

# Christ Episcopal Church

*Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ*

Trinity Sunday | First Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, May 26, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



## Welcome Home!

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

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:* 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.**

Gloria | Melodic Gloria

James Chepponis



**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*

The Collect |

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

*Reader:* A reading from Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

Canticle 13 | *Read responsively at the 8:00 a.m. service and sung at the 10:30 a.m. service.*

*Benedictus es, Domine*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
**you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
**on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
**in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

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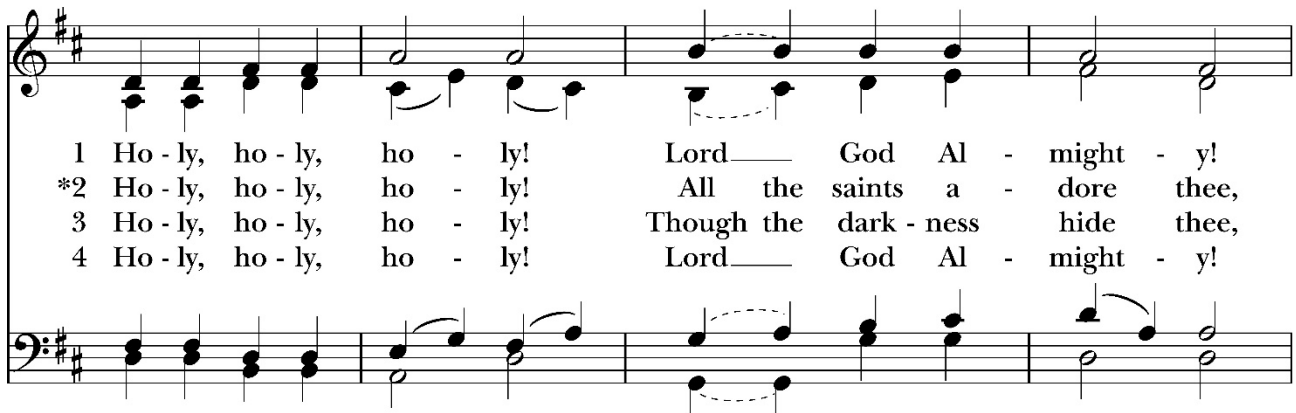
A Reading from Romans 8:12-17 |

*Reader:* A reading from The Epistle to the Romans.

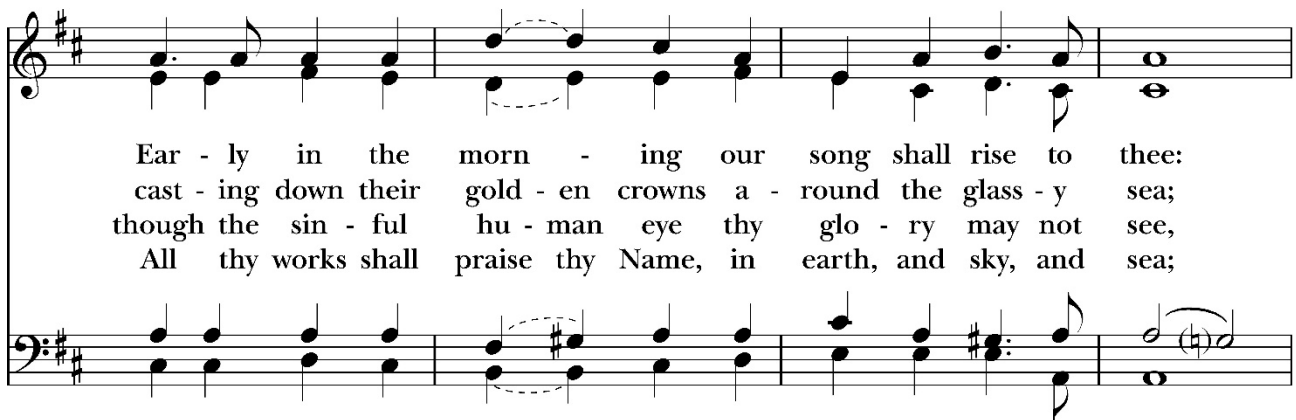
So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.



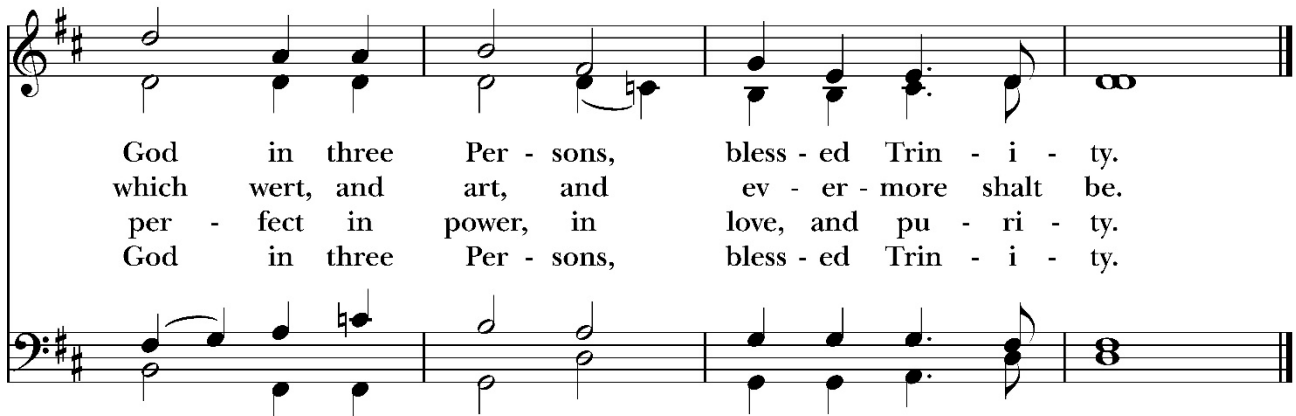
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
\*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

*Deacon:* 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.

9 Optional Ending  
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.

The Prayers of the People |

On this Trinity Sunday, we give praise to the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God the Father sent his Son to us so we would not perish, but through Him have everlasting life. We are born of water and the Spirit and saved through Him. We pray, **Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on Earth.**

As we celebrate Memorial Day, we honor the sacrifice of those who perished in service to our country. We ask God to guard and protect all who currently serve in the armed forces, especially Conner Warlow and Kofi Abdallah, as they work to secure peace, respond to disaster and maintain freedom. Bless the families who have lost loved ones in conflicts around the world and accept those who died in the cause of freedom into your kingdom of justice and peace. We pray, **let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.**

We give a warm welcome to those new to Christ Church and those visiting this morning, both in person and online. We pray for our Church leadership: for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Carrie, our Diocesan Bishop; Emmanuel, our Rector; Denise, our Deacon; our postulants Mike, Kiona, and Rebecca; and our retired Rector Emeritus, Richard. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we ask your blessings for The Church of the Province of Central Africa. In our Diocese, we pray for St. John's, Kingsville; Holy Trinity, Churchville; St. Mary's, Abingdon' and Resurrection, Copley Parish. **We pray for Your holy Church and all who worship in it.**

We pray for the victims of violence and all who are working to help them. We pray for all those who are ill in mind, body or spirit, and those who care for them. We pray this week especially for Brian, Michael, Katie, Mollie, Kathy, Jim, Kim, Erica, Marilyn, Carolyn, Mary Ann, Barbara, Patricia, Cindy, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred, and Nell and those you now name. We pray also for all who are homeless, and those whose needs are known only to You. **Lord, may your healing touch ease their pain and restore them.**

We ask God to accept in his loving arms all those who have departed this life, especially those you now name. We pray for all who mourn them, that they may heal in the warmth of your love. **Thank you, Jesus, for the gift of eternal life.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as He loves us. We rejoice with all those members of our church family who are celebrating birthdays – Aston, James, Havilynd, Steve, Jennifer, Marcia, Patricia, Carlo, Karey, Brad, Rebecca, Skip, Olamma & Suzanne; wedding anniversaries – Sonni & Teddy Aribiah, Dennis & Jenn Atkins, Denny & Cathy Gold, and baptismal anniversaries - Phillip, Gardiner, Preethi, Lorraine, Peter, Tolu & Alexander, graduations, and other milestones. We pray, **Thank you, Lord, for the gifts of your creation.**

Summer is almost here – a time for relaxation and for regrowth. Help us to make time and space to pause and appreciate the joys of this season. We pray, **Lord, may I never stop seeing You in the bounty, goodness and joy of Your creation. 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 thy ways,  
to the glory of thy 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.*

Welcome and Announcements |

## THE HOLY COMMUNION



Offertory Anthem | Heavenly Sunlight

arr. by Mark Hayes

*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.

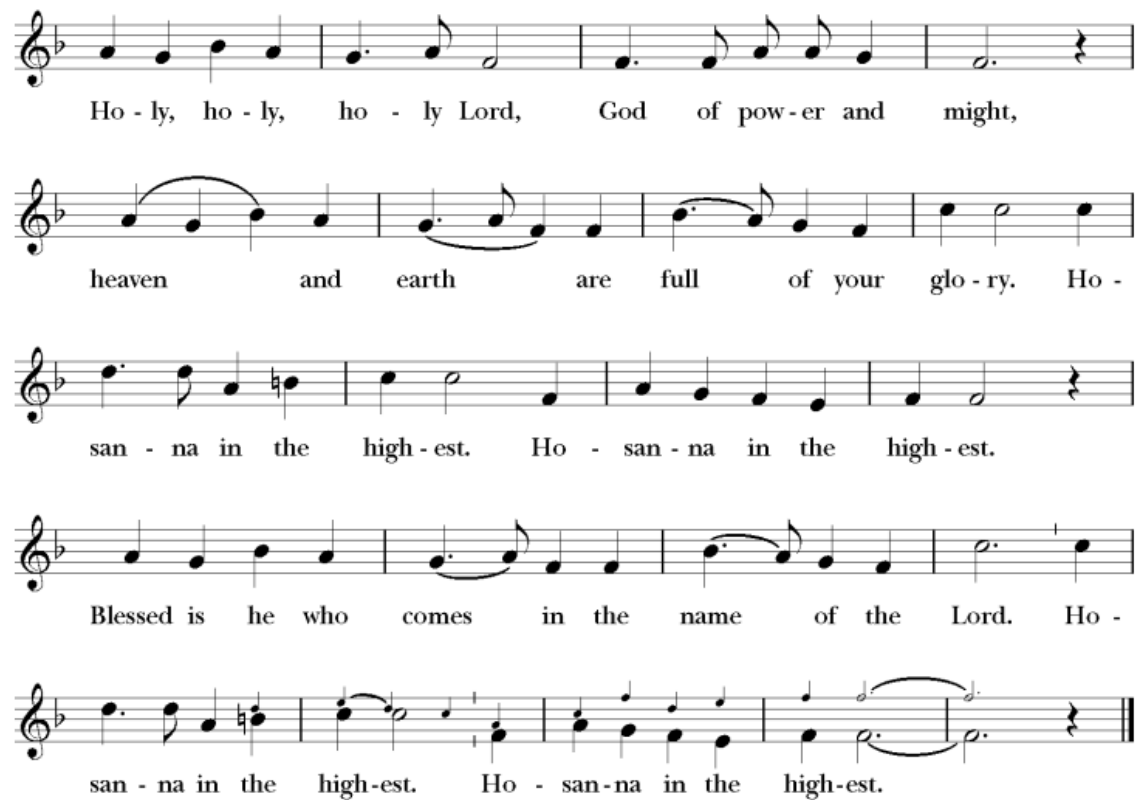
***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

*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;

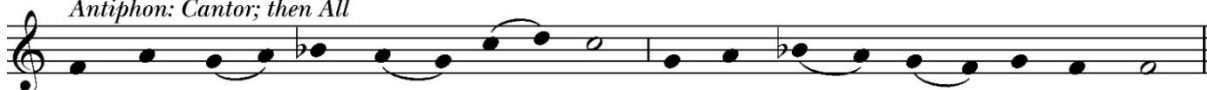
**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### Fraction Anthem S 171 | Be Known to Us

Mason Martens

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

*Antiphon: Cantor; then All*



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



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



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



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



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

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the  
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging  
 3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its  
 at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and  
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace; O hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

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.

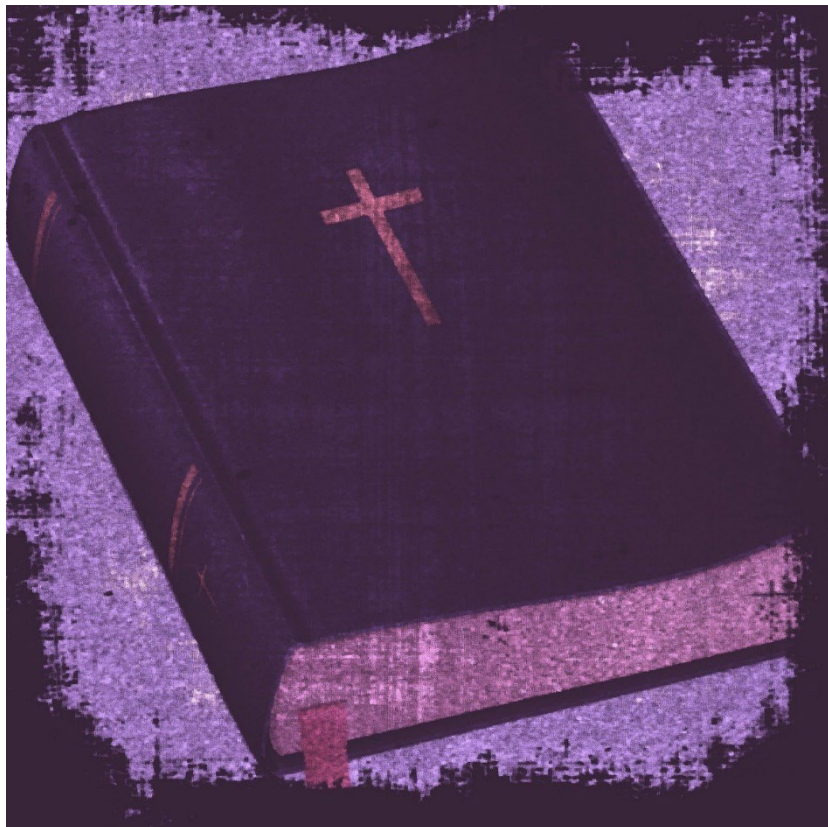
Eucharistic Visitors' Prayer | 10:30 a.m. service

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

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

The Blessing |

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



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 III

Marcel Dupre

*Today's altar flowers were donated by the Peart family  
in loving memory of Ella Rose Steele, mother, grandmother,  
and great grandmother on her heavenly 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday.*

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

### 8:00 a.m. Service

**Lector/Reader:** Kayode Fatodu

**Ushers:** Nancy Winchester

**Chalicer:**

### 10:30 a.m. Service

**Lector/Reader:** Steve Alpern, Greg Schuckman

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

**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Lucinda Hart, Jasmine Opiri, Deepti Jackson

**Chalicer:** Steve Alpern, Mary Vail

### Altar Guild

Pam Foreman, Cheryl Lucente

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## PARISH CALENDAR

MAY 26 TO JUNE 1

### Sunday, May 26

|                     |                                                          |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:00 am             | Holy Eucharist – Old Brick                               |
| 8:45 am             | Coffee Hour – Old Brick                                  |
| 9:00 am             | Family Service – New Brick, upper level                  |
| 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, May 27 – Memorial Day – Office Closed

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|----------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 12:30 pm | Lumen Christi Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level |
| 7:00 pm  | Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level  |

### Tuesday, May 28

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

### **Wednesday, May 29**

|                  |                                                              |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7:00 am          | Morning Prayer Livestream                                    |
| 10:00 – 11:00 am | Lumen Christi Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level             |
| 10:00 – 11:00 am | Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room                   |
| 7:00 – 8:00 pm   | Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level      |
| 7:00 -8:30 pm    | Theology on Tap – Frisco and the Reckless Shepherd, Columbia |

### **Thursday, May 30**

|                 |                                                          |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:00 am         | Morning Prayer Livestream                                |
| 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 31**

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|--------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 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, June 1**

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|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 9:00 am – 12:00 pm | Event Rental – New Brick, upper level                    |
| 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Howard County Homeschool – Old Brick & Field             |
| 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  | Howard County Homeschool – New Brick, upper level        |
| 2:00 pm            | AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level                    |
| 5:00 – 7:00 pm     | Violin Recital – New Brick, upper 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](mailto: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 Wraps Up Soon

It's time to begin winding down this Sunday School season! We are off this Sunday, May 26th (Memorial Day weekend), but return next Sunday, June 2nd, when we will 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.

## Office Closed Monday

In observance of Memorial Day, the church office will be closed next Monday, May 27th.

## Centering Prayer - Monday Evenings

Centering Prayer takes Memorial Day off but returns on June 3rd, so join us then. It 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.

## Theology on Tap - Wednesday, May 29

ToT is a fun, casual get-together where you can chat about interesting religious articles of the day, grab a beverage, and enjoy informal, structure-free conversation with other parishioners. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on a new (our old) day of the week - Wednesday, May 29th - at **Frisco and the Reckless Shepherd** at 8895 McGaw Road in Columbia. Questions? Speak with Mike Looney or email [seminarian@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:seminarian@christchurchcolumbia.org).

## 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](mailto:music@christchurchcolumbia.org) or speak with her after church on Sunday mornings.

## CEC Book Club - Friday Evenings

Book Club continues reading and discussing the bestseller *How to Know a Person* by David Brooks. We 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. **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **817 9855 4366**, and the Password is **CECBooks**. Email Ellen Hoke at [bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org) for more information.

## Help Us Raise Mental Health Awareness at the Maryland NAMIWalk - June 1

Next Saturday, 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. It'll just take a few hours in the morning, but the impact of spreading the word about the importance of mental health can be huge! The Walk is approximately 1.5 miles and takes place at the Hunt Valley Towne Centre, 118 Shawan Rd, Cockeysville, MD 21030.

**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](mailto:health@christchurchcolumbia.org). You can also **visit our website's Health Ministry NAMIWalks blog post** for a timeline of events that day.

### **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.

### **Only a Couple of Tickets Left for the Orioles Game - 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 still have a couple of 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](http://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](http://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!

### **Assateague State Park Weekend - July 5-7**

Christ Church's Youth Group is sponsoring a beach trip for youths, their families and friends, and other parishioners who want to participate. Many activities will take place, including swimming, hiking, crabbing, fishing, kayaking, beach games, campfires, and much more. If you are interested in joining the group, look for links and details in next week's *Gatherings*. In the meantime, **visit this site** to find out more about Assateague State Park.

### **EfM Welcomes a Few New Participants Next Year**

Education for Ministry is a unique, four-year, small-group program based on study and practice in theological reflection, helping participants discover and nurture their call to Christian service where they live, work, and play. Now, as the first year of our EfM seminar is drawing to a close, we welcome a few additional members of Christ Church to join us in an exciting journey towards discerning our roles as ministers in Christ's name. If you are interested, speak with Mother Marcia Davenport at church or email [EfM@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:EfM@christchurchcolumbia.org).

## Communion to You

To connect more directly with those of you who are local and worship virtually, Christ Church offers *Communion to You*, an opportunity to have altar gifts delivered to you or made available for pickup at our campus. If you want more information, [please complete this form](#) or [email](#) the Church Office.

## Healing Stations

Christ Church now has healing stations during the 10:30 Eucharist at the back of the sanctuary. If you need prayer, we invite you to visit the healing station after receiving Communion. We also welcome those of you who wish to help, so if you are interested in joining a group of parishioners who offer healing prayer, email Rebecca Warlow at [healingministry@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto: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.

## Did You Find a Set of Keys?

Recently, while at church, a parishioner lost a set of very important keys. Did you happen to find some? If so, please [contact the church office](#). Thank you.

## Hearty Thanks for Helping Baltimore County Neighbors in Need by Collecting Bags of Rice, Beans, and Maseca for RISE

You pitched in as Christ Church collected a trove of 111 items that leaders of [RISE](#), a multicultural ministry in Baltimore County, had told us were needed most. The drive that ended on May 19 brought in 33 one-pound bags of rice, 50 one-pound bags of dried beans, six cans of beans, three packages of pasta, five packages of seasoning, and 14 bags of Maseca instant corn masa flour. What a haul!

We timed the drive to coincide with Pentecost Sunday, when Christ Church traditionally celebrates its international roots. We held it at the suggestion of Parish Administrator Aisha White, who will transport the goods to [Christ the King](#) (CTK), which she attends.

RISE – or Refugee & Immigrant Support for Empowerment – is a program of CTK, whose volunteers distribute food every other Wednesday to people in need. The next date is Wednesday, May 29, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at CTK, 1930 Brookdale Rd., Baltimore, MD 21244. For information and to volunteer, go to "[What is RISE](#)"

Through the Outreach Commission, Christ Church has been supporting RISE monetarily since July 2021. Thank you to one and all for making that possible by contributing to the church and donating to General Outreach. If you wish to personally direct a gift to RISE, put "Outreach-RISE" in the Realm dropdown note, on the memo line of your check, or on your envelope holding a cash donation in the collection plate.

## Somos Amigos Plans a "FUNdraiser" on Sunday, June 9th

Get your tickets for a carnival-themed afternoon of fun at a beautiful Northern Virginia farm, where [Somos Amigos Medical Missions](#) will welcome supporters in the DC-MD-VA metro area. The "FUNdraiser" takes place on Sunday, June 9th from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Sylvaside Farm, 19606 Telegraph Springs Rd., Purcellville, Va., 20132.

Former Christ Church parishioners Mary and Ed Keath plan to travel from their home in Oregon to attend and show their support for the ways in which Somos Amigos provides care in the Dominican Republic. In a [video on](#)

Vimeo taped three years ago, Mary says volunteering there has helped her live out her baptismal vows. Her first trip in January 2005 and the Keaths' subsequent trips led to the involvement of Christ Church.

The event will celebrate 25 years of Somos Amigos' medical and dental care while raising funds as the nonprofit organization looks forward. Tickets are \$45 each or four for \$110. You can order tickets up until June 9th for this event, where you'll enjoy games, music, snacks, beer, wine, hot dogs, and hamburgers by Smokin Willy BBQ. Spencer Bates, a former volunteer who is a favorite at the Georgetown Piano Bar, will perform. Nature and history buffs will want to tour the property and see the majestic Clydesdale horses. Sylvanside Farm dates to 1744, with breathtaking views, manicured grounds, and restored barns.

A live auction that starts at 4:15 p.m. will feature the chance to bid on two VIP tickets and backstage passes to meet Stephen Colbert and see a live taping of The Late Show. A longtime supporter of Somos Amigos, Colbert appears in a video on Vimeo, saying he is eager to meet the winning bidder. It could be you!

The auction also offers a chance to "Dunk Frank in the Dunk Tank." Founder and Executive Director Frank Brightwell is well known to Somos Amigos volunteers Dione and Jim Mahoney, Shahra Toth, Dr. Preethi Jackson, and Dr. Ellen Boudreau Hoke, and to others from his visits to Christ Church. View his most recent sermon at Christ Church here, and you can see more photos and learn about the clinic in the Outreach Blog of Feb. 22, 2024.

### **Columbia Community Care Takes a Break on Memorial Day Weekend**

Columbia Community Care (CCC) will close its pantry and distribution sites on Saturday, May 25, for the Memorial Day weekend. But you can still donate baby-care items and diapers. Sizes 4-6 are in the greatest demand, as are 3T-4T and 4T-5T pullups. Please collect these along with sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers. Put them 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 its contents.

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



## **WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR BELOVED CHRIST CHURCH**

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.

**THANK YOU.**

### **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](http://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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