

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Sixth Sunday of Easter | Mother's Day

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, May 14, 2023 | 8:00 a.m. • 10:30 a.m.

Welcome Home!

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church community: christchurchcolumbia.org. This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time.

We are delighted you're here - welcome home!

Prelude | O Blessed Day of Motherhood

Words by Ernest F. MacGregor, Music by Arthur Depew

Opening Hymn 405 | All Things Bright and Beautiful

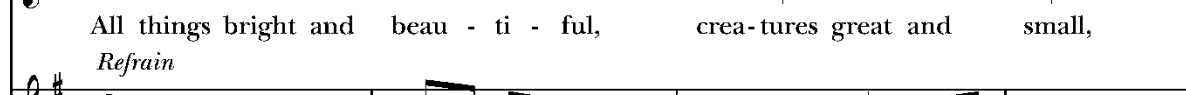
Royal Oak

Descant



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

Refrain



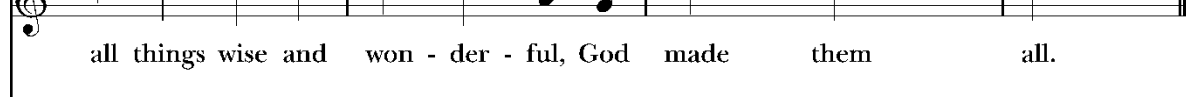
All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



Repeat Refrain

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Opening Acclamation |

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect for Purity |

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Glory to God | S280 Canticle 20 | *Gloria in excelsis*

setting: Robert Powell

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

People: Amen.

The people may be seated.

A Reading from Acts 17:22-31 |

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

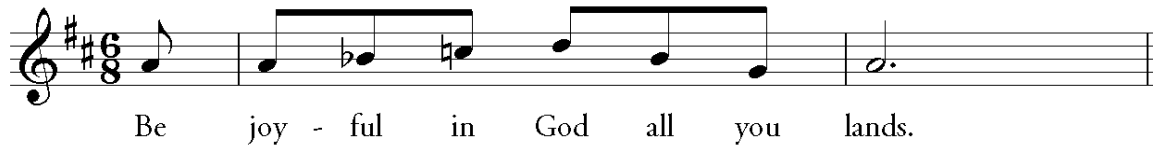
Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

Psalm 66:7-18 | *Jubilate Deo*



Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

Antiphon

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

Antiphon

If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

Antiphon

Reader: A reading from 1 Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able for the singing of the hymn and the reading of the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn 365 | Come Thou Almighty King

Moscow

1 Come, thou al-might-y King, help us thy Name to sing,
 2 Come, thou in-car-nate Word, by heaven and earth a-dored;
 3 Come, ho-ly Com-fort-er, thy sa-cred wit-ness bear
 4 To Thee, great One in Three, the high-est prais-es be,
 help us to praise. Fa-ther whose love un-known all things cre-
 our prayer at-tend: come, and thy peo-ple bless; come, give thy
 in this glad hour: thou, who al-might-y art, now rule in
 hence ev-er-more; thy sov-creign ma-jes-ty may we in
 at-ed own, build in our hearts thy throne, An-cient of Days.
 word suc-cess; stab-lish thy right-eous-ness, Sa-vior and friend.
 ev-ery heart, and ne'er from us de-part, Spi-rit of power.
 glo-ry see, and to e-ter-ni-ty love and a-dore.

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

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

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

Sermon | Michael Looney, *Seminarian Associate*

The people stand as able.

The Prayers of the People |

Today’s lessons remind us we should be able to give a reason for the hope we carry within us and to convey it to others with gentleness and reverence. We are God’s people summoned out of darkness into light, with a calling to faith and forgiveness. We pray that we may continue on the path of faithfulness to truly be a holy people, saying: **Lord, lead us and guide us.**

On this Mother’s Day, we celebrate all mothers everywhere and all the women in our lives, past and present, who have nurtured, healed, loved, and lifted our spirits. With grateful hearts we pray: **Lord, make your face shine upon Your servants.**

We ask that the Holy Spirit guide the hearts and minds of our nation’s leaders and of those who govern throughout Your world, that they may walk in Your ways for the good of all Your children. We pray especially for all victims of gun violence in our nation, especially the community of Allen, Texas. May our legislators find ways to compromise and come together in the spirit of protecting the sanctity of life. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa. We also ask our Lord’s blessing on our sister parishes in the Diocese of Maryland. We lift up in prayer our Church Leaders: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert, our Diocesan Bishops; Emmanuel, our Rector; Marcia; our Associate Priest; Denise, our Deacon; Mike, our Seminarian Associate and priest postulant, Rebecca, our deacon postulant; and Richard, our Rector Emeritus. We pray: **Lord, lead them and guide them.**

We pray that You may be a tower of strength and refuge for all who struggle every day throughout our world. We pray for those serving in the military and in harm’s way, especially Kevin DeBoissiere and Conner Warlow. We lift up all who suffer from illness of body, mind, or spirit, and their families and caregivers, especially Patricia, James, Linda, Elizabeth, Patricia, Emily, Kellene, Shirley, Louise, Danny, Cindy, Roberta, Francis, Fr. Ginnever, Samuel, Catherine, Caroline, Alfred, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Sherry, Nell & Kathleen, and those you now name. We pray: **Lord, make Your face to shine upon Your servants.**

With the firm conviction that those whose loss we mourn now dwell in their heavenly Father's house, we remember those you now name. We pray: **Lord, be our comfort as into Your hands we commend the spirits of our loved ones.**

We welcome and give thanks for all who are new or visiting with us today and pray you find blessing and nourishment at the Lord's table with us. We rejoice and are grateful for the many occasions for celebrations in our church family. This week, we remember the birthdays of Phil, Stephen, Marie & Leigh, wedding anniversaries of Kathleen & Ronald Panzera and Janelee & Lowell Sunderland, and baptismal anniversaries of Ann, Bill & Mary. We lift up our hearts, saying: **Lord, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness and for each other. 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 Meditation | Ode to Joy

Ludwig van Beethoven, arranged by Dan R. Edwards
Handbell Choir

Please scan to give.



Presentation Hymn 400 (v. 7) |

Lasst 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.

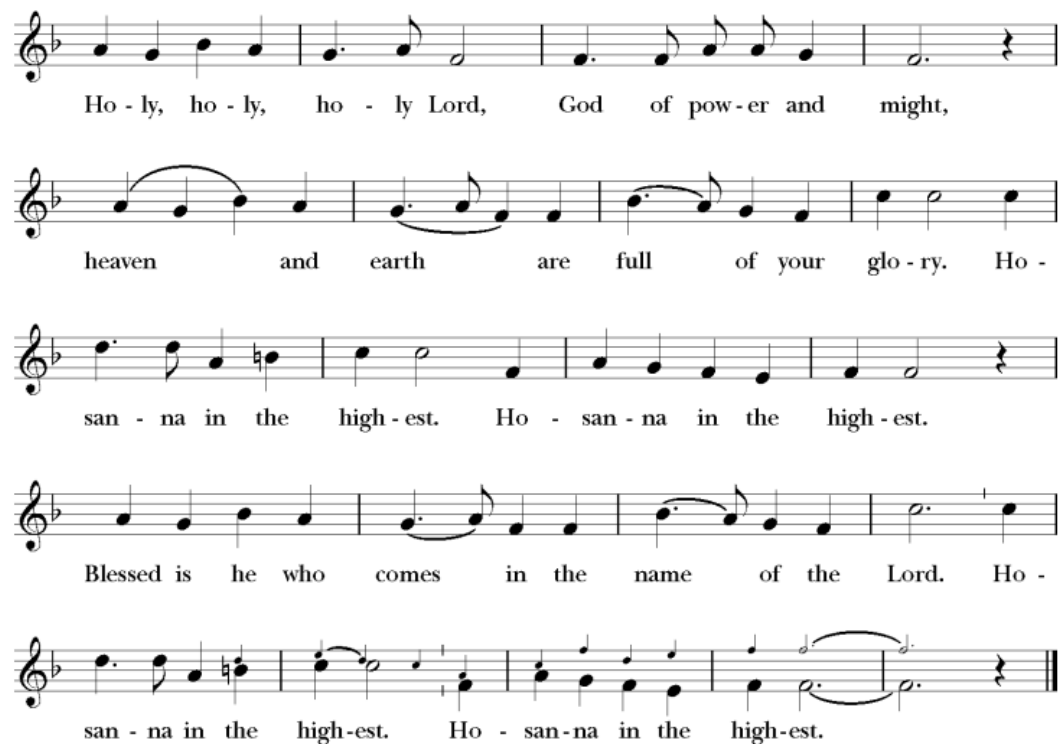
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All:

**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of

your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer | BCP 365

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 270 | Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

organ

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

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. **Fine**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
 3. Wor - ship the Lord all you peo - ple.

1. — His praise — shall al - ways — be on my
 2. — To - geth - er — let us all — praise His
 3. — You'll — want for noth - ing — if you

1. lips; — my soul — shall
 2. name. — I called — the
 3. ask. — Taste — and

1. glo - ry — in the Lord; — for
 2. Lord — and He an - swered me; — from
 3. see — that God is good; — in

1. He — has been — so good to me. —
 2. all — my trou - bles — He set me free. —
 3. Him — we need — put all our trust. —

D.C.

Please stand as able.

Post-Communion Prayer |

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing |

The Celebrant offers a blessing and the People respond Amen.

Closing Hymn LEVAS 62 | In Christ There Is No East or West

McKee

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
race may be. All chil - dren of the
south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

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

Postlude | Introduction-Choral from *Suite Gothique*

Leon Boellmann

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader/Chalicer: Sonni Aribiah

Ushers: Nancy Winchester, Yetti Lipede

9:00 a.m. Service

Ushers: Eva & Hope Oladipupo, Yetti Lipede

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Kathy Lyon

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams, JB Hanson, Bete Dagne, Cherry Williams

Acolytes and Crucifer: Tele Abe, Caleb McKenna, Luke Aribiah

Chalicer: Kathy Lyon

Altar Guild

Jan DeBoissiere, Virginia Jarrett

PARISH CALENDAR

MAY 14 TO MAY 21

Sunday, May 14 – Mother's Day

8:00 – 8:45 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:30 – 9:00 am	Breakfast – New Brick, lower level
8:45 – 9:30 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 – 9:30 am	Family Service – New Brick, upper level
9:30 – 10:15 am	Sunday School – Parish Hall & New Brick, lower levels
9:30 – 10:30 am	Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room
9:30 – 10:30 am	Sunday Circle – Old Brick
10:30 – 11:30 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

Monday, May 15

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom

Tuesday, May 16

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Home School – New Brick, lower level
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Japanese Play Group – Outside New Brick
3:00 – 9:30 pm	Burleigh Manor Middle School Recital – New Brick, upper & lower levels

Wednesday, May 17

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
10:00 – 11:00 am	Take Off Pounds Sensibly – Parish Hall, lower level
5:00 – 9:00 pm	Peabody Recital – New Brick, upper level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Theology on Tap – Frisco and the Reckless Shepherd
8:00 – 9:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, May 18

8:00 – 8:30 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
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Refugee Ministry Meeting – Zoom
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Handbell Choir – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 8:30 pm	AA Women Only – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, May 19

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
2:00 – 4:00 pm	Lumen Christi Practice – New Brick, upper level
5:00 – 9:00 pm	Peabody Recital – New Brick, upper level
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Christ Church Book Club – Zoom
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, May 20

9:30 – 11:30 am	MOCC Breakfast – Bob Evans
10:00 – 2:00 pm	Boy Scouts Event – New Brick lower level & Field
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Lumen Christi Practice – New Brick, upper level
2:00 – 3:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
2:00 – 3:30 pm	Albertha Caldwell Memorial Service – New Brick, upper level
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Caldwell Repast – New Brick, lower level
6:00 – 11:00 pm	Event Rental – New Brick, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	NA Meeting – 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.

Virtual Worship Communion

In an effort to connect more directly with those of you who are local and worship virtually, Christ Church will begin offering *Communion to You*, an opportunity to have altar gifts delivered to your home, or made available for pickup at the Church Office. If you would like more information, **please complete this form** or **email** the Church Office.

Youth Formation

Youth Formation has just a couple of weeks remaining before our summer break - our final Youth Formation Sunday is next week, May 21 - but every child is welcome to take part at 9:30, and you can find the details on **our website's Youth Formation page**. If you have any questions or want more information, please email Jenn Atkins at dandjatkins@verizon.net. The Christ Church Youth Group (grades 5-12) also meets Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the basement of the Church Office building. If you are interested in having your child join the CECYG, please email Todd for more information - youthministry@christchurchcolumbia.org

Adult Formation

Our Parenting Group gathers in the New Brick Vestry Room (lower level). Sunday Bible Study gets together in the Parish Hall Conference Room. And during Sunday Circle, we continue our discussion on the Resurrection as presented in the Gospels. This week, Father Manny leads the discussion of the Resurrection as written in Luke and John. You can join us at 9:30 in Old Brick, or virtually on Zoom; the program media and Zoom links will be in our *This Sunday at Christ Church* email.

Altar Flowers and Gifts

If you would like to present altar flowers and gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on any upcoming Sunday, you can find the details and 2023 sign-up sheet at <https://tinyurl.com/CECaltarflowers>. You can also sign up and reserve a slot by using our **Realm Online Giving Form**; just choose "Altar Flowers and Gifts" from the *FUND* drop-down menu, and place the dedication name(s) and service date in the *MEMO* line. **Email the Church Office** with any questions.

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Centering Prayer is now a hybrid gathering - you can join us in person, or you can take part virtually! Centering Prayer is a unique method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God, moving us beyond conversation with Christ and towards communion with Him. You're welcome to gather with us on Mondays in Old Brick at 7:00 p.m. or take part virtually using your own space. The Zoom link is **here**, the Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340**, and the Password is **Centering!** For more info, email Kathy Lyon at rklyon@cablespeed.com.

Midday Eucharist - Thursdays

Throughout the spring, Christ Church has worship at 12 noon in Old Brick including readings, prayers, a litany for healing, and the Holy Eucharist. Everyone is welcome to gather for a prayerful time in the presence of God and to share in the wonderful mystery of God's love whilst we seek healing for ourselves and our loved ones. Please come in to reflect, pray, and share in this service that's held in our beautiful, historic chapel.

Choral and Handbell Choirs - Thursday Evenings

Music is a rich and vital part of the liturgy at Christ Church, and now we have a new way for you to take part - our handbell choir! **We posted a wonderful video of the handbell choir in action here**, but why not take part yourself? We're always seeking more new members for both handbell and vocal choir - whether you have previous experience or not, there's a place for you. All ages are welcome, and no experience is necessary. If you're interested or have questions, please speak with Larissa at church or email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Christ Church Book Club - Fridays

Christ Church's Book Club began a new book recently, so there's no better time to see what it's about. We've found that discussing books collectively has enriched the experience for each of us, and we'd love to have you take part. The book, *Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival & Hope in an American City* by Andrea Elliott, **was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction last year**. Interested? Email Ellen Hoke at efboudreau1@gmail.com or text her at 301-452-7115. Then take part for an hour or so each Friday evening for a lively discussion, as everyone's input and thoughts are welcome. Simply log in to Zoom at 7:30 p.m. for an hour or so - that link is **here**, the Meeting ID is **817 9855 4366** and the Passcode is **CECBooks**

Sunday School News

As our program year begins to wind down, we would like to thank all of the families for bringing their children to Sunday school each week. The children are a joy, and we love working with them! If your child - ages 3 through 5th grade - is not yet a part of our Sunday School, they can join us each week from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. in the lower level of

New Brick. Please note that we will not hold Sunday School on May 28th and our last class of the program year will be on May 21st.

Even though the program year is ending, *we will need teachers and help in September!* The teachers in our program are volunteers (thank you!!!) and each week, we need 2 adults in each class. Even if you can only help once in a while, please consider volunteering in this wonderful ministry so the children of our church will continue to receive a quality program. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Atkins (dandjaktins@verizon.net).

WOCC June Meeting at Maggiano's

And on Monday, June 5th, join us for an evening WOCC meeting at Maggiano's Little Italy at 6:30 p.m. The WOCC calendar is posted in the New Brick Narthex **and on our website**, and it contains all the fun events planned for this year. Speak to any WOCC member or email us at WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Theology on Tap - May 17

ToT continues to gather throughout the spring and summer, so come and experience a get-together where you can have a nice chat about interesting religious articles of the day, and an opportunity for informal, structure-free conversation with other parishioners. Theology on Tap takes place next Wednesday, May 17th at **Frisco and the Reckless Shepherd** at 8895 McGaw Road in Columbia, so come and join us at 7 p.m. for a fun evening!

Men Of Christ Church's Breakfast - May 20

Our next monthly MOCC Breakfast is next Saturday, May 20th at 9:30 a.m. Just join us at Bob Evans Columbia, 8325 Benson Drive. Interested to learn more about the MOCC? Please contact Duane Smith at cduanesmith@verizon.net.

Pentecost Sunday - May 28

Lots of activity going on May 28th! On this Day of Pentecost, Christ Church will have only one Sunday service, and this will be at a special time - 10:00 a.m. Following worship will be a communal potluck lunch, and we hope you'll all join us - sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/CEC-PentecostPotluck>. This day is also Mother Marcia's final Sunday as Associate Priest at Christ Church. She is not leaving our parish family, so don't worry; she is just stepping back from the day-to-day staff responsibilities. We will be thanking her for her immeasurable service to Christ Church these last few years - as well as celebrating her birthday, also this weekend! - so be sure to join us.

Vacation Bible School - Register Now

Vacation Bible School takes place from June 26 - July 2, and gathers each day from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At VBS, children will enjoy a week of Bible stories, music, science, crafts, games, and friends! Snacks and refreshments are served daily. After the 10:30 a.m. service on July 2nd, we'll have a wonderful celebration with ice cream and snacks for all participants.

VBS is open to all children aged three (must be potty-trained) through 5th grade, and you can register your child(ren) at any time by completing our VBS registration form at tinyurl.com/CEC-VBS2023. The cost is \$30 per child or \$70 per family, and **you can process the payment on Realm**. Scholarships are available for those in need. Volunteers are also very much needed, so come and have fun with us! **Email us** if you're interested in registering your child, want to help with the program, or if you have any questions about the registration process.

Help Us Plan Christ Church's 300th Birthday

We have begun gathering and planning for Christ Church's 300th year, but we're always looking for more input, so join us! This celebration is such an important milestone for our church, and we want participation and ideas from as many of us as possible. There are a variety of committees that you can serve on and so we would like to encourage

everyone to consider being a part of this historic occasion. If you have ideas, are interested in assisting, or would like more information, please speak with Father Manny or email 300@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Columbia Community Care Overcomes a Shortfall – with Help from Christ Church – and Recruits Volunteers for Gardening and Other Tasks

Facing high demand from Howard County families in need, **Columbia Community Care** (CCC) has overcome several recent setbacks, in part with help from Christ Church. CCC is planning a community-wide event in June and is calling for volunteers, including gardeners and translators. Information can be found on the [CCC Group on Facebook](#).

In early May, CCC was awaiting grant funding and had to suspend home delivery of groceries to individuals and families who lack transportation. But leaders announced this week that they are able to resume as of Friday, May 12. They also put out a call for volunteer translators, who help coordinate the food drop-offs to non-English speaking recipients. To sign up as a translator, which can be done from home, or as a sorter at the pantry, go online to “[I Can Help](#)” and look for links under “Delivery Volunteer Opportunities.”

The need is great due to inflation and the end of the federal pandemic food assistance to those in poverty. CCC also helps struggling families whose earnings are above the poverty line. This group is described by United Way and others as **ALICE** - Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. CCC Executive Director Erika Strauss Chavarria posted last week that 23% of Howard County families are considered as **ALICE** residents who struggle to make ends meet.

The Outreach Commission recently approved a donation to CCC to help meet demand. Christ Church sent \$500 for grocery purchases, which were distributed last weekend at CCC sites (*above photo*). The Vestry-approved funds are derived from parishioners’ pledges and contributions, so please accept warm thanks for your support.

CCC’s upcoming event is a “Free-For-All” version of a flea market to be held on Sunday, June 4 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Given the conflict with Sunday morning worship, why not attend the 8 a.m. service or delegate a neighbor to handle your unwanted merchandise? Pass along the CCC instructions: “Please bring your free items, your own table and chair, or [sign up for a parking space](#) and open your trunk.” Participants also are asked to donate non-perishable food or personal hygiene items. The location is the CCC pantry, which is the former Columbia Flier building, 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia.

The gardening project is at the same address. The goal is to allow CCC to grow its own healthy produce to better help families in need. In partnership with CCC, the **Community Ecology Institute** installed a series of raised garden beds. CCC recently asked for more people to use its [signup form](#), which has slots open from Saturday, May 13 throughout the year. Tasks include “watering, weeding, checking for critter activity, planting, harvesting, and anything else that needs to be done at the garden.”

CCC announced that its three distribution sites will be closed on Saturday, May 27, which is Memorial Day weekend. But more volunteers are needed on Saturdays before and after that. Free groceries, produce, baby supplies, and household essentials are distributed at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd.; Long Reach Village Center, Suite 9, 8775 Cloudleap Ct., and at The Barn in Oakland Mills Village Center, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, all in Columbia.

Recipients are welcomed on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, or when supplies run out, and volunteers are encouraged to register for their slots at each location. Those shifts last from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Signups for volunteers are posted through the end of the year for each site: [Wilde Lake](#), [Long Reach](#), and [Oakland Mills](#).

At Christ Church, Leigh Smith is our representative who takes parishioners' donated items to CCC. Please continue your support by collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday.

Celebrate Wellness, and Help Support DreamBuilders

Temple Isaiah, our partner in DreamBuilders, is inviting us to join in their **MatzohBall Run** on June 4th. It's a fundraiser, whose profits go to help support **DreamBuilders**, **Grassroots**, and **HopeWorks**. In addition to the family fun run/walk, there will be health screenings, wellness booths, and plenty of events to entertain. Please visit the MatzohBall Run link above, or read all of the details **on the Christ Church website**.

Baltimore Area Aftercare Program

Thank you to everyone who donated items/money to the **Baltimore Area Aftercare Program** (BAAP). BAAP is supporting three women who will soon be released from prison and rejoining society. This will be our last week collecting items at Christ Church. The link with the requested items can be found here: **<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EA8A92DAAFFC70-april>**. Please bring any donations to Deacon Denise or Diane Phillips LaGuerre by this Sunday, May 14th, so we can get them to the program coordinator. Thank you.

Donate Snacks, Crackers, and Cookies to FISH in Bin on our Breezeway

Organizers for **FISH of Howard County** are continuing to ask for cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill their shopping lists. The yellow bin is back in its spot between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Thanks for your contributions to our neighbors in need.

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.

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.
Always be prepared to give an answer to
everyone who asks you to give the reason
for the hope that you have. But do this
with gentleness and respect,

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WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF CHRIST CHURCH

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

We also want to thank YOU.

Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables 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.

Text Giving

You can give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply text **CECGIVING** to **73256**, and you'll receive a secure link to our page where you can set up a one-time or recurring gift.

Online Giving

You can also continue to pledge and give to Christ Church online. It's a safe and secure method of contributing toward your annual pledge or another offering. Whether it's a one-time donation or a recurring gift, you can go to our **overview page** for instructions and links. Signing up is fast and easy; if you need assistance doing so, or if you have any Stewardship-related questions, please contact us at **info@christchurchcolumbia.org**

Pledge for 2023

At Christ Church, we are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who continually support our ministry of faithful service, and we pray that each of you will prayerfully consider your contribution to Christ Church for this calendar year. You can pick up and complete a pledge card in the Narthex, or **pledge online** (choose "Pledge for 2023" in the *FUND* dropdown menu).

Thank you very much for your support of our vital common life.



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