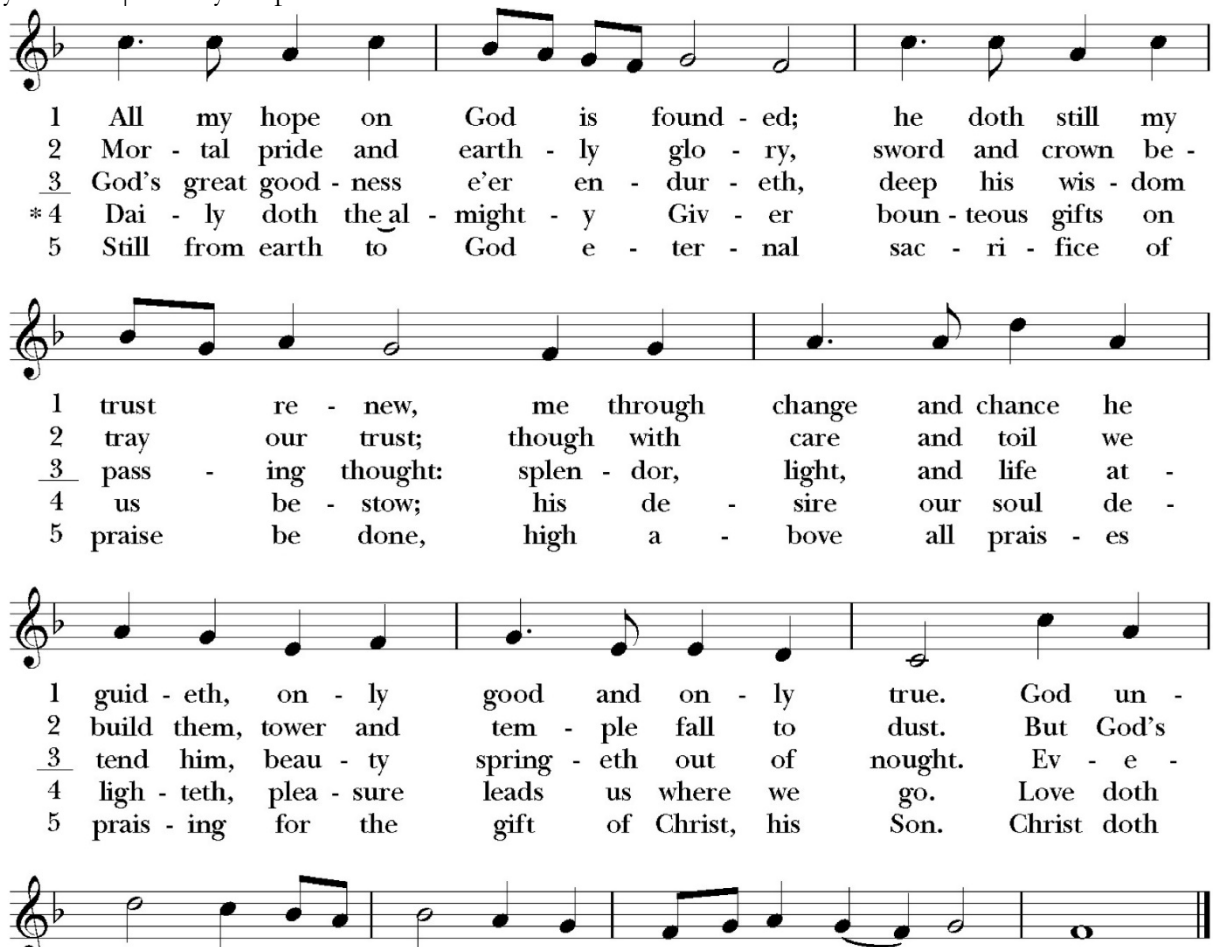
School Anthems | Up, Santaclusians
Adisadel On The Hill

The Blessing |

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

Closing Hymn 665 | All My Hope on God is Founded

Michael



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
* 4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es

1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -
4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth

1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Dismissal |

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

Postlude | 'Three Chorale Variations on 'Veni, Creator Spiritus'

Marcel Dupre

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in honor of Edward Franklin's birthday.*

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Lector/Reader: Alex Amponsah, Robin Bradley, Jane Adams, Bete Dagne, The Rev. Marcia Davenport,
Jonelle Ocloo, Pamela Pruitt, Shahra Toth
Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams, Cherry Williams, Beth Dagne, Alex Amponsah,
Hope & Eva Oladipupo
Acolytes and Crucifer: Luke Aribiah, Alex Opiri
Chalicerist: Joan Harvey, Ivy Amponsah

Altar Guild

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

PARISH CALENDAR • MAY 19 TO MAY 25

Sunday, May 19 – Pentecost

9:00 am – 9:30 am Blood Pressure Screening/Medication Check – Old Brick
10:00 am Pentecost Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
11:30 am Pentecost Potluck/Fr Manny Celebration – New Brick, lower level
12:30 – 5:30 pm Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
1:30 – 4:30 pm EFM – Parish Hall, conference room
3:30 – 6:30 pm Piano Recital – New Brick, upper level
6:00 – 10:00 pm Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Monday, May 20

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level
7:00 pm Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom

Tuesday, May 21

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm Howard County Home School – New Brick, lower level
11:00 – 12:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:00 – 11:00 pm Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Wednesday, May 22

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
10:00 – 11:00 am Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room
7:00 – 8:00 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, May 23

8:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm Howard County Home School – New Brick, lower level
12:00 pm Healing Eucharist – Old Brick
12:00 – 1:00 pm Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:00 – 11:00 pm Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, May 24

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

Saturday, May 25

9:00 – 3:00 pm	Event Rental – New Brick, lower level
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
3:00 – 7:00 pm	Event Rental – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

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](#).

No Formation this Sunday

Please note that there is no Adult or Youth Formation this Sunday. There will be Nursery services for those who need them during worship, however.

Sunday School Schedule

It's time to begin winding down this Sunday School season! We are off the next two Sundays, May 19th (Pentecost Sunday) and May 26th (Memorial Day weekend), and then on June 2nd, we will close out a great year of Sunday School with a celebratory breakfast! This is our last scheduled event until September, so please bring some food to share as we gather at 9:30 a.m. and look back on the last year of learning.

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. Monday evenings - **the Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **875 9496 3596** and the Passcode is **Centering!**

Christ Church Choirs - Thursday Evenings

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

CEC Book Club - Friday Evenings

Book Club are 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, gather on Zoom with us on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Email Ellen Hoke at bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org for more information.

NAMIWalk - June 1

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

Come and Make Greeting Cards with Us! - June 1

Have a friend or family member with a birthday coming up? Maybe an anniversary, or a graduation? Present them with a handmade greeting card for that personal touch! On Saturday, June 1st, the WOCC presents a card-making gathering, and everyone's invited to join us as parishioner Emily Aubin leads us in this fun and creative annual event. The \$15. cost covers all materials, and we'll gather in the Great Hall of New Brick from 3-5 p.m.

Taizé Vespers - June 2

Join us on Sunday, June 2nd at 6 p.m. for the first of our monthly Taizé Vespers, an hour of quiet meditation and prayer through music and reflections. The simple, repetitive Taizé chants, sung in multiple languages, help to focus our minds and spirits and allow our hearts to open and understand the message of Jesus' love, forgiveness, and peace. Come and experience the beautiful music, light a candle, and leave ready to start the week refreshed and with a renewed spirit.

ACT NOW! Only the Last Few Tickets are Available for Our Camden Yards FWF "SWF" - June 12

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

VBS and Choir Camp - June 24

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

An Independence Day FWF Celebration - July 3

Gather with us to celebrate Independence Day one day early, as we host a barbecue party on campus Wednesday, July 3rd. A scrumptious BBQ main dish will be provided by the church, and there will 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!

Want to Play a Little Kickball?

Are you interested in having less stress during your work week? Do you need more exercise? If so, then you should join us for some kickball! Some parishioners are now playing on Wednesday evenings in a Howard County Parks and Recreation kickball league, with the team being organized by a young adult in the church community. Everyone is having a good time kicking and running, and the team can use YOU! So far, the ages range from the early 20s to the mid-60s (but adults of all ages are welcome) and there's room for more players! Speak with Kevin Osborn at church for more details, leave a message here, or email info@christchurchcolumbia.org and we'll get you started.

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.

Please Support the Rector's Discretionary Fund

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

Last Call: Please Bring Maseca and One-Pound Bags of Rice and Beans by Pentecost Sunday so RISE Can Help Baltimore County Neighbors in Need

The collection deadline is Sunday, May 19, to do your part to collect three crucial items in short supply at **RISE**, a multicultural ministry in Baltimore County. Bring one-pound bags of rice and dried beans and any size bags of Maseca instant corn masa flour, which can be used in making tortillas, tamales, and pupusas.

The drive ends on Pentecost Sunday when Christ Church has traditionally celebrated its international roots. Put items (no cans or large bags, please) into the marked bin on the breezeway near the door to Old Brick. Many have already done so, and we've now added an additional container. Hearty thanks go to all!

RISE – or Refugee & Immigrant Support for Empowerment – is a program of **Christ the King** (CTK), whose rector is the Rev. Mary Eliot, formerly a member of the clergy at Christ Church. Besides free food, RISE also offers programs such as “Camp in a Bag” aimed at children. Volunteers distribute produce and staples every other Wednesday, helping 15,000 people in 2023.

The next date is Wednesday, May 29, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at CTK, 1930 Brookdale Rd., Baltimore, MD 21244. Volunteers are welcome. Go to **“What is RISE”** for information and to sign up. As CTK states in **“Our Story”**, “RISE is actively seeking to connect and form new partnerships, working with others to overcome the challenges of food insecurity, language barriers, insufficient housing, under-employment, transportation limitations, racism, and the trauma of economic insecurity.”

Bridges to Housing Stability Thanks to All Who Supported Its Beans & Bags Event As a Way to Help End Homelessness in Howard County

Despite wet weather on Sunday, May 5, a group from Christ Church came to Centennial Park to support **Bridges to Housing Stability**, an advocate for families who struggle to keep a roof over their heads. Bridges wrote that proceeds from the fundraiser “will directly support our efforts to provide services, resources, and support to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our community.”

Bridges expressed gratitude to everyone who enjoyed the **2024 Beans & Bags event**. “Your willingness to brave the rain led to a wonderful afternoon of food, fun, and community. With the support of our congregations, attendees, sponsors, and community supporters, we were able to raise over \$28,000 to support our services in Howard County!”

Funds were raised through sponsorships, individual donations, meals purchased to enjoy at the park or for carry-out, a silent auction, and fees for teams competing in a cornhole tournament. This year Christ Church had no team in the tournament, which was won by a pair from First Presbyterian Church of Howard County. Maybe next year? It's not too soon to begin practicing your cornhole skills!

The event is a crucial annual fundraiser, and Christ Church is a sponsor at what Bridges calls the “Ghost Pepper” level in recognition of a \$1,000 contribution as outlined in the **Outreach Blog of April 18, 2024**. It's a worthy cause, including recent Bridges' initiatives described in the **Outreach Blog of Feb. 15, 2024**.

Christ Church was represented by a group including longtime Bridges' supporters Jim and Marilyn Collins (*above image*). In 2022, he was honored as one of Bridges' “Heroes for Housing.” Also attending were the Director of Youth & Family Ministries Kiona Lookingbill and son Marcus, Stacey Frith, and Patricia Fanning. Many parishioners pitched in by donating and ordering carryout chili from Absolutely Perfect Catering. Thanks to all the participants!

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

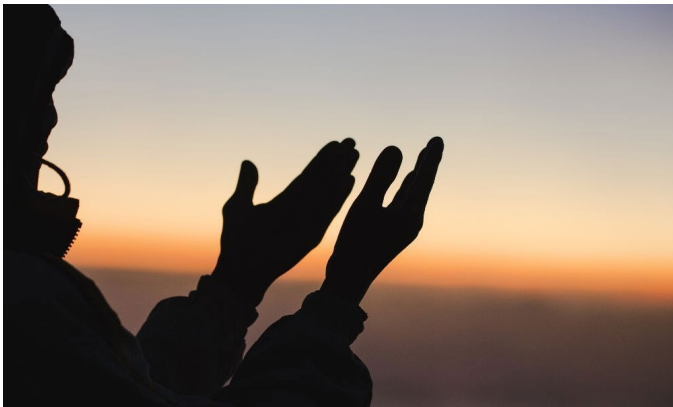
“CCC,” inside the Parish Hall. Drop off items on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sundays. The Christ Church point of contact is Leigh Smith, who monitors the bin and delivers items.

Those who need groceries and other necessities can find information by going online to **“Get Help”** on CCC’s revamped 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.



PRAISE

The rippling effect of praise. Praise cannot be contained in a box. Praise cannot be held back by the one who has been affected by a dramatic change in his life. Praise is infectious. Praise connects us. Praise has this cascading effect to it, mainly because when we offer praise over an act of kindness, mercy, goodness, faithfulness, blessing, or any other merit that was beyond our expectation, others join us in praise because they too can testify to the blessing that we have received.

This past Saturday, we launched the Christ Church Center for Spiritual Nourishment. It is an innovative idea that is geared towards helping us deepen our own spirituality and provide safe spaces where we can all be vulnerable. More importantly, it is to help us connect with God and each other in ways that we have never done in the past.

I joined the Spiritual Direction group. Before it even got started, I said this to Kathy Simms and Carol Abbott: “Don’t we all need directions in our lives?”

Carol Abbott, our Spiritual Director, led the session and invited us to meditate on the Story of Blind Bartimaeus in Luke 18: 35-43. Among others, this story helps us understand what it means to join others in offering praise - for a particularly good deed that has come their way.

A few verses back, the same people who joined Bartimaeus in his praise to God, were the same people who rebuked him because he wouldn’t stop screaming the name of the Son of David who was passing by. Bartimaeus wouldn’t stop asking for mercy - you could say that he had perfected the art of begging to the point where a rebuke by others didn’t make any difference to him.

Think about the number of times and the number of people he had begged over the years. Think about the number of insults he may have endured from the rude and the scornful. Think about the number of times that others had ignored his pleas. Think about the number of times that others have said no. Think about the number of times that others may have responded positively and given him some money.

Bartimaeus, we would say, was used to being rebuked because he had been rebuked all through his life and one more rebuke wasn’t going to stop him.

What do you think would have happened if he had stopped screaming because of the rebuke from others? He wouldn’t have had his eyes opened, nor would he have experienced that one gift that he needed the most - that he may see again.

As I reflect on the rebuke of others and the ways I have also rebuked others, I invite you to reflect on the many times and ways in which you have been rebuked or rebuked others. It may have been overt, like the people who rebuked Bartimaeus, or it may have been subtle - where the rebuke wasn't recognizable, but it was a rebuke, nonetheless. Think about what that rebuke did to you, your spirit, your dignity, your sense of pride and love for yourself. Think also about what your rebuke did to others.

I have a friend who, a few years ago, was diagnosed with breast cancer. She had a mastectomy and is yet to have reconstructive surgery. She shared with me that she dislikes her body and doesn't like to see herself in the mirror. It was heartbreaking to hear that. And I felt it was also a rebuke. In an unfortunate way, she's hampered by what used to be and isn't as open and welcoming to what is.

What is, in my opinion, a testament to a second shot at life.

I was surprised at her words because I saw more than what she probably saw. Whenever I communicate with her, see her, or say a prayer for her, all I see is praise. Praise to the God who saved her. Praise to the God who healed her. Praise to the God who has given her a second chance at life. I praise it because not every woman who has been diagnosed with breast cancer survives it.

I remember telling her, "Don't be upset with your body." After all, if you are upset with your body, who else would you expect to be happy with your body? Embrace the body that you have, as unsightly as you think it may be, embrace it, love it, pamper it, and enjoy it because that is where your praise begins. And the point of your praise becomes the point of all who join you in praise - because they can also attest to what God had done in your life.

Praise doesn't only spring up because we have experienced some healing, but also because there's been some significant achievement in our lives. Praise springs up because of a milestone. Praise springs up because of an undeserved blessing. One more thing, praise grounds us because we come to appreciate the One on whom we depend.

For me, my praise is about a ministry over these last twenty-five (25) years. A quarter-century of service for the common good. I am not exactly sure how it happened, but I am full of praise. I am not exactly sure how I got to where I am, but I still praise. Like many aspects of our lives, there's been more highs than lows. But whether high or low, I still praise.

Like my friend, I have more than a few scars of my own, but I still praise. The good thing is I do not look at the scars and become fixated on them as if they by themselves alone, offer a redemptive story. Yes, they do tell a story about the valleys and shadows of death that we once experienced, but I for one try not to be trapped by them. To do so is to minimize the grace that holds me, sustains me, and assures me of God's abiding presence. As a wise person once said, *"I always look at the bright side of life."*

For me, scars only remind me of what the Lord has done. And for that one reason, I cannot hate what the Lord has done.

To praise, then, is to look at those scars and to exult - not because you have them but because they remind you of something bigger than yourself. To praise, then, is to remember where you used to be, what you were dealing with, and when your world came crashing down. To praise is to look at the new beginning that has been made possible because, like Bartimaeus, Jesus heard you. Not only that, but Jesus also set you free from all the things that inhibited you and denied you of purpose.

Remember, praise has a cascading effect. People like to join others in offering praise. This Pentecost Sunday, May 19th at 10:00 a.m., I invite you to join me in praise.

Like all those who joined Bartimaeus in his praise, please join with me in offering praise to the God who invites people like me, undeserved and unfit, to tell the story of His love.

Manny+

CHRIST CHURCH CONVERSATIONS

Episode 13: Eclipse

"We don't know who we are anymore. We don't see God as being active in our lives; in fact, we do not see God at all. Our eyes have been blocked by the moon so we cannot see the sun. It is daylight, but we are surrounded by darkness. We have varying degrees of eclipses in our lives - leaving us helpless, hopeless, and lost. Oh, how I wish we would all be found, how I wish we would see the Son once more!"

This week, Father Manny discusses how we can recapture our sense of God and our sense of the divine, as well as maintain our belief in God as the creator.

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

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 <mailto:info@christchurchcolumbia.org>

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