



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, August 17, 2025 | Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

### 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 in the Narthex. This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, and our website provides up-to-date information about our vibrant church - [www.christchurchcolumbia.org](http://www.christchurchcolumbia.org). Everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time.

*Today's hymns were selected by Rebecca Warlow, winner of the hymn selection auction item.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### PRELUDE |

#### OPENING HYMN | Siyahamba (We Are Marching)

*South African*

1. We are marching in the light of God  
We are marching in the light of God *(repeat)*

We are marching, marching. We are marching,  
(ooh) marching We are marching in the light of  
God *(repeat)*

3. We are dancing in the light of God  
We are dancing in the light of God *(repeat)*

We are dancing, dancing. We are dancing, (ooh)  
dancing We are dancing in the light of God  
*(repeat)*

2. We are singing in the light of God  
We are singing in the light of God *(repeat)*

We are singing, singing. We are singing,  
(ooh) singing We are marching in the light  
of God *(repeat)*

#### 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 |

*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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON | Isaiah 5:1-7

Reader: *A reading from* Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,

judge between me  
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;

*(continued)*

I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;

righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

*The following psalm is read responsively by half-verse.*

## THE PSALM

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18 | *Qui regis Israel*

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
**shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
**stir up your strength and come to help us.**

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
**you cast out the nations and planted it.**

You prepared the ground for it; \*  
**it took root and filled the land.**

The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
**and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
**and its branches to the River.**

*(continued)*

Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
**so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
**and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine; \*  
**preserve what your right hand has planted.**

They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*  
**at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.**

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
**the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
**give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

#### **THE EPISTLE** | 11:29-12:2

Reader: *A reading from Hebrews.*

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

*Unison*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will  
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -  
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,  
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
 word to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
 life to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ Is it I, Lord? \_\_\_\_\_ I have

heard you call-ing in the night. \_\_\_\_\_ I will go, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ if you lead me, \_\_\_\_\_ I will hold your peo - ple in my

1. 2. 3.

heart. \_\_\_\_\_ heart. \_\_\_\_\_

**THE GOSPEL** | Luke 12:49-56

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HYMN** | Lead Me, Lord

*Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eous-ness,  
Make Thy way plain be-fore Thy face.

9 Optional Ending

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

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mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

THE SERMON | Rev. Rebecca Warlow, *Deacon*

*The people stand as able.*

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 worshipped 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 |

All loving God, encourage our hearts and help us to heal the things that divide us. Let us strive to be of aid to your beloved people who are without housing and sufficient food; who live in homes, communities, and nations torn apart by violence; who face discrimination and rejection because of who they are. We pray, **with faith, to respect the dignity of every human being and to persevere in resisting evil.**

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Almighty God, we pray help those in positions of power throughout the world including the president, our governor; our county executive; our legislators, judges, and justices to follow Your way of love. We pray, **with faith, help all to work for justice and peace in the world.**

We pray for all people of faith throughout the world. We pray for those who have not yet found you. We pray for those whose faith has been broken. We pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church; Christ the King, Woodlawn; Holy Apostles and St. Stephen, Arbutus; and St. Andrew's, Glenwood. We give thanks for your call to us, the people of Christ Church to share our faith and bring your light to the world. We pray, **through faith, guide us as we love our neighbors as ourselves.**

We pray for Presiding Bishop Sean; Bishop Carey; our rector, Emmanuel; Clergy; Richard, Marcia, and Seminarian, Mike. Today, we pray for Rebecca as we send her forth from this place to serve as a deacon of your Church at Sherwood Church in Cockeysville. We pray, **with faith, help us to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.**

God, the Great Physician, hear our prayers for those in our community and throughout the world who are ill, suffering, in pain, lonely, angry, and frightened. In our church community we pray for Hayden, Rachan, Sherry, Erica, Emmy & Danielle. and those we now name. We pray, **by faith, may the comfort of God be known to those in need.**

We pray for those who have died especially Roberta Akillian and those we now name. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. May our memories of them always be a blessing. We pray, **by faith, may those who mourn be continually comforted with knowledge of the resurrection and of the life everlasting.**

This week, we rejoice with Zion, Luke, Jacqueline, Kerica, Lexi, Jason, Stephanie & George who celebrate their birthdays; Duane & Leigh Smith who celebrate their wedding anniversary; and Levi, Dennis & KariKari who rejoice in their baptismal anniversaries. We pray, **through faith, help us to share the joy of life with others.**

God the Father and Creator of all, Jesus Christ our Savior and Redeemer, and Holy Spirit who abides in us and with us, in faith we lift these prayers to You knowing our prayers are forms of love and love never dies. We rejoice that at once and forever, You hear our prayers: the prayers we've prayed before, those offered today, and those we will pray tomorrow. **AMEN.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION |

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All:** Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

## 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 HYMN LEVAS 154 | Taste and See

James E. Moore, Jr.

*Please scan to give.*



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.*

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.

## EUCCHARISTIC 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:



*The Celebrant continues*

*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 |

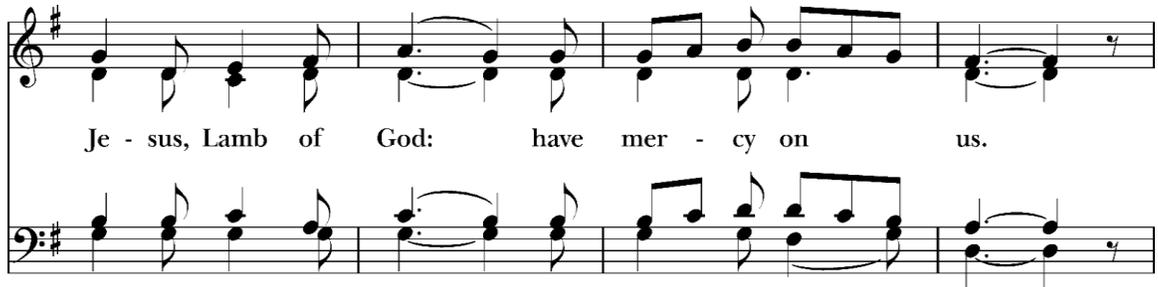
*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

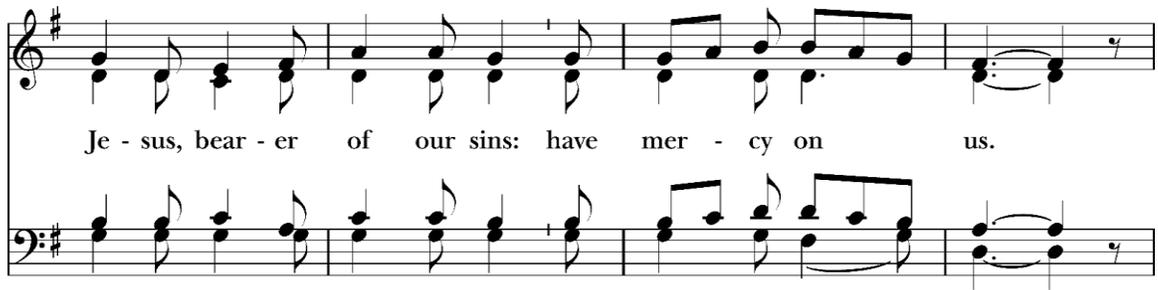
## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

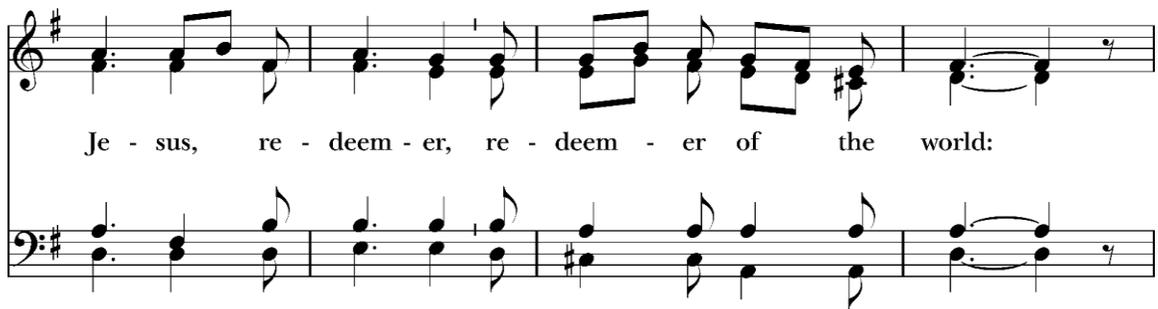
**People:** **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.



*The Gifts of God  
for the People of God*

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er  
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds\* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing\*  
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —  
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —  
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —  
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou

art, — how great Thou art! — Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee: — How great Thou art, — how great Thou art! —

**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.

**EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER | 8 & 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.*

**CLOSING HYMN | You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)**

*Marc Imboden & Tammi Rboton  
performed by Michael W. Smith*

**MEN**

You are holy  
You are mighty  
You are worthy  
Worthy of praise  
I will follow  
I will listen  
I will love you  
All of my days

I will sing to and worship  
The King who is worthy  
I will love and adore Him  
And I will bow down before Him

And I will to sing to and worship  
The King who is worthy  
And I will love and adore  
And I will bow down before Him  
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**WOMEN**

(You are holy)  
(You are mighty)  
(You are worthy)  
(Worthy of praise)  
(I will follow)  
(I will listen)  
(I will love you)  
(All of my days)

You are Lord of Lords  
You are King of Kings  
You are mighty God  
Lord of everything

You're Emmanuel  
You're the great I AM  
You're the Prince of Peace  
Who is the Lamb  
You're the living God  
You're my saving grace  
You will reign forever  
You are Ancient of Days

You are Alpha, Omega  
Beginning and End  
You're my Savior, Messiah  
Redeemer and Friend

**Together:** You're my Prince of Peace, And I will live my life for you

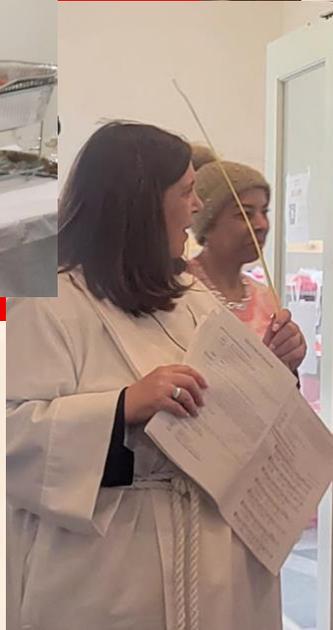
THE DISMISSAL |

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

POSTLUDE |

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**REBECCA!**



# ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

## 8:00 a.m. Service

**Lector/Reader:** Joan Harvey

**Chalicer:** Joan Harvey

**Usher:** Jo Emily Knox

## 10:30 a.m. Service

**Lector/Reader:**

**Chalicer:** Ivy Amponsah

**Ushers:** Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams,  
Cherry Williams, Betty Dagne, Alex Amponsah

## Altar Guild

Cara Ocampo, Jan DeBoissiere, Virginia Jarrett, Maria Rios

## Tellers

Catherine Miller, Lisa Taitt-Wynter

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## PARISH CALENDAR

AUGUST 17 – 23, 2025

### Sunday, August 17

All Day

8:00 & 10:30 am

11:45 am – 1:45 pm

12:30 – 2:30 pm

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12:30 – 5:30 pm

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Fr. Manny out of town (Day 6/9)

Sunday Worship and Coffee Hour

Altar Guild Meeting

Rebecca Warlow Sendoff Brunch – New Brick, lower level

LEMS Backpack Packing – New Brick, lower level

Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Confirmation Class – Zoom

### Monday, August 18

All Day

7:00 am

6:00 – 8:30 pm

7:00 – 8:00 pm

7:30 – 9:00 pm

Fr. Manny out of town (Day 7/9)

Morning Prayer Livestream

Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level

Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom

Refugee Ministry Meeting – Zoom

### Tuesday, August 19

All Day

7:00 am

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Fr. Manny out of town (Day 8/9)

Morning Prayer Livestream

Yoga Camp – New Brick, lower level

### Wednesday, August 20

All Day

7:00 am

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Fr. Manny out of town (Day 9/9)

Morning Prayer Livestream

Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

**Thursday, August 21**

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream  
6:00 – 7:00 pm Yoga Camp – New Brick, lower level  
7:30 – 9:00 pm Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

**Friday, August 22**

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream  
10:00 – 11:00 am LEMS Backpacks Blessing (backpacks delivered to Cradlerock – New Brick, lower level  
3:30 – 6:30 pm LEMS Block Party – Judy Center, Cradlerock ES, Lake Elkhorn MS Campus  
7:00 pm Evening Prayer Livestream

**Saturday, August 23**

9:00 – 3:00 pm Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick & PHLL  
2:00 pm AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level  
3:30 – 4:30 pm Altar Guild prep – Old Brick  
8:00 pm – 2:00 am Okrah Event – New Brick, lower level

**Stick around after church today,  
and help the students of Lake Elkhorn Middle School!**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement to share with the church,  
Please send to [communications@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:communications@christchurchcolumbia.org) by Tuesday evening.



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## **Join the Christ Church Vestry**

The nomination of candidates from our flock to stand for election to the Christ Church Vestry has begun. We have a few submissions to date, but you are welcome to submit yours, as well. If you are a baptized Christian who is 16 years or older and a giving member of record at Christ Episcopal Church, you are qualified to become a candidate. This year, four Vestry slots are open; we need your unique gifts to help us, so we hope you'll consider submitting your name. The election will be held at our Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, October 19th. To offer to stand for election, contact our Vestry Nomination Committee by emailing [nominations@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:nominations@christchurchcolumbia.org), and they will let you know what's needed for this process. Thank you for your consideration.

## **Parish Festival and Ministry Fair - Next Sunday, August 24**

The Christ Church Parish Festival & Ministry Fair, an annual tradition, is back, and takes place next week! There's only one worship service next Sunday, August 24th, so join us in the New Brick sanctuary at 10:00 a.m., followed by a fantastic festival of faith, food, fellowship, and FUN! We'll have BBQ goodies, fun for all ages, and an opportunity to learn about the many ministries that make Christ Church a very special place.

Ministry leaders, this is your opportunity to speak with every parishioner about your beloved ministry and get them to join and assist your group in the coming year. If you have had a ministry trifold or flyer in the past, please prepare any new information to send to Chris by August 2nd so that he can get you an updated document in time for the Fair. And if your ministry would like a flyer or trifold but hasn't had one before, please email him at [communications@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:communications@christchurchcolumbia.org).

## **Financial Peace University Returns**

As a community of faith, one of the gifts we can offer each other is the prudent use of our resources. Early this decade, before COVID-19 upended everyone's lives, we began Financial Peace University here at Christ Church, and it's back beginning this September. This multi-week seminar aims to help parishioners manage their finances and provide them with the tools to be better stewards of what they earn. Even in its incomplete form, this was a life-changer for people who took advantage of the opportunity at the time. We are pleased to offer this class again in the fall, but it is limited to 10 people/families, so if you're interested, let us know as soon as possible. The class will meet on Monday evenings, and the cost is \$100 per person/family. For more information, please speak with Fr. Manny at church on a Sunday or email the office at [office@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:office@christchurchcolumbia.org).

## **Christ Church's Fall Service Schedule**

On Sunday, September 7th, Christ Church begins its fall schedule with three services. The first service takes place in Old Brick at 8 a.m. and does not contain music. Our popular Children & Family Worship resumes in New Brick at 9 a.m. and is focused on the younger members of our church. Then at 10:30, we have Holy Eucharist with choral and music accompaniment, and it's also in New Brick. Sunday School, Youth Formation, Sunday Circle, and all of our other formation and fellowship gatherings also begin that day. No matter what service or classes you choose, we hope to see you because EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

## **The 2025 Flea Market - September 20**

In about one month, it'll be time for that wonderful Columbia summertime tradition, the Christ Church Flea Market and Craft Fair, presented by the WOCC. This year, it's on Saturday, September 20th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (rain date 9/27), and it takes place on the Christ Church campus. This community event is open to the public, so come see what your neighbors have to offer. You can have your own space in the market, or if you're cleaning out closets or garages, the church will be

sponsoring the white elephant tables & welcomes your unwanted treasures. Whether you're a vendor or a participant, you can learn more on our website - [www.christchurchcolumbia.org/flea-market](http://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/flea-market).

And we also need volunteers - LOTS of volunteers - to help with directing traffic and general assistance around the event. Put simply, this event is impossible to host without your help - and with the Flea Market being one of the largest fundraising activities of the year, it would be a great loss if we couldn't host it, so please speak to any WOCC member at church or email [WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org). Lending a hand for a few hours on September 20th (even if you only have one or two to spare) would make a world of difference. Thank you!

### **InReach Ministry**

Christ Church's Inreach Ministry is taking shape and welcomes both those in need of our services and those wishing to help others by volunteering for this ministry. You can learn a bit more about our Inreach Ministry on our website at [www.christchurchcolumbia.org/inreach](http://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/inreach) or by emailing [inreach@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:inreach@christchurchcolumbia.org). You can also speak with Michon Semon or Ron Baran when you're at church on Sunday.

### **Find a Ministry that's Right for You!**

We can always use some more people to keep Christ Church the well-run parish that it is. You can be a Teller, Acolyte, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, or choose to assist the Christ Church Altar Guild or Buildings and Grounds ministries. None of these requires weekly assistance - both only require a short amount of time every few weeks or so, but the impact you have on the entire parish is significant. For those interested in the Altar Guild, please email [altarguild@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:altarguild@christchurchcolumbia.org) and if you're interested in assisting as a Teller, LEV, or Acolyte, please call the Church Office at [office@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:office@christchurchcolumbia.org).

### **Play Golf Next Friday and Assist Bridges to Housing Stability in Achieving Its Goal**

Golfers can have fun and support a worthy cause on Friday, September 19. Bridges to Housing Stability will hold the fourth annual Sheehy Toyota Birdies for Bridges Golf Tournament at The Timbers of Troy, 6100 Marshalee Dr., Elkridge. Participants will help Bridges achieve its mission – advocating for affordable housing and helping individuals and families who struggle to keep a roof over their heads.

The tournament begins with a light breakfast, a shotgun start at 9 a.m., and a full day of golf, food, and awards. Check-in opens at 7:45 a.m. The cost for a single golfer is \$200, or \$800 for a foursome, which covers greens fees, unlimited range balls, food, and beverages.

The event raises crucial operating funds, said Bridges Executive Director Jen Broderick: “Every swing, every hole, and every cheer helps us make real change in our community.” By golfing during *Birdies for Bridges*, you’ll help to provide a path to self-sufficiency and further Bridges’ aim to to prevent and end homelessness in Howard County.

Christ Church has been a supporter of many Bridges initiatives since 2019.

### **Hydration for the Homeless: A Donation of Sports Drinks In the Heat of Summer**

This week, your generosity began to ease life for our homeless neighbors who rely on sundries from the Day Resource Center (DRC) pantry, one of the services of the Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center. In response to a DRC request, the Outreach Commission at its Aug. 11 meeting approved spending \$160 for 12 cases of 28 bottles each of Gatorade.

Jim and Dione Mahoney delivered the thirst-quenching purchase on Wednesday. The drinks will be welcomed by DRC clients, many of whom live outdoors in a vehicle or in a tent in the vicinity of MD Rt. 1 in Jessup. The drinks were purchased with funds donated to the church by parishioners who give to “General Outreach.” We are so grateful for every one of your donations - thank you.

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