

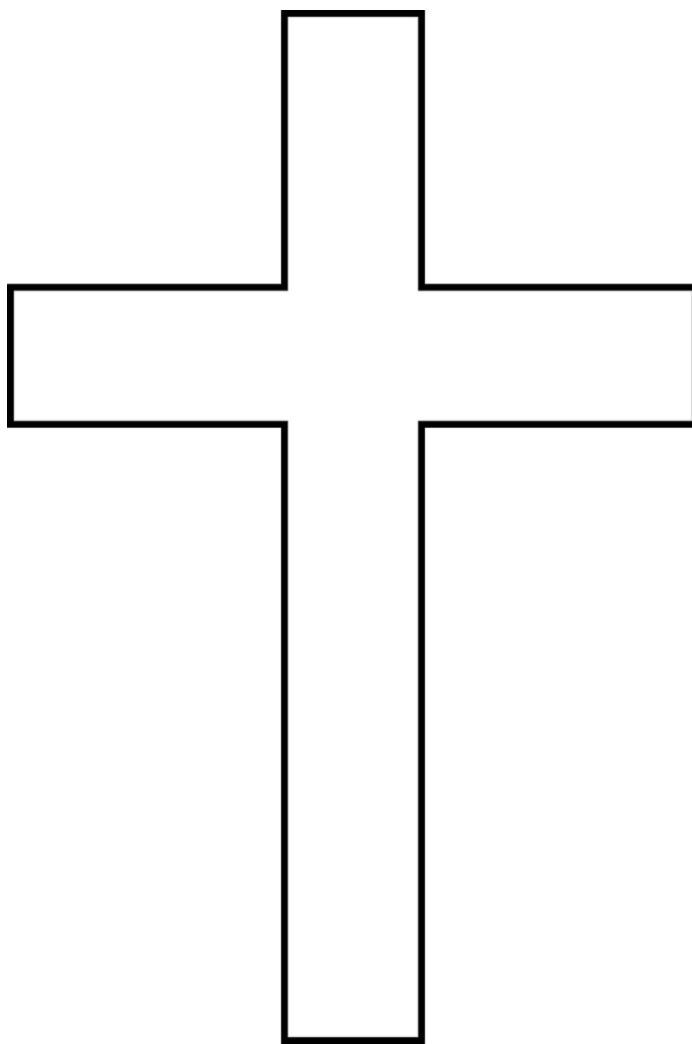
Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, July 7, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.



Welcome Home!

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church community: christchurchcolumbia.org. 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 |

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
 way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

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 - mighty 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, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

A Reading from Ezekiel 2:1-5 |

Reader: A reading from Ezekiel 2:1-5.

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half verse.

Psalm 123 | *Ad te levavi oculos meos*

To you I lift up my eyes, *

to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *

and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *

until he show us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *

and of the derision of the proud.

A Reading from 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 |

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

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what

is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

Sequence Hymn 636 | How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 “Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3 “When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 “When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 “The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I’ll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I’ll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake.”

Optional Interlude

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

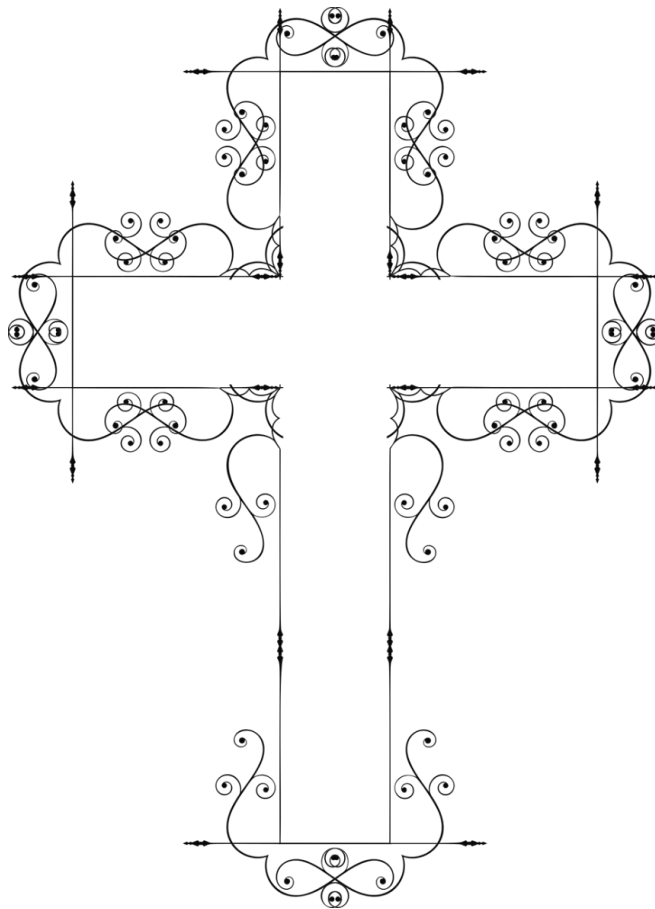
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eous-ness,

The first system of the hymn is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eous-ness,'.

5 Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

The second system of the hymn continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are 'Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.'.

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

The third system of the hymn is marked as an 'Optional Ending' and begins with a measure rest. The lyrics are 'For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord on - ly, that'.

13 mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

The fourth system of the hymn continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are '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.

The Prayers of the People |

Lord, today, tomorrow and always, our spirits are called to attention by Your presence. We are asked to be witnesses of Your truth in our society today. We ask forgiveness for our disregard for others and our complacency about the problems in our world. Let us see and receive Your love and mercy, the real treasures of the soul. **May we hear and respond to the voice of the Lord.**

This week our country celebrated the birth of a new nation founded to give religious freedom and opportunity to all. We ask our Lord's blessing on our national, state and local governments and for the gift of wisdom and leadership for all our elected representatives. We ask Your blessings for those serving to defend our way of

life, especially Kofi Abdallah and Conner Warlow. We pray for our spiritual leaders: our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Presiding Bishop-Elect, Sean, our Diocesan Bishop, Carrie; our Rector, Emmanuel; our Deacon, Denise, Reverend Marcia; our staff and postulants; and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. We lift up the worldwide Church in the light of God, especially the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean in the Anglican Communion and our sister parishes of Christ Church, Port Republic; All Saints', Sunderland; and Middleham & St. Peter's, Lusby. **Lord we are one Body in Christ.**

We welcome all visitors and newcomers with us today. We are enriched by your presence and hope that our music, praise, and prayers bring you peace and joy. **Lord, we are so grateful for our community of faith.**

We pray for those who are ill in body, mind or spirit, especially Dick, Kitzel, Rachan, Ivy, Sabrina, Graham, Brian, Jim, Erica, Marilyn, Carolyn, Mary Ann, Barbara, Cindy, Tim, Sherry, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred, and Nell, and those you now name. May they be given health and wholeness and may they feel the love of Christ always in their lives. We also ask our Lord's help for those who are homeless, jobless, or struggling with family problems. Give each person the strength and courage to meet each day, trusting in the power of God to work in all our lives. **Lord, reach out and heal those in need.**

We remember those who have died and entered Your eternal kingdom, especially those we now name. May light perpetual shine on them and God's grace surround them forever. Our prayers are with the grieving families and friends who've lost someone dear to them. Let the joy of the Lord bring them through into the wonder of life. **Lord, let us live in faith and hope.**

Today we celebrate occasions of joy in our parish, especially the birthdays of Kyle, Janiah, Dennis, Donna, Jan, Patricia, Jo Emily, Donna, Pamela & Frantz, the wedding anniversaries of Ed & Katharine Chrzanowski and David & Suzanne Ziobro, the baptismal anniversaries of Suzanne & Cherry. We are so blessed by the people in our congregation who love and serve the Lord together. **Let us praise God.**

Christ's gift of abundant grace is powerful and perfected, as we rely on it in our weakness. Let us spread the Gospel to all who open their hearts and minds to listen and to change. Let us be the hands of Christ in the world today. **Amen**

Confession of Sin |

Deacon: 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.

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 Meditation | Amazing Grace -

Traditional, arr. Bragi pór Valsson
Tyler Sanders, French horn

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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
***People:* And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
***People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

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

Ho-ly, ho - ly, - ho-ly, ho - ly - ho-ly - Lord God - of hosts -

- Heav-en and earth - are - filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in - the -

high - est - ! Bless-ed is the One who - comes in the name - of the Lord, -

- of the Lord - Ho - san - na - in the high - est, Ho - san-na

in - the - high - est. -

Celebrant:

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

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant:

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

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

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

All: 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

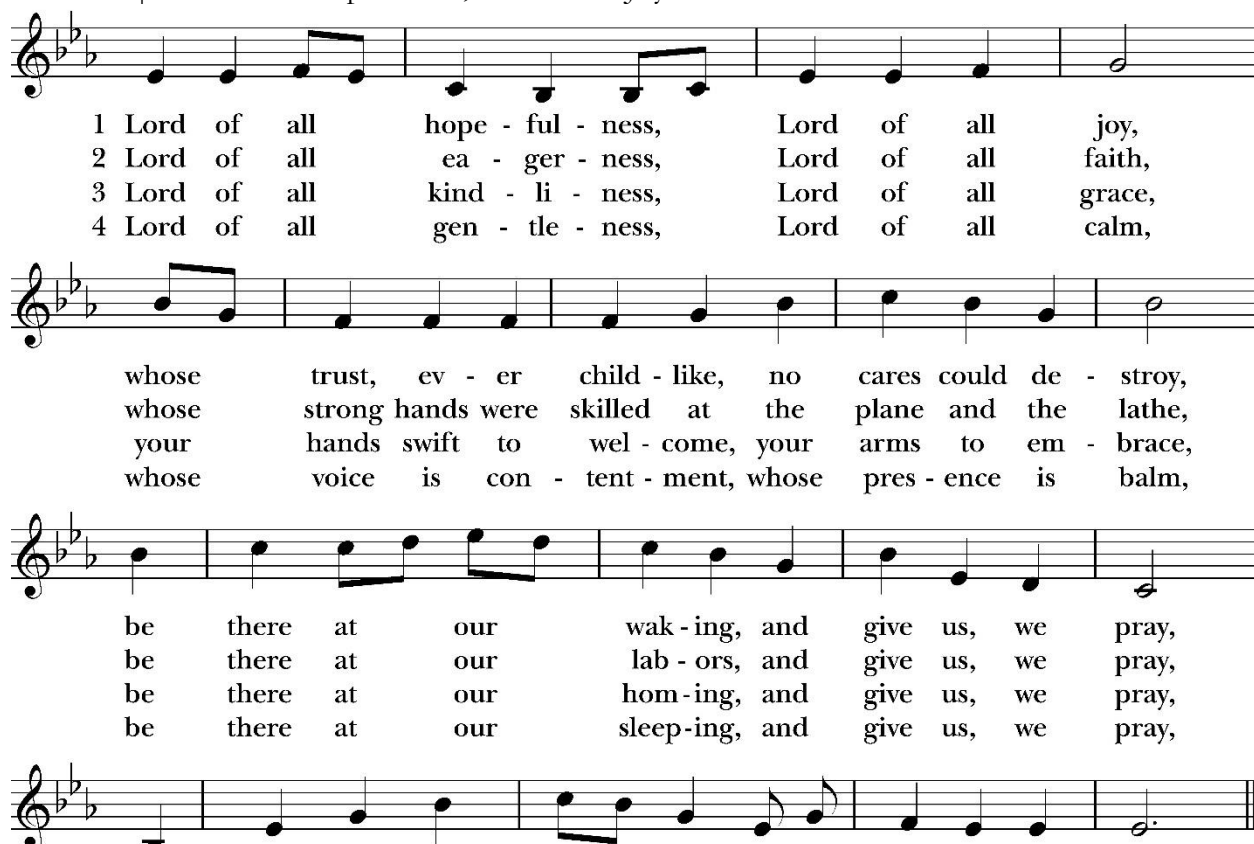
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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

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

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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.

The Blessing |

The Celebrant offers a blessing and the People respond Amen.

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
 thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
 and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

Dismissal |

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

Postlude | Dans la Gloire des Invalides, Verset X

Marcel Dupre

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Sonni Aribiah

Ushers: Kayode Williams, Onyx Williams

Chalicerist: Sonni Aribiah

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Kathy Lyon

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

Acolytes and Crucifer: Mikailu Sheriff, Ava Fox, Danny Jackson

Chalicerists: Theo Jones-Quartey, Kathy Lyon

Altar Guild

Pam Foreman, Cheryl Lucente, Sarah Mugo

CELEBRANT FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 14

The Rev. Randy Callender

PARISH CALENDAR JULY 7 TO JULY 13

Sunday, July 7

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
6:00 – 10:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Monday, July 8

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:45 – 3:15pm	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, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Outreach Meeting – Zoom
7:30 – 10:00 pm	Columbia Conjurers – Parish Hall, lower level

Tuesday, July 9

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:30 – 9:30 pm	Eagle Scout Meeting – Parish Hall, conference room
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, July 10

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

Thursday, July 11

8:00 a.m.	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, July 12

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, July 13

2:00 pm	Small Delusions Event – New Brick, upper level
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
6:00 – 12:00 a.m.	Event Rental – New Brick, 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.

Office Closed on Monday, July 8

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 8th, and reopen on Tuesday morning, July 9th.

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!**

CEC Book Club - Thursday, July 11

The CECBC gathers next Thursday on Zoom, and as this is our final session for the first half of 2024, we'll wrap up our current book, make plans for the fall season of Book Club, and wish each other a wonderful summer. If you might be interested in joining us in the fall, why not log in and stop by on the 11th and see what we're about? A friendlier bunch you won't find! **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **817 9855 4366**, and the Password is **CECBooks**. Email Ellen Hoke at bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org for more information.

Small Delusions Concert - Saturday, July 13

Christ Church's most beloved and entertaining musical act returns next Saturday! Come to New Brick and enjoy Small Delusions as they perform a summertime set at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. There's no charge for attending, but come early and bring a snack or beverage to share - and an appreciation of good music, singing along on occasion, and enjoying fellowship with the rest of the CEC family. We'll have fun all afternoon!

Movies at Christ Church - Friday, July 19

Several film screenings are coming up over the summer, so grab some munchies and enjoy a night at the movies! **You can view the details here** or on flyers around the church. The next showing is Friday, July 19th at 7 p.m. in the "theatre" in the Parish Building's lower level for the film *Living Waters: Intelligent Design in the Oceans of the Earth*. And if you're interested in presenting a film screening at Christ Church, **please email us**.

Cycling for Health and Fellowship - Saturday, July 20

The CEC cycling group is taking this Saturday, July 6th, off for the holiday, but welcomes everyone to join them on July 20th at 9 a.m. Our growing group gathers in the New Brick parking lot for an enjoyable ride around parts of Columbia. Bring your helmet and bike, and join us for an hour or so of exercise and fellowship. If interested, please email **cycling@christchurchcolumbia.org** so we don't leave without you! You can learn more at **www.christchurchcolumbia.org/health**.

MOCC Breakfast - Saturday, July 20

Everyone is welcome to join us for breakfast on Saturday, July 20th as we'll gather at **Another Broken Egg in Elkridge** at 9:30 a.m. Come enjoy some great food and even better conversation and fellowship.

Join Us at the Center for Spiritual Nourishment - Saturday, July 20

Christ Church's July gathering of the Center for Spiritual Nourishment takes place on Saturday morning, July 20th from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and everyone is invited to gather with us. The CSN provides opportunities for spiritual growth for Christ Church members and the larger community by offering an array of experiences that engage the mind, body, and spirit. We will be tending to our souls in the community!

Blood Pressure and Pharmacist Consults at Church - Sunday, July 21

To provide health and wellness services to parishioners of all ages, the CEC Health Ministry will provide blood pressure checks and 1-to-1 private consults with a licensed pharmacist on Sunday, July 21st. These occur in the Elevator Room in New Brick from 9:00-9:30 a.m., so stop by, and bring any of your medications you want to discuss or any other questions you might have. If you can't make it that Sunday, place "BP/Meds Check at Church" on your calendar on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 9 a.m., or regularly check the **website's Parish Calendar** for the next one.

Theology on Tap - Wednesday, July 24

ToT is an informal get-together where you can chat about interesting religious articles of the day, grab a beverage, and enjoy fun, engaging, structure-free conversation with other parishioners and friends. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24th at **Frisco and the Reckless Shepherd** at 8895 McGaw Road in Columbia. If you have any questions, please speak with Mike Looney or email **seminarian@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

Christ Church's Parish Festival and Ministry Fair - August 25

The Christ Church Parish Festival & Ministry Fair will be here before we know it! This is a very special highlight on our calendar every year, so join us for Holy Eucharist in New Brick at 10:00 a.m., followed by a fantastic festival of faith, food, fellowship, and FUN! We'll have BBQ goodies, fun for all, and activities for kids. Each Christ Church ministry will also be represented, where you can grab an informational pamphlet or flyer and speak with ministry members to learn more about why each is a vital contribution to our common life - and how you can join in and help make us even better.

Ministry leaders - please send Chris any information or updates you might have about your ministry or group, so he can prepare the documents for the Ministry Fair. Send them to him no later than Sunday, August 11th, and email him

any questions - communications@christchurchcolumbia.org. If you need a copy of your ministry's trifold from last year, let him know and he'll send it to you.

Join Us for Our Community Health & Wellness Fair - September 21

The Christ Church Health Ministry is proud to announce that it has begun making plans for its second annual Community Health and Wellness Fair! On Saturday, September 21st, everyone is welcome to gather in the Great Hall as many booths and presentations will be addressing a wide array of health and wellness topics and concerns. At the H&W Fair, you can learn ways to improve your mental, physical, or family health. Stay tuned for more details over the summer!

EfM Invites You to Learn More about Ministry

Education for Ministry is a unique 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.

Our Altar Guild Needs Your Help

The Christ Church Altar Guild is looking for a few more people to help us in our ministry of providing clean linens and items for every worship service. If you are interested in signing up or learning more, please visit our website's refreshed Altar Guild page - www.christchurchcolumbia.org/altar-guild

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.

When Midsummer Comes, So Do the Crabs! Wednesday, August 7

Fresh crabs... delicious sides... BYOB - get ready for the tastiest FWF gathering yet! We are planning a crab extravaganza that will leave no taste buds unhappy, followed by summer fun and fellowship. If you'd like to indulge in some crabs, mark August 7th at 6 p.m. on your calendar, and gather outside the lower level of New Brick. The cost for crab is \$25. per person, and that'll cover our cost of getting the freshest ones around. **Just let the church office know** if you want to have crabs, so we can make sure we get enough for everyone. Of course, there are options for non-crab eaters, as well, so join us!

Inviting You to Join Our Monthly Outreach Meeting this Monday, July 8th

Learn how to help others by joining us remotely for the Outreach Commission meeting on Monday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m. Our mission has a local, national, and international scope. Look for Church notices about online activities. **The Zoom link is HERE**, the Meeting ID is **864 9837 1844**, and the Passcode is **Outreach!** See you on Zoom!

Help the Homeless on Monday, July 8th, 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 June 10th ([*see photos here*](#)).

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, July 8, please sign up by Sunday, July 7. 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!

Recently, your generosity helped ease life in the summer for the homeless men and women who depend on the DRC. The center requested sports drinks that people could take with them for hydration. In response, Outreach member Dione Mahoney and her husband, Jim, delivered six cases of sports drinks on June 12th. These cost \$102, purchased with funds donated to the church by parishioners who give to "General Outreach" or specifically to DRC or Grassroots. A hearty thanks from our DRC friends!

LEMS School Supply Drive Update

Our parish has had a strong and successful partnership with Lake Elkhorn Middle School (LEMS) for over eight years. Just over a mile away, LEMS is truly our neighboring school, and at Christ Episcopal Church we believe that we should love our neighbors. We have this partnership because many LEMS families are under great financial stress, and over 50% of LEMS students qualify for free and reduced meals - the highest percentage among the middle schools in Howard County. During the last year, we provided school supplies for 125 students as well as supported two parent workshops by delivering dinner and offering childcare (thank you to everyone who helped us reach that goal!).

This year, Tracy Williams, LEMS Counselor, has asked for the support of Christ Church parishioners to provide school supplies for 125 children for the upcoming school year. In addition, she would be thrilled if we could buy backpacks for 50 students. It costs over \$60 to buy the school-required supplies for one child and the backpacks will add to that amount. Many of you have already contributed. THANK YOU! If you haven't, you can find out how to do that below.

We will be putting the supplies into the backpacks on Wednesday, July 24th, starting at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. Please come and help! We also will need your help delivering the supplies on a date to be determined between August 19 – 23. The details for this part of the drive will come in upcoming Christ Church Gatherings emails and other communications, so stay tuned.

Contributions can be made via check, online, or via text:

If you'd like to write a check, please make sure you indicate "LEMS School Supplies" on the memo line. You can send it to the church, or drop it at the office or in the collection plate.

If you would like to **give online via Realm**, please choose "LEMS" from the FUND dropdown, and write "School Supplies" in the MEMO line. You can also use the light blue "Support Christ Church" button at the top of every page on our website for that form.

To give via text: text CECGIVING to 73256 to give using your mobile device; you'll immediately receive a link to our form. Click the link, then choose "LEMS" from the FUND dropdown menu. Please also write "School Supplies" in the MEMO line so that your donation is used as you wish. (Note: This number will never send you unsolicited texts. To cancel further messages, simply text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply).

If you have questions about our LEMS partnership or would like to help, please speak with Cathy Whittaker at church or email lemssupplies@christchurchcolumbia.org. Thank you very much for your support.

Columbia Community Care takes a Holiday Break, Moves Its Pantry

Columbia Community Care (CCC) will close its pantry and distribution sites on Saturday, July 6 for the Independence Day holiday weekend.

Distribution sites will reopen on Saturday, July 13, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at its Long Reach Village site and its two other locations: Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd.; Columbia, MD, 21044, and The Barn at Oakland Mills Village Center, 5853 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD 21045.

Beginning immediately, CCC has a dual purpose for its Long Reach Village Center space in Suite 107, 8775 Cloudleap Ct., Columbia, MD, 21045. CCC had to move its pantry from the former Columbia Flier Building to Long Reach in time to reopen on Wednesday, July 10. CCC reduced its inventory and closed the pantry while in transition. Normal pantry hours will resume on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for volunteers who sort goods and carry out home deliveries.

The pantry's former home is being cleared for conversion. The county-owned Flier building on Little Patuxent Parkway will be redeveloped as a 65,000-square-foot community center called The Source. "CCC's community and youth programs, like PUSH and STAND, will finally have a place to grow and prosper," CCC Executive Director Erika Strauss-Chavarria told The Columbia Patch in [an April 12, 2024 article](#).

Meanwhile, CCC continues to request 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.



You can view the most recent [monthly financial report here](#).

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

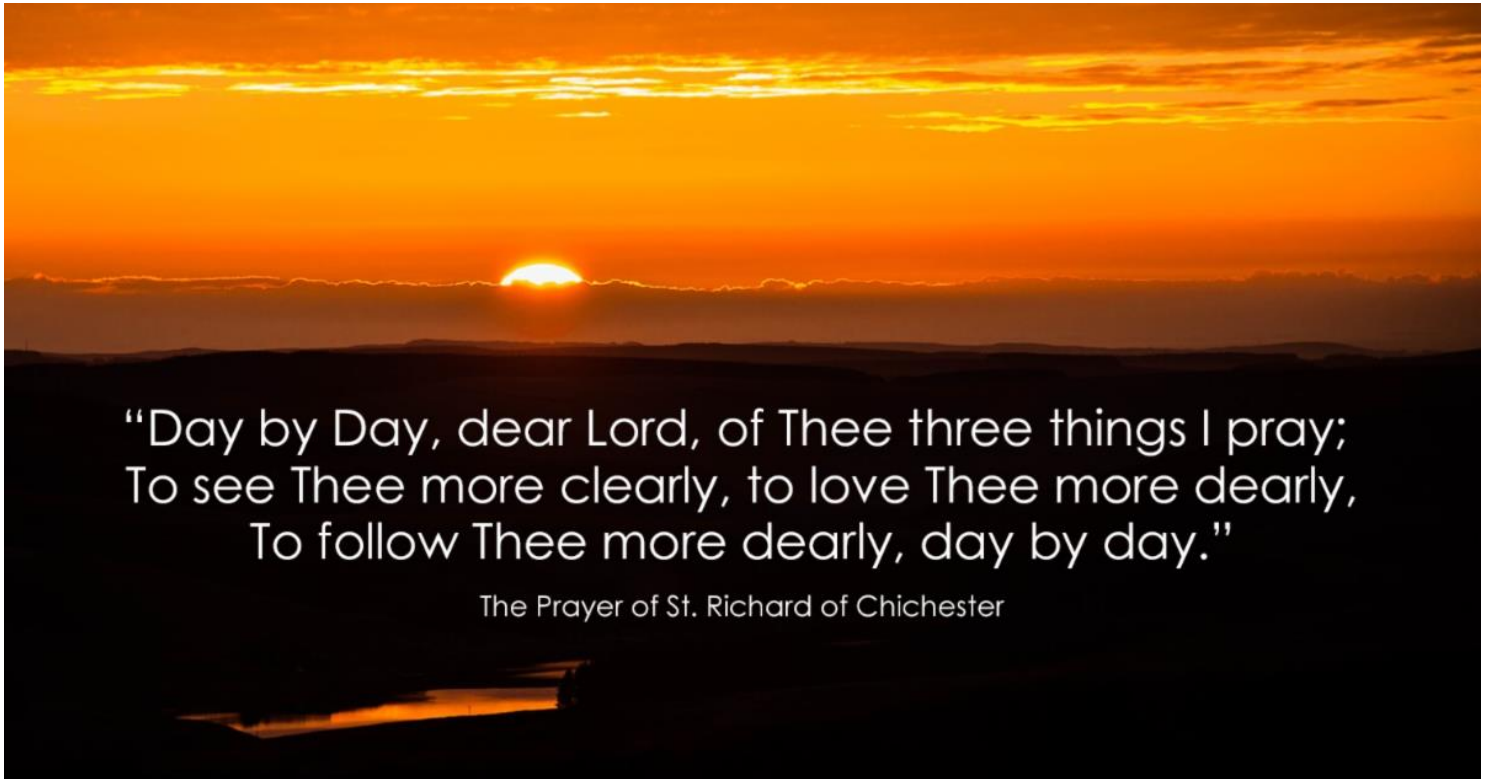
Text Giving

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

Day by Day



"Day by Day, dear Lord, of Thee three things I pray;
To see Thee more clearly, to love Thee more dearly,
To follow Thee more dearly, day by day."

The Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

In the late 1980s, when I was in the 'process' of discerning my call to the ordained ministry, and the Church was discerning my call as well, one of my seminal experiences of growth was while becoming a participant for three years in Education for Ministry.

Education for Ministry is a four-year spiritual formation program for adults, developed at the University of the South's School of Theology in Sewanee, Tennessee. Simply put, the program provides people with the education necessary to carry out the ministry to which they are called in baptism, whether lay or ordained.

EfM groups are found everywhere! They are spread throughout the United States and various countries across the globe. In recent years, EfM has united communities with the technology of participants in varied geographical locations. Study groups - think along the idea of Oxford University 'tutorial' groups - usually consist of 6-12 participants who follow weekly seminars for nine months of the year. They use a curriculum that covers the Hebrew Bible, the Christian Scriptures, Church History, Ethics, and Philosophy.

But even this explanation is a pale understanding of this unique and powerful program full of transformation, conversion, and spiritual growth.

So, how to best capture the EfM community? In my case, it was meeting weekly in the home of our mentor here in Columbia (whose name escapes me), but I remember she was a talented and dedicated figure skater with three children. When we gathered, we sat around a coffee table always laden with books and comfortable couches. I had some of the most enlightening "God-talks" in my life there – like the night we all did a theological reflection – the great hallmark learning in EfM – on 'who God was' debating fiercely on finding the perfect metaphor picture of God, and came up with God as Charlie Brown, poised to kick the football Lucy is holding, even knowing she's going to move it, over and over. We had t-shirts printed!

I was so delighted with the community formed by my EfM group; in three years, we witnessed together births, divorce, and cancer, but we were held together by worship, learning, and - most of all - the craft of theological reflection: how to notice, see and reflect carefully and theologically on where we saw or others found God in daily reality. I was so grateful for the foundation in Holy Scripture that in many ways prepared me to have a good basic knowledge of the Old and New Testaments. To my surprise, mentoring the current - and very updated - curriculum here at Christ Church this past year has brought so much new information and surprised me with things I never knew!

Every EfM group begins and ends its sessions with worship, initially mentor-led, and then by each participant. Just this year at CEC, we had prayers by Henri Nouwen, prayers for the Jewish tradition, carefully crafted prayers of preparation for our studies, and liturgical rituals from first-century Christianity and Native American spirituality. One of our highlights this year, studying women's role in the Hebrew Scripture, was a group who composed 'Psalm of the Old Women' – look for it on the bulletin board in the conference room.

The core of the EfM program is not just Bible study, worship, or snack – or not even the sharing of our spiritual journeys. It is not even the deep friendships and trust of the loving and compassionate Christian community that forms, but it is learning the craft of theological reflection. Each week, the mentor or a participant introduces a 'slice of life' Action Source - a piece of artwork, culture, a story from the Biblical tradition, or even a statement of conviction - and the group, working with a model of learning, generates its theological reflection ending in an Apply/Action Commitment for the following week and onwards – carrying reflection into the praxis of Christian ministry in each of our lives. Over the course of the program, this skill enables each participant to discern and grow in their personal ministry for Christ, both in the church and the world.

A recently-developed feature of the fifty-year-old EfM program is the 'Interlude' – a one- or two-week period in the curriculum that introduces books/text that addresses challenging topics. This year, for example, we studied a series of essays about women's role in the Hebrew Scriptures, explored a theology for Transgender views of a Triune God, and reviewed a book on the Black American experience of lynching and suffering in slavery and post-Civil War experience. Each of these experiences led to insightful group discussion, reflection, and a broadening of our faith journeys.

Why am I offering EfM here at Christ Church? Because I love the program! I have mentored three EfM groups in the past, both in our own Diocese and the Diocese of Easton, and I have to tell you that watching the spiritual growth of participants, and the discernment and practice of the ministries and vocations they embraced, is a like seeing living conversion and Christ's calling in living technicolor reality. And I have grown myself, as well, and loved my inclusion in a Christian *koinonia* - a Christian fellowship or communion with God and with fellow believers. It's such glorious fun, filled with laughter, and plenty of "let's Google it" moments, as well as tears, respect, new knowledge, and insight!

As the development of the next season of EfM takes shape (which starts in September), we are welcoming new CEC participant registrations throughout the summer. We are mostly made up of in-person participants, although some of our members choose to participate on Zoom - you are welcome to do either, or a combination of both. We meet for three Sundays each month between late summer and spring, from 1:30-4:30 p.m. If you're interested or have questions, **please visit our website's recent post**, or feel free to speak to Mother Marcia at church. You can also email me at any time!

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