



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

TAIZÉ VESPERS
6:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 3, 2026 | Fifth Sunday of Easter



WELCOME TO SUNDAY TAIZE VESPERS AT CHRIST CHURCH

For centuries, people have asked God for guidance and care as day turns to night. This night, we ask God to refresh, inspire, and call us into a deeper relationship with the Divine Spark that is in this world. Enter into God's presence through prayers, readings, songs, silence and poetry. And as you feel so moved: breathe deeply, be still, and know that you are loved.

May God bless you in this time of reflection and meditation.



Taizé (named for the ecumenical Christian community formed in Taizé, France, in 1940) is a quiet, sung, meditative prayer. The songs are short phrases that we sing repeatedly so that the words may enter our hearts. The songs may be sung in many different languages, reminding us that the Gospel is for all the world and we are all God's people.

THE PATTERN OF VESPERS

GATHERING: God beckons us to gather, to reflect on life where we live it, and to be engaged as fully as possible in the world around us. We light candles and sing a song of thanksgiving for God's bringing light into the darkness of our lives.

WORD: God continues to communicate through words of wisdom, encouragement, hope, and challenge spoken throughout the ages by God's beloved children.

PSALMS: Psalms are the Bible's language of prayer and praise. They provide us language to speak about all of life, including our joys, disappointments, confusion and anger, sadness, and concern for ourselves, others, and this world.

MEDITATION: When we listen and pray while gathered in community, we are reminded that we are not alone. We also affirm that life is not about "just me," but about participating in a larger movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

PRAYERS: Prayer is honest, holy conversation with God and those who gather. God invites our honesty, joys, sorrows, confusion, anger, and wonder. Prayer practices can open us up to deeper understanding and meaningful spiritual connections with God, others, and ourselves.

GOING OUT: As we leave the Vesper service, we are reminded of Christ's peace, presence and purpose in all of life.

OPENING SONG | Adoremus te Jesu Christe

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system starts with a tempo marking of ♩ = 72. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The first system of music has the following lyrics: "A - do - re - mus te Je - su Chri - ste, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia". The second system has the lyrics: "lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Et lau - de - mus te Je - su Praise and bless your name, God our". The third system has the lyrics: "Chri - ste, et lau - de - mus te, al - le - lu - ia! Sa - vior, praise and bless your name, al - le - lu - ia!". The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamics like *fine* and *D.C.*. Chord symbols are placed above the staves: B, Em, Am, Em, B, D in the first system; G, D, Em, Am, BSUS, B, Em, G, C in the second system; D, Em, B, G, C, D, Em, B, D.C. in the third system.

Officiant: God dwells in you.

People: And also in you.

Officiant: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lampstand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the deed you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16*

Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty and most merciful God, kindle within us the fire of love, that by its cleansing flame we may be purged of all our sins and made worthy to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

SONG | Psallite Deo (This is the day)

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Psallite Deo'. It is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 120 beats per minute. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score is divided into two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a half note B4. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note G3, followed by a half note A3, and then a half note B3. The second system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a half note C5, followed by a half note D5, and then a half note E5. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note C4, followed by a half note D4, and then a half note E4. The lyrics are: 'Psal - li - te De - o, psal - li - te! This is the day the Lord has made!' and 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. The score includes dynamic markings such as *p* (piano) and *f* (forte), and chord symbols like Gm, Eb, D, Bb, F, Cm, and D.

CONSOLATIONS | UNCONDITIONAL

love is not fully possible. We are mortal creatures of living and dying and how we love and what we love is conditional upon where we stand in the drama and the seasonality of that living and dying. Love may be sanctified and ennobled by its commitment to the unconditional horizon of perfection, but what makes love real in the human world seems to be our moving, struggling conversation with that wanted horizon rather than any possibility of arrival. The hope for, or the declaration of a purely spiritual, unconditional love is more often a coded desire for immunity and safety, an attempt to forgo the trials of vulnerability, powerlessness and the exquisite pain to which we apprentice ourselves in a relationship, a marriage, in raising children, in a work we love and desire.

The hope for unconditional love is the hope for a different life than the one we have been given. Love is the conversation between possible, searing disappointment and a profoundly imagined sense of arrival and fulfillment; how we shape that conversation is the touchstone of our ability to love in the real inhabited world. The true signature and perhaps even the miracle of human love is helplessness, and all the more miraculous because it is a helplessness which we wittingly or unwittingly choose; in our love of a child, a partner, a work, or a road we have to take against the odds.

Our roads and journeys of love are always lived through beautiful humiliations, through disappointments, and through forms of imprisonment: of our own or another's strange behavior or simply subject to the seasonality of the world; the arriving weather of existence always blowing through once stable lives and many times, blowing us apart.

Unconditional love is the beautiful hoped-for impossibility, and yet we could not fully understand the nature of our helplessness without looking through the lens of that hoped for perfection. We are creatures who do not get to choose between what we want and what is wanted of us, and we seem to embody the full vulnerabilities of love only when we dwell at the moving frontier between this wanting and being wanted. The invitation is made to us every day whether we desire it or no, to enter a deeply human world of robust vulnerability, shot through with a sometimes joyful, more often difficult helplessness, to risk ourselves in the conditional world in which we live and to accept that there is no possible path we can follow where we will be untouched by the heartbreak, the difficulties and the joys that move us and move through us, under the beautiful and beautifully conditional guise of love.

SONG | Cantate Domino

Canon

$\text{♩} = 100$

Cm G Cm Fm G

(A) (B)

Can ta te Do mi no. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Sing - - - - - prais - es to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

(C)

lu - ia! Ju - bi - la - te De - o.
 lu - ia! Sing in joy and glad - ness.

The following psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

THE PSALM |

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 | *In te, Domine, speravi*

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
 let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
 for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
**for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.**

My times are in your hand; *
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

SCRIPTURE READING | 1 Peter 2:2-10

Reader: *A reading from 1st Peter.*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOMILY/REFLECTION | Greg Schuckman

THE SILENT MEDITATION | HOPE

I will let life in.

I will not concern myself gathering gold and silver that can be taken from me. I have to trust there is more to me that goes beyond what I can see. There is more to me than what I know today. I will stretch my hands up to the sky to say, “I am afraid but I will try,” remembering the sea was split in two the well was torn in two so I could know deep within my soul, what it means to be Free.

I will not hold back, for Love has not held back on me.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG | It is good to trust
During the singing, you are invited to come forward to light a candle in prayer.



Please scan to give

♩ = 58

Dm ASUS A Dm C F

Bo - num est good con - fi - de - re in the Do - mi - no,
It is good to trust in the Lord our God,

Gm C F Dm Gm7 Am Dm

bo - num spe - ra - re in the Do - mi - no.
trust and hope in the Lord our God.

God does
 Not just
 Stand in
 The sunshine,
 Smiling,
 Waving.
 Wearing fashionable sunglasses
 And offering
 Me
 A taste of wine.

He is not
 Always
 Shaking my hand.

Sometimes,
 He kneels
 In the rain.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE |

Lord, we come to you today, each at a unique place in our spiritual journey; some with joy and gratitude, some with deep emotional sorrow and heavy burdens, some needing physical healing, some asking for your guidance, and some asking for your forgiveness. The petitions are as varied as the persons calling out to you. We humbly ask that we may grow in love, as revealed in the life, death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. All was given for each of us. **Lord hear our prayer!**

We give a warm welcome to those who are new to Christ Church and those who are visiting this morning. We thank you for sharing in our worship and look forward to meeting you. We hope you will come back and join our community. Help us to reach out to others. **Lord hear our prayer!**

Our faith teaches us that love is the foundation on which we shape our lives. We pray for believers everywhere that they may be a beacon of hope in a broken world. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of North India. In the Diocese of Maryland, we ask the Lord's blessing for St. James', Parkton, St. John's, Havre de Grace, and St. Mark's on-the-Hill, Pikesville. We pray our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Diocesan Bishop Carrie; our rector, Emmanuel; Clergy; Richard & Marcia, and Seminarian, Yehinuel. We also pray for our government leaders: our President, our Congress, and our court system. May they be granted the wisdom and courage to guide our country through very difficult times. **Lord hear our prayer!**

We remember all who have passed from this life and into new and glorious, eternal life in your heavenly kingdom, especially Barbara Frith & Thomas Day and those we now name. We pray for those who grieve, that you, Lord, are their comfort and that you are at their side. **Lord hear our prayer!**

Send your loving spirit to uplift those most in need of your comfort. To those suffering illness we remember Steve, Tammy, Jim, Kaci, Kristin, Carol, MaryAnn, Alta, Mark, Clarence, Diane, Mildred, Kayode, Rachan & Sherry and those we now name. We profess our faith to you. **Lord hear our prayer!**

With joy we remember those who touch our lives and reveal the image of Christ, we give thanks and remember their birthdays and anniversaries, naming Mary, Kofi, Cathy, Denny, Lucas, Lorraine & Nathan, Mary & Roger Vail, Johanna & Jonathan Smith and Sara & Bill Kirkpatrick, and Tanner, Steve & Emily. Let us fervently pray, as we go through this week to remember we are united by Christ Jesus. We are not alone. **Lord hear our prayer!**

May the Holy Spirit always be around you and within you, bringing you peace and joy all your days! AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER |

Officiant: Let us pray.

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.**

Officiant: The coming night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives be dispelled in this hour. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all who are dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

Officiant: The Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you. **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG | Nunc Dimittis

1st time in Latin, all following repetitions in English.

Ostinato Refrain

Nunc di - mit - tis ser - vum tu - um, Dó - mi -
Let your ser - vant now go in peace, O

ne, Lord, se - cún - dum ver - bum ac -
now go in peace ac -

ne, Lord, Dó - mi - ne, O Lord,
pa - ce. word.

tu - um in pa - ce, Dó - mi - ne. Nunc di -
cord - ing to your word, to your word. Let your

Last time

Last time

Thank you for joining us today!

Assisting in Worship Tonight

Choir: Caitlin Gompf (soprano), Catherine Hinton (soprano), Maureen Monk (flute),
YaShauna Swan (viola), Larissa Sanders (piano)

Homily: Greg Schuckman

Lectors/Readers: Various

Ushers: Betty Dagne, Yetti Lipede

PARISH CALENDAR

MAY 3 – 9, 2026

Sunday, May 3

8:00 – 9:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:45 – 9:30 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 – 9:30 am	Family Worship – New Brick, UL
9:30 – 10:30 am	Sunday School, Sunday Circle
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, UL
11:00 – 11:30 am	Coffee Hour - Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Education for Ministry (EfM) – Parish Hall, CR & Zoom
4:30 – 7:30 pm	Total Restoration Church – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
6:00 – 7:30 pm	Taizé service – New Brick, UL

Monday, May 4

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, LL
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:30 – 10:00 pm	WOCC Monthly Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, May 5

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:00 am– 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Coffee Hour - Zoom
7:00 – 9:00 pm	MS Support Group – New Brick, LL
7:30 – 8:30 pm	300 yr Race & Slavery Comm. Meeting – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom

Wednesday, May 6

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 8:00 pm	First Wednesday Fellowship (FWF) – New Brick, LL
6:00 – 9:00 pm	Howard County Employee Chorus Dress Rehearsal – New Brick, UL

Thursday, May 7

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Healing Eucharist – Old Brick
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Choir Practice – New Brick, UL
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Education for Ministry (EfM): Fast Track – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, LL

Friday, May 8

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Lumen Christi Practice – New Brick, UL
5:00 – 9:00 pm	Howard County Employee Chorus Concert – New Brick, UL
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Friday Faith Film: RISEN – Parish Hall, LL

Saturday, May 9

7:30 am – 12:30 pm Center for Spiritual Nourishment (CSN)
12:00 – 6:00 pm LaGuerre Event – New Brick, LL
5:00 – 9:00 pm AA Meeting – Parish Hall, LL
3:30 – 4:30 pm Altar Guild prep



ANNOUNCEMENTS



If you have an announcement to share with the church,
Please send to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening.

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR ALL OF THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & LINKS

Prepare for Mother's Day by Buying DreamBuilders Goods This Sunday, May 3, as Christ Church Takes Steps to Support a June Trip to Kentucky

Look for fair-trade coffee, tea, cocoa, and chocolates being sold to benefit **DreamBuilders** just in time for Mother's Day, a week later. The goods will be available after all three worship services on Sunday, May 3.

It's all for a good cause as a team of youth and adults get ready to rebuild after devastating floods in Hazard, Ky. One youth from Christ Church will be traveling June 21-17 on what will be the group's fourth trip in a row to build homes there. At its April meeting, the Outreach Commission approved spending \$750 to subsidize the youth's trip. These are Vestry-approved funds derived from your pledges and contributions. Thank you!

Join the Upcoming WOCC Zoom Meeting - May 4

We are also meeting virtually for our next WOCC meeting; join us on Zoom next Monday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. **The Zoom link is here**; ID is **843 0204 4790**; Passcode is **cecWOCC**. And don't forget about our "Wear Hats on Mother's Day" tradition, taking place next Sunday, May 10. The announcement is further down in this email. There's a lot more happening with the WOCC in 2026, as well, so **visit our website page for details and calendar**.

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Centering Prayer is a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. Be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings. The Zoom link is **here**, the Meeting ID is **817 6254 3177**, and the Passcode is **CP**. You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church or by emailing **centering@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

Christ Church Book Club - Tuesdays

This might be a perfect time to join the CEC Book Club, as we will be starting a new book soon. The Christ Church Book Club is an informal online conversation that selects a book and discusses it as a group, offering diverse perspectives and experiences. Email **bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org** and let us know that you're interested, or just log on later this month - everyone is welcome to take part, and we always welcome a few more participants!

First Wednesday Fellowship Returns - Next Wednesday, May 6

Spring is definitely in the air, and with Lent and Easter now behind us, we will gather for food and flowers at May's First Wednesday Fellowship. Join us in the Great Hall of New Brick on Wednesday, May 6, at 6 p.m. for sandwiches from Jimmy John's. Our activity that evening will be creating Mother's Day flowers, which we will then hand out to moms and mother figures at church services next Sunday, May 10th (Mother's Day - don't forget!). The church will

provide the entree, but please either bring a salad, side, or dessert, or consider donating to help support our FWF events. And stay tuned... because soon, we will share the details for what is a VERY popular Christ Church FWF tradition - our annual Crab Feast!

Noonday Healing Eucharist - Thursdays

Throughout the year, Christ Church offers a midday Healing Eucharist on Thursdays in Old Brick. A member of our clergy leads this service of readings, prayers, a litany for healing, and the Holy Eucharist. Parishioners and community members are all welcome to join in 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 participate in a service held in our beautiful, historic chapel.

Christ Church Choir - Thursday Evenings

The Christ Church Choirs rehearse in New Brick on Thursday evenings, and anyone can join us. Handbell Choir meets from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m., and Adult Choir meets from 7:30 to 9:00 on the same night. You don't need to know how to read music, so whether you have previous experience or are ready to commit long-term or not, there's a place for you in our choirs. Why not give it a try? If you're interested, speak with our Director of Music, Larissa, on Sundays, email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org, or simply stop by a rehearsal and see if it's something you might enjoy being a part of.

Faith Film Weekend - May 8 & 9

Over two consecutive days, you can gather with us to watch three films that will spark open, honest, faith-based conversations.

First, gather with us next Friday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Parish Hall (church office) for *Risen* - you can view the trailer [here](#). At the Center for Spiritual Nourishment the following morning, May 9, you can join us for *It's All Connected* ([trailer](#)) and *Miracle* ([trailer](#)). Join us at 9:10 and 10:15 a.m., respectively.

The Center for Spiritual Nourishment Celebrates All Mothers Next Saturday, May 9

Journey with us as we discover the ways we view God as a divine mother and explore how we celebrate those who have played a nurturing role in our lives. At May's Center for Spiritual Nourishment, we celebrate the return of the community bike ride and the introduction of our first-ever Sound Bath experience! Our inspirational film options are split into two sessions, so that you can mix and match your choices throughout the morning. The 2nd Saturday Center for Spiritual Nourishment (CSN) provides opportunities for us to be in a closer relationship with God through an array of experiences that engage the mind, body, and spirit. Learn all about May's packed CSN schedule on our website - CECevents.org/CSN - and join us on Saturday morning, May 9.

Wear Your Favorite Hat on Mother's Day! - May 10

To celebrate Mother's Day, we welcome you to join in on a great Christ Church tradition - please wear your favorite hat to church this Sunday, May 10, in honor of the mothers in our lives. We'll take a group photo after each service, and invite those worshipping online to email a photo of you in your favorite springtime hat to Chris at communications@christchurchcolumbia.org so he can include you in this year's post (you can see past examples [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)).

MOCC Breakfast - May 16

Join us for French toast and fellowship - the MOCC breakfast is a monthly tradition, and in May, it will take place on Saturday, May 14th. Set your GPS to Silver Diner at 8250 Gateway Overlook Drive in Columbia. We'll meet up at 9:30 a.m., and all ages are welcome. You can also set a calendar reminder on your phone for every third Saturday of a month, for that's when we always meet up for this tasty start to the weekend.

A Streamlined Plan For Volunteers at Our Spring Food Drive on Saturday, May 16, 10 AM to 2 PM, at River Hill Giant to Help Two Food Pantries

You can be a part of one of the most rewarding ways to help feed the hungry. Please sign up for a shift during the Spring Food Drive on Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at River Hill Giant Food, 6050 Daybreak Circle, Clarksville, Md., 21029.

It's a hands-on, family-friendly activity that occurs twice a year, in spring and fall. Look for a signup sheet in the Narthex or in Old Brick, starting on Sunday. Please volunteer for a one-hour shift. To learn more, email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Once again, Christ Church is adapting to corporate rules that limit the number of volunteers on the supermarket premises. In response to a request from the management of Giant Foods, we must streamline how we conduct our traditional drive. The policy will limit us at any one time to four volunteers, of whom two will be interacting with Giant customers. For information, email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Walk-in volunteers will be encouraged to do their part by taking a shopping list and purchasing some of the pantries' requested items. Groceries collected at the supermarket will go to two food pantries. One is the Howard County Food Bank, which is operated by the **Community Action Council of Howard County** (CAC). The other is **SAFE**, its partner pantry that provides free gluten-free and allergy-safe foods to low-income families and individuals.

At our Fall Food Drive held at a Giant supermarket in Dorsey's Search, we collected 1,776 pounds for the food bank and 307 pounds for SAFE. That combined total of 2,083 pounds amounts to more than a ton of food and staples!

During the drives, the experience provides hands-on service not only to our volunteers but also to shoppers we approach with a list of requested items. Most importantly, access to food and necessities is a lifeline for people struggling to make ends meet in Howard County.

Spring Family BBQ & Picnic - June 14

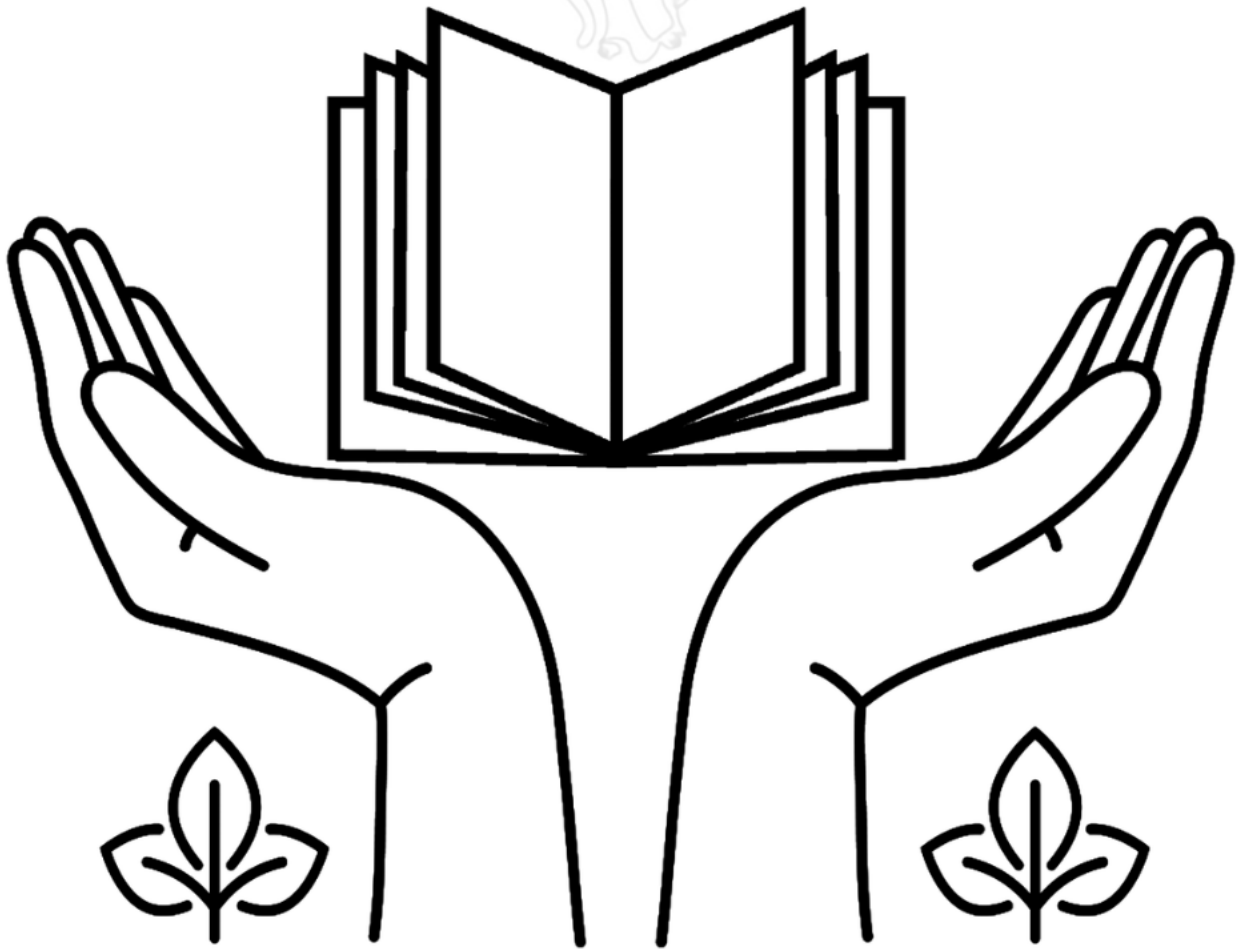
The Men of Christ Church have rescheduled this weekend's Spring Family BBQ & Picnic for a later (and likely warmer) date - Saturday, June 14. This no-charge event is a new MOCC fellowship gathering that connects generations and celebrates our church family. All ages are welcome - there will be a moon bounce for the children, and fun, food, and drink for everyone.

Their raffle drawing has also been moved to this date, which means you still have time to get in on it! Tickets are \$10 each, and three for \$20. That's right - if you buy two tickets, you get one free, which sounds like a pretty good deal. Proceeds are split 50/50 between the winner and supporting MOCC Outreach programs and events. Speak with Duane, Ed, Sonni, or any MOCC member, or email MOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org. The MOCC are providing all the grillables, but are asking for a little side support to make this event the best possible community gathering of the year. **Please sign up to contribute items for the event.** If snacks or condiments are not your preference, you can also sign up to help with setup or cleanup on the day of the event. Thank you, and we hope to see you there!

Get Ready for Another Summer of VBS!

Christ Church's Vacation Bible School and Choir Camp takes place this summer from Monday, June 22, to Friday, June 26, and gathers daily from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. Then, after the Sunday 10:30 a.m. service on June 28, we'll have a wonderful ice cream celebration for all VBS&CC participants! At VBS&CC, children will enjoy a week of Bible stories, music, science, crafts, games, and making new friends and seeing old ones! Snacks, lunch, and refreshments are served daily, and the program is staffed by our wonderful Christ Church parishioners, many of whom have been a part of VBS and our Choir for years. **The registration form for VBS&CC can be completed here.** If you have multiple children to register, please complete a separate form for each child. The tuition is \$30/child or \$75/family, and **you can process your tuition payment here.**

DIVINE MOTHERING



at the Center for
Spiritual Nourishment
SATURDAY, MAY 9 8:30a - 12p



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