

# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## *Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ*

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II – Sunday, July 31, 2022 | 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

**The wearing of face masks is currently required by all at Christ Church**

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### THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE – Variation IX "Nimrod", from Enigma Variations, Opus 36

Edward Elgar

OPENING HYMN 665 – All My Hope in God Is Founded

Michael



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my  
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -  
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom  
\*4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on  
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he  
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we  
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -  
4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -  
5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -  
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's  
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -  
4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth  
5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.  
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.  
3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.  
4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.  
5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

### 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.**

## GLORY TO GOD – S280

Robert Powell

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 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. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Father:

re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the

Lord, 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.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

**Reader:**        **A Reading from Ecclesiastes.**

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

**Reader:**        The word of the Lord.

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

*The following Psalm is read responsively by half verse.*

PSALM 49:1-11

*Audite haec, omnes*

Hear this, all you peoples;  
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
**and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**

I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
**and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
**when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,**

The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
**and boast of their great riches?**

We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
**or deliver to God the price of our life;**

For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
**that we should never have enough to pay it,**

In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
**and never see the grave.**

For we see that the wise die also;  
like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
**and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

Their graves shall be their homes forever,  
their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
**though they call the lands after their own names.**

Even though honored, they cannot live forever; \*  
**they are like the beasts that perish.**

## A READING FROM COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

**Reader:** A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*The people stand as able.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN 707 – Take My Life, and Let It Be

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

SERMON

Rebecca Warlow, *Lay Preacher*

*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 worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, we thank you for your creation and for your re-creation and renewal of us all. **You are the Word of Life!**

We thank you for the Church, its leaders, and its people, particularly, in the Anglican cycle of prayer for the Church of the Province of West Africa, and in the Diocesan cycle of prayer for St. Christopher's, Linthicum Heights; St. John's, Ellicott City, and St. Mark's, Highland. **You are the Good Shepherd, the Author and Finisher of our faith.**

We pray for our Rector, Emmanuel; for our Associate Priest Marcia; for our Deacon Denise, for our Rector Emeritus, Richard; for our Vestry; and for our staff and volunteers. We extend a warm welcome to our visitors today and are so glad to share our service of worship and praise with you. **You are the true Vine, and we are your branches!**

We pray for peace on earth, in our country, in our cities, in our families, and in our hearts. We ask for your care of those in our parish family who are in harm's way, especially Kevin DeBoissiere. **You are the Light of the world!**

We pray that you give wisdom and discerning hearts and minds to those in any authority. **You are King above all!**

We pray for those in any need—physical, emotional, or spiritual. **You are the Bread of Life!**

We pray for those who are lost. We ask your blessings upon all refugees around the world. We pray for all those suffering from violence, persecution, and poverty. **You are the Good Shepherd—the Way, the Truth, and the Life!**

We pray for those who are ill (and their caretakers), particularly Richard, Valentin, Ray, Mary Lou, Joan, Gina, Coy, Megan, Mildred, Jim, Kathleen, Caroline, Nell, Catherine, Mary Ann, Sherry, Rena, Kandi, Bradley, Alta, Alfred, & Ashley, and those you now name. Grant them peace and healing, according to your will. **You are the Great Physician!**

We pray for all who have died and entered the Kingdom of Light, particularly Elena Zhelyaskov, and those you now name. We care and comfort their loved ones who grieve. **You are the Resurrection and the Life! You are our Hope!**

We thank you for all the blessings of this life. We rejoice with those who are celebrating birthdays especially Errick, Lamere, Isabel, Jim, Dave, Aileen, Amanda & Karen, wedding anniversaries of Audra & Westley Cox, and Dave Lanczynski & Diana Hall, and other special occasions. **We rejoice! Again, we say "Rejoice!" Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*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.

*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



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to

God. For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion,  
 done. In the help we give our neigh - bor,  
 God. For the good we all in - her - it,

thanks be to God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,  
 God's will be done. In our world-wide task of car - ing  
 thanks be to God. For the won - ders that as - tound us,

si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in  
 for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, in the har - vests  
 for the truths that still con - found us, most of all that

earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 we are shar - ing, God's will be done.  
 love has found us, thanks be to God.

*The people stand as able.*

## PRESENTATION HYMN 390, V. 1

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## 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:



*Celebrant:*

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

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

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

*Celebrant:*

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant:*

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

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

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

**All:** Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**All:** Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

## FRACTION ANTHEM – LEVAS 154 (Refrain)

James E. Moore, Jr.

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

*Celebrant:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN 685 – Rock of Ages

Toplady

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,  
let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,  
be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant:*

Let us pray.

*All:*

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

## THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond **Amen.***

## CLOSING HYMN 526 – Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing

Dundee



1 Let saints on earth in con - cert sing with those whose work is done;  
2 One fam - i - ly we dwell in him, one Church, a - bove, be - neath,  
3 One ar - my of the liv - ing God, to his com - mand we bow;  
4 E'en now by faith we join our hands with those that went be - fore,  
5 Je - sus, be thou our con - stant Guide; then, when the word is giv'n,

for all the ser - vants of our King in heav'n and earth are one.  
though now di - vid - ed by the stream, the nar - row stream of death.  
part of the host have crossed the flood, and part are cross - ing now.  
and greet the ev - er - liv - ing bands on the e - ter - nal shore.  
bid Jor - dan's nar - row stream di - vide, and bring us safe to heav'n.

## DISMISSAL

*The Celebrant dismisses the people, who respond:*

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE – 1<sup>st</sup> movement (Introduction-Choral) from Suite Gothique

Leon Boellmann

*We wish to express our gratitude to our guest organist, Ola Oladipupo,  
for serving as our musician this morning.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send announcements to [communications@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:communications@christchurchcolumbia.org)

### **This Sunday: Pentecost VIII**

Join us for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost at Christ Church. If you want to join us in person, let us know by **completing our brief attendance registration form**. Please know that **the wearing of masks is currently required** while on campus. For those worshipping remotely, **we'll livestream the 10:30 a.m. service** on all of our usual sites. See you all on Sunday!

### **Howard County COVID Update**

The number of positive cases in Howard County has decreased slightly this week, but they still remain significant enough to keep us in the "high community impact" tier. As a result, we are following the protocols in **the Diocese's Post-Omicron Yellow Phase plan**. This includes the mandatory wearing of face masks for all visitors while indoors at Christ Church, as well as the distribution of only bread during the Eucharist. You can read the Diocese's latest report **here**.

### **Altar Flowers and Gifts**

If you would like to present Altar gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on an upcoming Sunday, you can find the details and 2022 sign-up sheet at **<https://tinyurl.com/CECaltargifts>**. You can also sign up and reserve a slot by using our **Realm Online Giving Form**; just choose "Altar Flowers and Gifts" from the *FUND* drop-down menu, and place the dedication name(s) and service date in the *MEMO* line. **Email the Church Office** with any questions.

### **Help Us Care For the Sanctuary... Join the Altar Guild**

We are looking for a few more volunteers to join the **Christ Church Altar Guild** this season. Altar Guild is a vital group whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Its members prepare the sanctuary for services and tidy up afterward. During certain seasons, Altar Guild members also supervise the decoration of the sanctuary of the parish with flowers. Any adult is welcome to take part in this essential ministry, and training is provided. Please speak with Jan DeBoissiere if you are interested - **[jdeboissiere@gmail.com](mailto:jdeboissiere@gmail.com)**

### **Centering Prayer - Monday Evenings**

Centering Prayer takes place Mondays at 7 p.m. and is a form of contemplation, a method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God. We invite you to log in, see what Centering Prayer is all about, and how it can find a unique and valuable space in your own life. The Zoom link is **here**, Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340** and Password is **Centering!**

### **Join the CEC Book Club - Friday Evenings**

The CEC Book Club has returned and gathers virtually every Friday at 7:30 p.m. We always enjoy having new people join our virtual gathering, so if you enjoy curling up with an insightful read and discussing it with others, join us! The book we are currently discussing is **Radical Hospitality: Benedict's Way of Love** by Lonni Collins Pratt and is available at all the usual booksellers. We have scanned copies of the book's first section to get you started so **email Ellen Hoke at [efboudreau1@gmail.com](mailto:efboudreau1@gmail.com)** for details. Then, simply log in to Zoom this Friday; the Zoom link is **here**, the Meeting ID is **894 0227 6226**, and the Password is **CECbooks**.

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### **Submit Your Vestry Candidate Nominations Soon!**

It is time to nominate candidates from our flock to stand for election to the Christ Church Vestry. This year, there will be FOUR (4) slots open for election. If you are a baptized Christian who is 16 years or older and are a giving member of record to Christ Episcopal Church, you are qualified to become a candidate. We need your unique gifts to assist in guiding us, so we hope that you'll consider submitting your name. If you do, you'll need to draft a short biography of yourself stating why you want to stand for election, or what has called you into service. This year, the election will be held at our Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th. To offer to stand for election, contact our Vestry Nomination Committee by emailing [nominations@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:nominations@christchurchcolumbia.org). Thank you for your consideration.

### **Midsummer Campout at Christ Church - August 13th**

Join us in the field for a parish campout! We have tons of fun planned for Saturday, August 13th (rain date August 20th) with activities beginning at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us - you can stay for a while, or hang with us all night! Bring a tent, chairs, dinner, and drinks. S'mores, campfire, and fun will be provided! You can RSVP [here](#) and direct any questions to [dandjatkings@verizon.net](mailto:dandjatkings@verizon.net).

### **Adult Forum: Sunday Circle - Returns August 28th**

Sunday Circle, our adult Christian education program, returns on Sunday, August 28th, and continues throughout the second half of 2022. Father Manny will start Sunday Circle by leading three sessions on the Book of Common Prayer in September. In October, Sunday Circle will focus on stewardship, with sessions focusing on God's creation, how we love each other and our neighbors, money, and self. Fr. Manny will then lead us in an exploration of the Nicene Creed in November. Finally, as we journey through Advent we will delve into various types of prayer. We hope you will join us for Sunday Circle from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in Old Brick.

### **Reserve Your Spaces Now for the WOCC Flea Market - September 17th**

It's time to reserve your space for the 2022 Flea Market, taking place on September 17th (rain date 9/24) and we are ready to reserve your space. And, because of the current economic conditions, WE HAVE REDUCED OUR RENTAL COST by \$5 from previous years. If you have rented space in the past, you will be receiving a registration form very soon. We'll also have registration forms available in the Narthex, and you can also send an email to [wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org) and we will send you all the info you need.

You can now use Realm to pay for your space and use a credit card, and those illustrated instructions can be found [here](#). You can use this link to get to it: <https://onrealm.org/christchurchcolumbia/give/fleamarket>. You can also pay by cash or check, as in years past. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at the WOCC email address above.

We will also be looking for volunteers, bakers, and books! It's the WOCC's biggest fundraiser of the year, and proceeds are used to help Christ Church. We're getting organized for this big event through the summer, so keep looking for more information and opportunities to participate. In the meantime, feel free to email us if you have any questions.

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### **This October is the 33rd Annual Christ Church Auction, Held Online AND In Person!**

The 2022 Christ Episcopal Church Silent Auction will be open for bidding from Saturday, October 22nd through Saturday, October 29th. Are you moving, redecorating, or downsizing? Perhaps there are things that no longer fit your needs, or you're tired of Aunt Mary's cloisonné teapot? Maybe you want to find a new home for it? Can you use an additional tax deduction? If so, we'll need lots of items to auction off, so set aside your auction-worthy items, and we'll provide instructions on how to donate very soon.

The in-person Live Auction will be on the evening of October 29th in the Great Hall, complete with food, beverages, bids, and so much fun! We look forward to seeing all of you in person in the lower level of New Brick that evening. Can't make it? Not to worry - this is a hybrid event, and those details will be made available later this year.

Much more information will be provided in the coming weeks, so watch this space!

### **LEMS Partnership: Please Help Us this Weekend**

Thanks to all of you who have expressed an interest in helping with the Lake Elkhorn Middle School Partnership. To date, we have received over \$3,000, enabling us to order school supplies for 125 students. **We will need your assistance in putting bags together for 50 students on Saturday morning, July 30th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the church office basement.** Some of the boxes of supplies are heavy, so people with strong arms and backs are helpful, but all help is appreciated. The supplies for the remaining 75 students will be distributed over the course of the school year, as needed.

**We also need help at the church on Tuesday, August 16th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. to deliver the supplies to Lake Elkhorn Middle School.** We are in need of a truck or van to transport the supplies and people who are able to load and unload heavy boxes, so if you can help, please let us know.

We are extremely thankful for the financial assistance that we have received thus far. In addition to school supplies, Melissa Shindell, principal at LEMS, has asked if we can support their staff appreciation pizza party on August 26th and possibly buy the staff spirit wear as we did last year. If you would like to support these activities that help both students and staff start the school year with enthusiasm, you may give in any of the following ways:

- If you'd like to write a check, please make sure you write "LEMS school supplies" on the memo line, drop it off at the church office, or mail it in.
- For giving online via computer/tablet, you'll find our "Support Christ Church" button at the top of every page of our website, or you can click here. On the secure form, choose "LEMS" from the FUND drop-down menu and write "school supplies" on the MEMO line.
- To give via text, simply text CECGIVING to 73256 using your mobile device, and you'll immediately receive a link to our secure form. Click the link, choose "LEMS" from the FUND drop-down menu, and write "School Supplies" on the MEMO line so that your donation is used as you wish. (Note: This number will never send you unsolicited texts. To cancel further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply).

If you have questions about our LEMS partnership or would like to help on either of those days, please contact Cathy Whittaker at [catharinewhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:catharinewhittaker@gmail.com).

**Thank you!**

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## **Claggett's Camps Offer Restful Getaways to Developmentally-Disabled Adults and to Children From Families Coping with the Opioid Crisis**

Rest, play, pray, and build lifelong friendships. This description of a session at the **Claggett Camp and Conference Center** applies to more than one set of campers who have made their way this week and next to the 268-acre site with its view of Sugarloaf Mountain.

On Sunday, July 24th, a group of adults with developmental disabilities started their session of fun and friendship at **Special Challenge Camp**. For more than 40 years, volunteers and Claggett counselors have offered these adults 21 and older a relaxing experience at the retreat in scenic Adamstown, Maryland. Activities include nature hikes, swimming, fishing, canoeing, arts and crafts, and daily chapel.

Starting Sunday, July 31st, young people whose family life has been upended by the nation's opioid crisis will spend a week at Claggett's **Camp Spirit Song**, which lasts through August 5th.

At each camp, one person who might not otherwise afford to participate can attend thanks to parishioners at Christ Church. At the Outreach Commission meeting in May, we approved a \$1,300 donation to Claggett toward expenses at the two different camps. The funds come from the commission's Vestry-approved budget for 2022, which is derived from your pledges and contributions.

Thanks to all on behalf of our campers – and their extended families – for an experience that is meaningful at the moment while having a year-round impact. Please lift them in your prayers.

The first camp program of its kind on the East Coast, Camp Spirit Song serves children entering grades 4 to 8 who can benefit from a week of fun and more. Activities include swimming, games, crafts, canoeing, a ropes course, and chapel. Campers are drawn from Province III of the Episcopal Church. That is made up of a group of dioceses in Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C.

The **Episcopal Diocese of Maryland**, which operates Claggett, describes Camp Spirit Song as a “safe space created for children to have fun while surrounded by caring, compassionate staff and peers who can relate to their experiences.”

Given the aftermath of a tragic overdose or the other ways that children can be harmed by their loved ones' addiction, the motivation is simple. Provide children “an opportunity to meet God through the support of a Christian community, fellowship with peers who share a common experience, and time to rest and play away from the distractions of everyday life,” said a Claggett statement when Camp Spirit Song resumed last year after a pandemic hiatus in 2020.

Camp Spirit Song was first held in 2019. As the Maryland Diocese said in **a news release**: “The Claggett Center partnered with the **SpiritWorks Foundation** to provide children an opportunity to lay down some of their heavy burdens and just be kids for a week.” The healing includes daily small-group sessions led by Spiritworks counselors.

After its first season, BBC America featured it in 2019, as **Part III of a documentary series** on struggles with opioid addiction in the United States. (View at 0:47 to 5:33 minutes and from 43:55 to the end for a look at the camp in session.)

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Claggett collaborates through Camp Spirit Song with **Partnership to End Addiction**, an organization dedicated to ending substance abuse and supporting families and teens in recovery. The organization has a **state-by-state list of partners** that includes Claggett and five others in Maryland. Please share with someone whom you may know in need of help.

### **Columbia Community Care Requests Diapers, Personal Care Items**

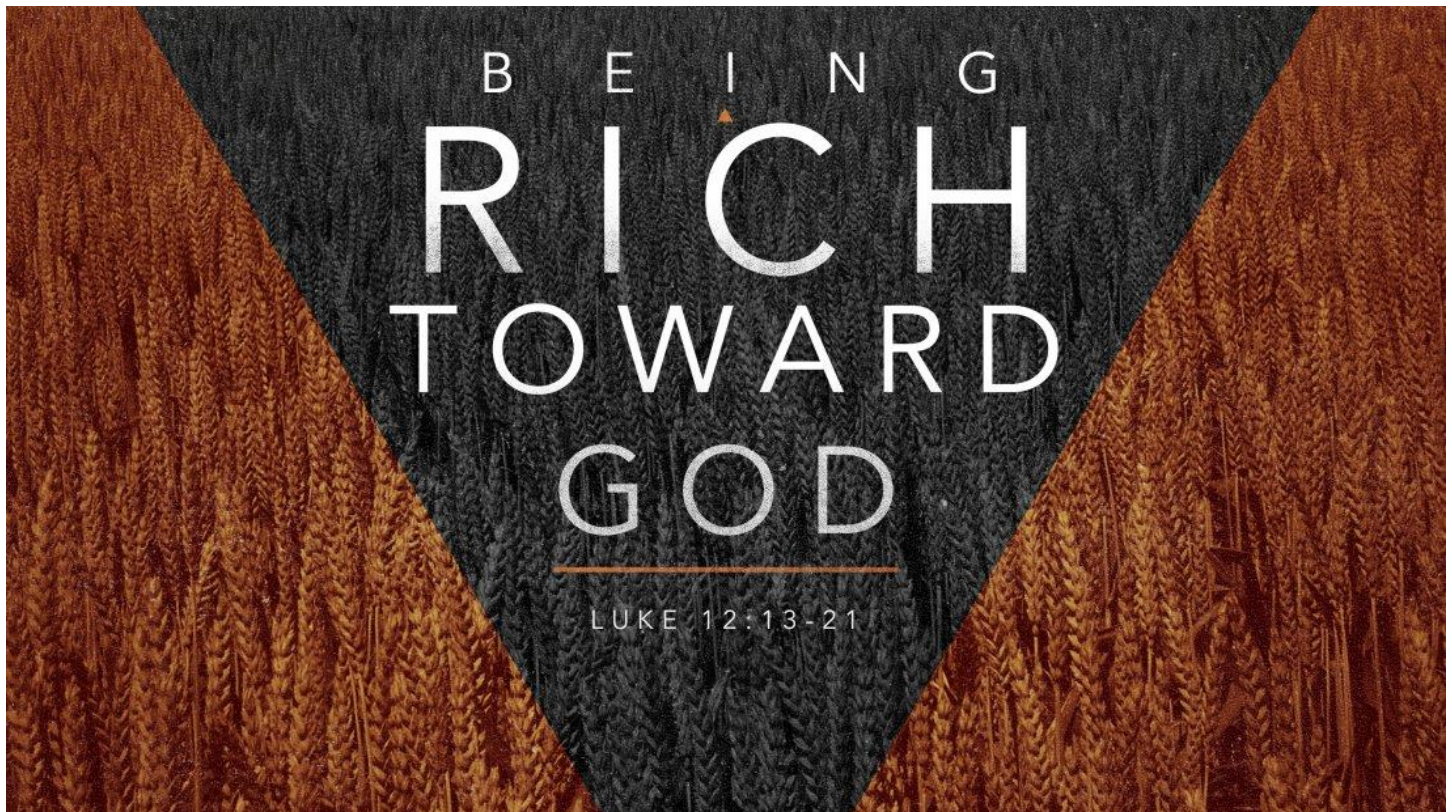
At Christ Church, members of the Outreach Commission and our Racially Aware Group of Episcopalians ask parishioners to continue supporting the all-volunteer organization, **Columbia Community Care** (CCC). Please collect diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin, marked “CCC,” inside the Parish Hall on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday. Our representative is Violet Smith, who takes parishioners’ donated items to a CCC site for distribution on Saturdays. Updated information about distribution can be found on the **CCC Group on Facebook**.

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

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

In general, if you have suggestions about ways to help the community, if you want to get involved, or if you need assistance, please email Christ Church Outreach at [outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org). Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.

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## For What? Why?

Depending on when I fall asleep, I am usually up by 4:00 a.m. Today was no different. I woke up, prayed, read some emails and some news, texted a few people, and simply relaxed in bed, thinking about what I planned to share with you all today. In fact, my plan was to write about a question: “What don’t you know?” But as I thought about it while daylight broke, I picked up a call from my brother. The message of his call broke my heart to pieces and was so painful that I had to change what I had planned to share with you.

I lost a dear brother.

I was with this brother recently - July 19th, to be precise. He looked healthy and strong. In fact, he has always been strong. We talked about so many different things. We went all the way back to the time when we were in Sunday School and learned a particular song. He was surprised that I remembered that song. And then a little over a week after our parting, this young soul passes on.

For what? Why?

These are questions that I can never stop asking. They go to the core of the mystery of who we are as human beings, as people, and as living creatures who have a beginning and an end. You may be asking similar questions, too. I know, for example, a parishioner who had to deal with the loss of three family members within six months. Her questions are similar to mine... For what? Why?

Times like these remind me of the words of James: “Why, you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.” More so, it reminds me of Jesus’ parable of the Rich Fool, which we will read in Church this Sunday. Life is given and life is taken away, often without our input and beyond our control. So, where do we go from here?

A philosophy professor stood before his class with some items on the table in front of him. When the class began, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks, each about 2 inches in diameter. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

Then the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. He then asked students if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor subsequently picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up the remaining open areas of the vessel.

He then asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous “Yes.”

“Now,” said the professor, “I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The rocks are the important things - family, partner, health, children - things that, if everything else was lost and one remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter, like your job, house, and car. The sand is everything else - the small stuff.

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If you put the sand into the jar first, he continued, “There is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take your partner out dancing or go for a walk. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party, or fix the disposal.”

Take care of the rocks first - the things that *really* matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.

Remember this: the question is not so much about life being insignificant, empty, or worthless. If it were so, Christ Jesus wouldn't have died to save us. There is some worth to life, but what do we consider to be the important things in life? What are the rocks in your life? What are the pebbles in your life? What's the sand in your life?

If I am here today and gone tomorrow with no trace, then what should, or can, I do? What should be my drive? What should be my motivation for life? What should be my dream in life? What does my life consist of?

I may not know the answers to all these questions. But one thing is clear to me: the important things in life may not be money, wealth, or possessions - they never have been and never will be. The important things may be the loving relationships that you keep, so develop them, nurture them, build them, sustain them, cherish them, and give meaning to them.

That may be the answer to our longing questions... For What? Why?  
*Manny.*

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## WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR BELOVED CHRIST CHURCH

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

We also want to thank **YOU**. Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables Christ Church to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us. We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness.

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