

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Third Sunday after Pentecost

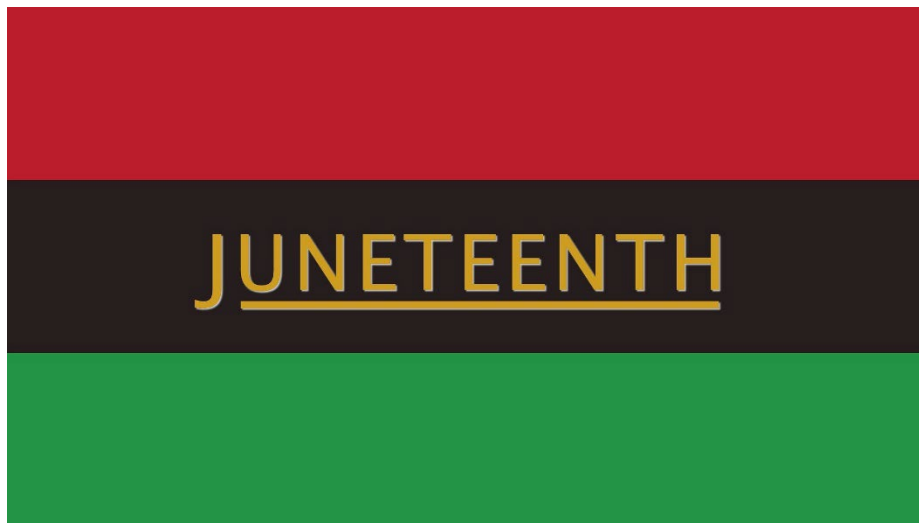
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, June 18, 2023 | 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Welcome Home!

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

We are delighted you're here - welcome home!



Juneteenth Service to Honor the Emancipation of Enslaved Peoples, Including Those Whose Labor Contributed to Christ Church

Prelude | Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Doris Akers

Celebrant: Dearly beloved we gather today on Juneteenth to commemorate the day when the final enslaved people in the United States, who lived in Texas, learned on June 19, 1865 that they were free—over two years after the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation.

We gather to honor the enslaved people owned by early members of Christ Church, Queen Caroline Parish. We honor those whose names are known to us and those who are unknown. We honor their humanity. We honor their labor that grew the tobacco their enslavers sold to pay for the salary of our first rector, James Magill; to pay for the building of the original church where we stand today and for the building of Old Brick in 1811; and to pay for the silver communion set purchased by the church in 1748 and from which we continue to receive the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Let us pray

Celebrant: For the lives of the enslaved people whose labor contributed to the building and support of Christ Church,

***People:* We pray to you, O God.**

Celebrant: For the lives of the Susquehannock Nation who lived on this ground before Christ Church ever existed,

***People:* We pray to you, O God.**

Celebrant: For your household with its blessed diversity of races and ethnicities,

***People:* We give thanks to You, O God.**

Celebrant: For your presence with those who suffer the pain of oppression because of racism,

***People:* We pray to you, O God.**

Celebrant: For the courage and commitment of those who challenge injustice,

***People:* We give thanks to you, O God.**

Celebrant: For your forgiveness for our denial and apathy when we have cooperated with powers of dominance and discrimination,

***People:* We pray to you, O God.**

Celebrant: For ears to hear stereotyping in church and community, and the courage to name it,

***People:* We pray to you, O God.**

Celebrant: For eyes to see exclusion in our lives and churches and for resolve to confront it,

***People:* We pray to you, O God.**

Celebrant: For minds to address what the conscience knows,

***People:* We pray to you, O God.**

Celebrant: For hearts freed of cynicism and despair and renewed with hope,

***People:* We pray to you, O God.**

Celebrant: For faith that acts on the certainty of your love for us and on your desire that we honor our differences and live in harmony,

***People:* We pray to you, O God.**

***All:* We pray in fellowship with those from this time and beyond time who have witnessed to your call to community. As a church, we pledge to reject bigotry and strive for racial and ethnic justice and peace in our community and our world, following in the way of love given to us by Jesus Christ. In the name of Christ, who is loving, just, and forgiving, we offer our prayer. Amen.**

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fence;
 way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

Opening Acclamation |

Celebrant: 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.**

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The people may be seated.

A Reading from 18:1-15, (21:1-7) |

Reader: A reading from Genesis.

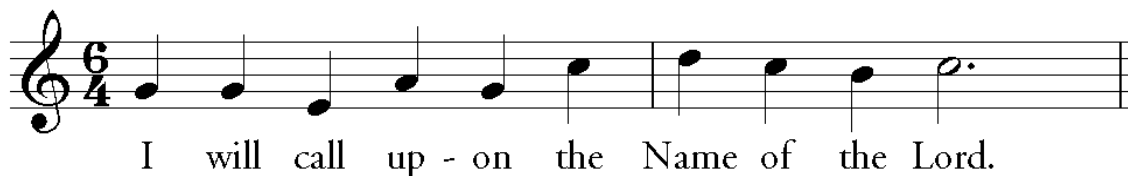
The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

[The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."]

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

Antiphon

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

O LORD, I am your servant; *
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

Antiphon

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!**

Antiphon

A Reading from Romans 5:1-8 |

Reader: a reading from the Epistle to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

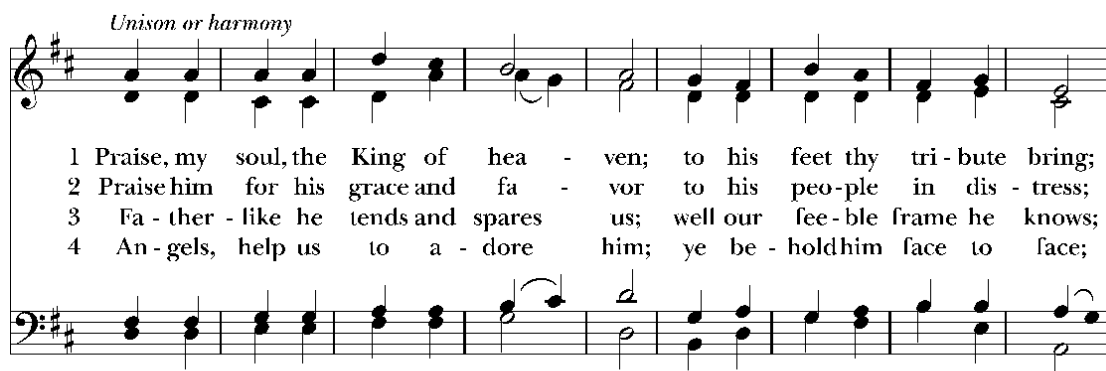
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

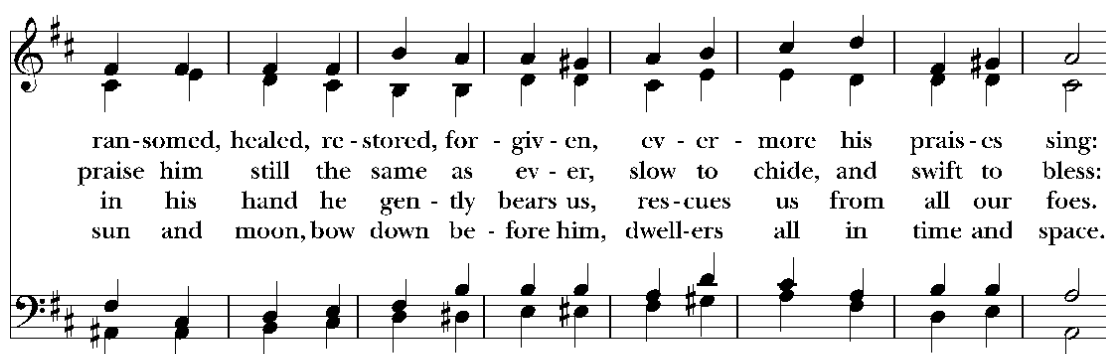
Sequence Hymn 410 | Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda anima

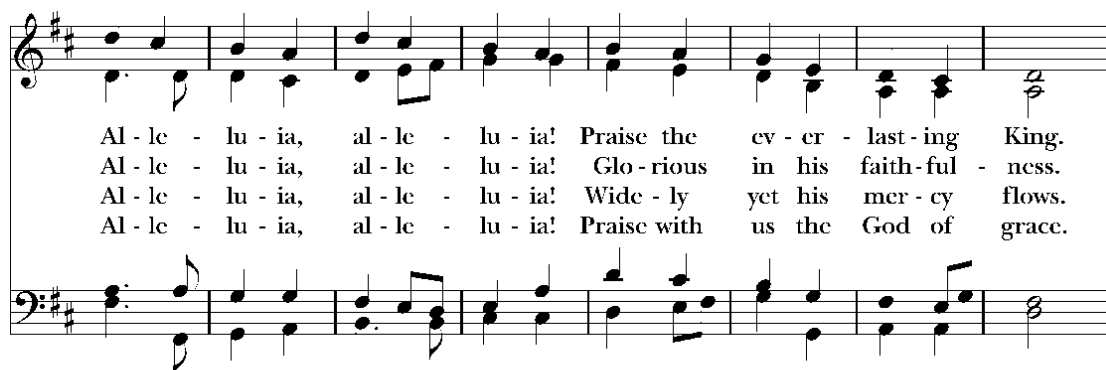
Unison or harmony



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
 3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

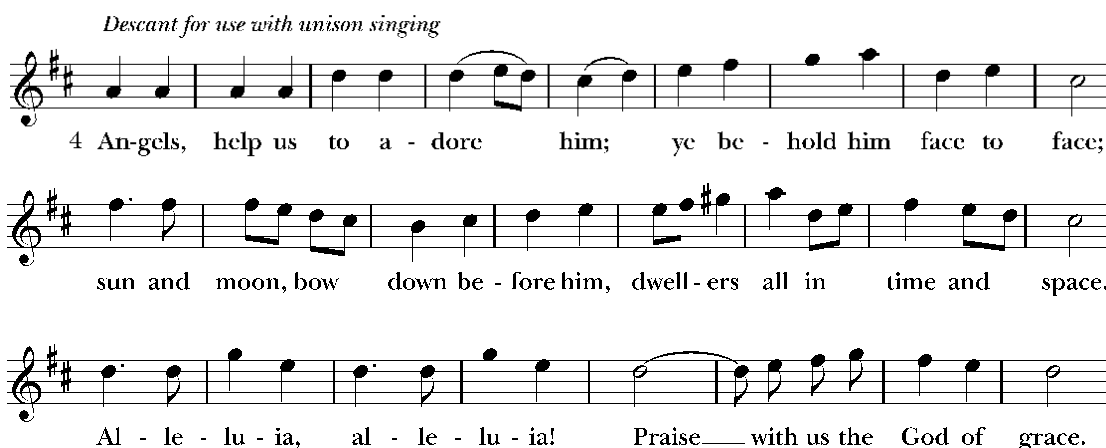


ran - sored, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:
 praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
 in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Descant for use with unison singing



4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise — with us the God of grace.

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

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

Sermon | The Rev'd Emmanuel Ato Mercer, *Rector*

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.

Just as God fulfilled his promise to Abraham and Sarah, sending them joy and laughter in their old age, he provides for each of us. Help us, Lord, to feel the hope of your promise through the Holy Spirit poured into our hearts. **Lord, incline Your ear to us.**

We pray for our fathers and grandfathers and give thanks for the many ways they support and guide us. We give thanks for the blessings of the countless men who are not biological fathers but have nurtured children in need of care. We pray for those who have lost their fathers and must navigate life without them. **Lord, incline Your ear to us.**

As we commemorate Juneteenth tomorrow, we celebrate the glorious day when African American enslaved people were freed. We honor the spirit of all enslaved people who toiled, hoped, prayed, and sang with unwavering faith for that promised day. We thank you for creating people of all races as your beloved children. As the family of God, when one suffers, we all suffer, and when one rejoices, we all rejoice. And so, we rejoice on this day of celebration, affirming our connection as brothers and sisters. We also ask that you guide our nation's leaders, especially our President, Joseph; our Governor, Wes; and all who serve, that they seek Your guidance in all decisions and experience joy in their work. **Lord, incline Your ear to us.**

We pray for the worldwide Church's mission and leaders, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert, our Diocesan Bishops; Carrie, our Bishop Coadjutor; Emmanuel, our Rector; our Christ Church clergy, staff, and postulants; and Richard, our Rector Emeritus. We also pray for The Anglican Church of Australia and our sister parishes of Redeemer, Baltimore; Slate Project, Baltimore; and St. David's, Roland Park. We ask your blessings upon all new to or visiting Christ Church; may you find welcome, comfort, and friendship among us. **Lord, incline Your ear to us.**

We pray for all who are sick or struggling, including Tim, Fran, Doris, Patricia, Elizabeth, Patricia, Emily, Kellene, Shirley, Louise, Danny, Cindy, Roberta, Francis, Fr. Ginnever, Samuel, Catherine, Caroline, Alfred, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Sherry, Nell & Kathleen, and those you now name. We give thanks for all caregivers for their dedication and compassion. We remember all who have died and entered God's eternal kingdom, especially Harriet Smith, and those you now name. We pray, **Lord, incline Your ear to us.**

We give thanks for occasions of joy, including the birthdays of Matthew, Obenewa, Yetti, Gina, Rachelle & Nathaniel, and anniversaries of Ann, Barbara & David Griggs, Ellen & Charles Hoke, Tanis & John Hadley, and Carolann & Don Sawyer. We pray for our Outreach ministries, providing food for the homeless, supporting reconstruction of homes around the U.S., providing school supplies to our local middle school, providing financial assistance to areas affected by climate disasters, supporting an Afghan refugee family, and participating in international ministries in Uganda, Thailand, and the Dominican Republic. Serving others helps us be closer to you, God. **Lord, incline Your ear to us.**

Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in Your steadfast faith and love. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin |

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

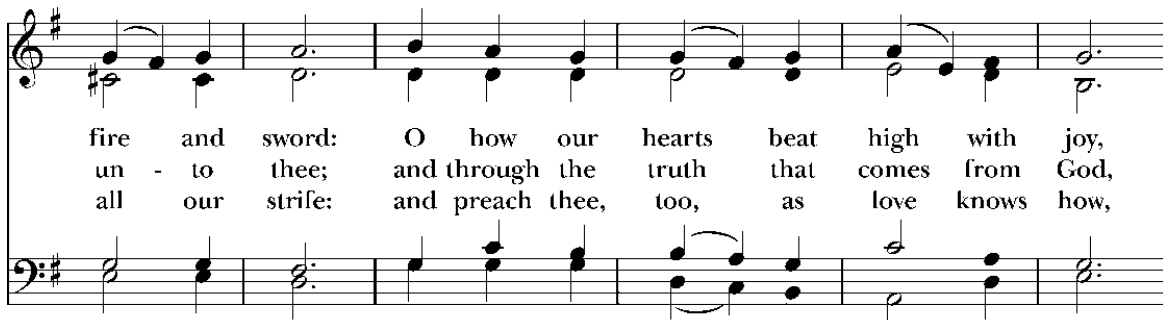
THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 558 | Faith of Our Fathers

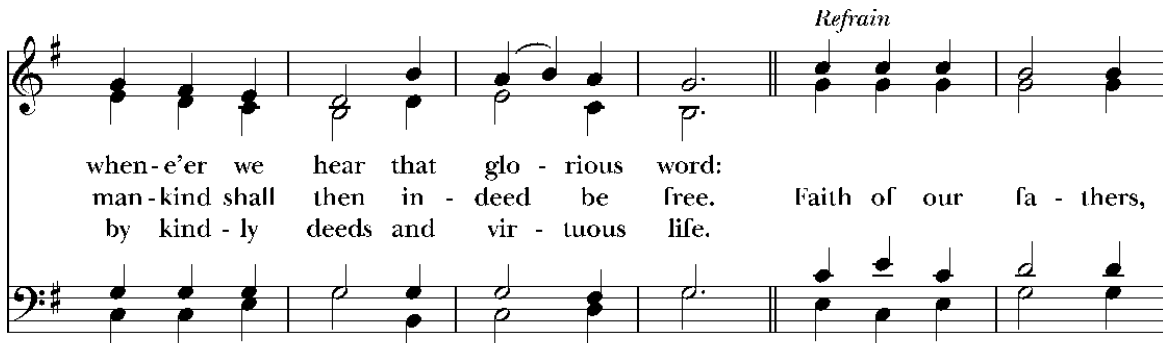
St. Catherine



1 Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
2 Faith of our fa - thers! faith and prayer shall win all na - tions
3 Faith of our fa - thers! we will love both friend and foe in



fire and sword: O how our hearts beat high with joy,
un - to thee; and through the truth that comes from God,
all our strife: and preach thee, too, as love knows how,



Refrain
when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word:
man-kind shall then in - deed be free. Faith of our fa - thers,
by kind - ly deeds and vir - tuous life.



ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Please scan to give.



**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

Eucharistic Prayer A |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

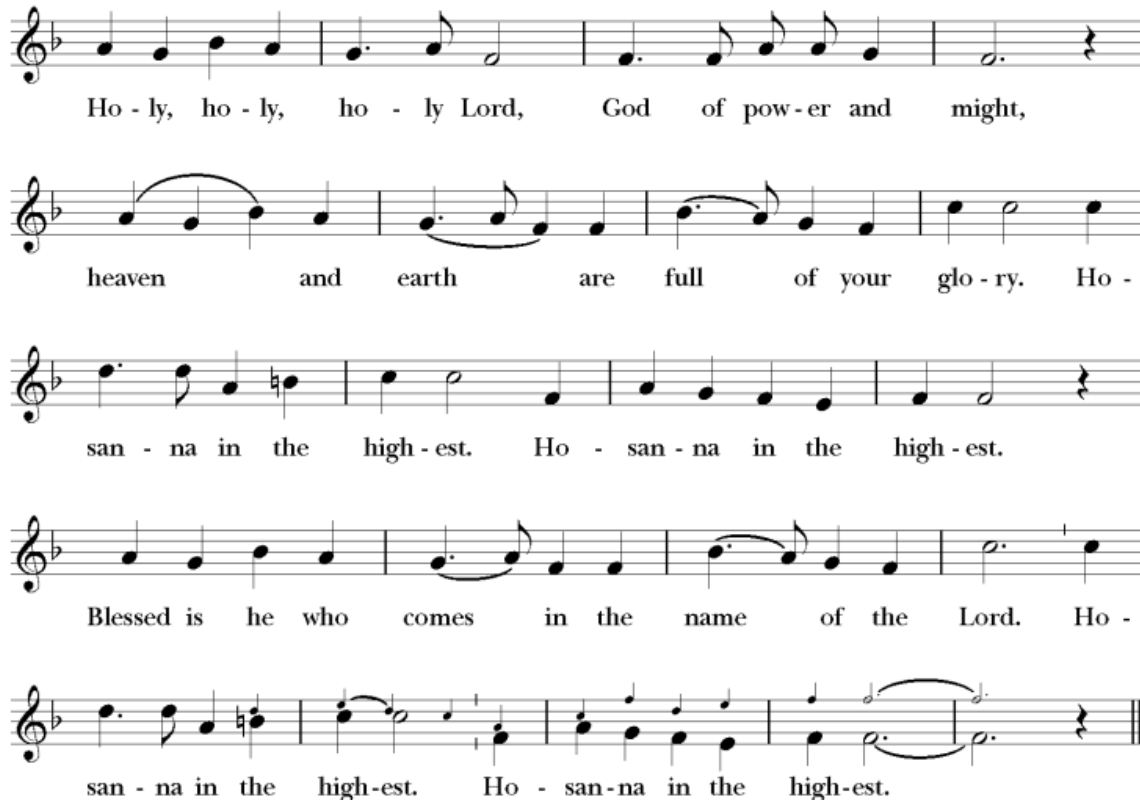
***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 | BCP 365

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

All: **Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day ur 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.**

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

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

Fraction Anthem LEVAS 270 | Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

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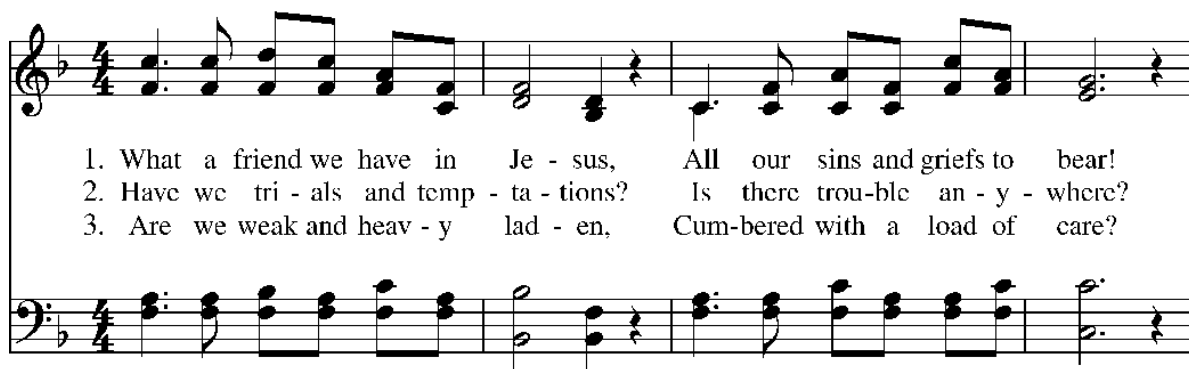
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

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

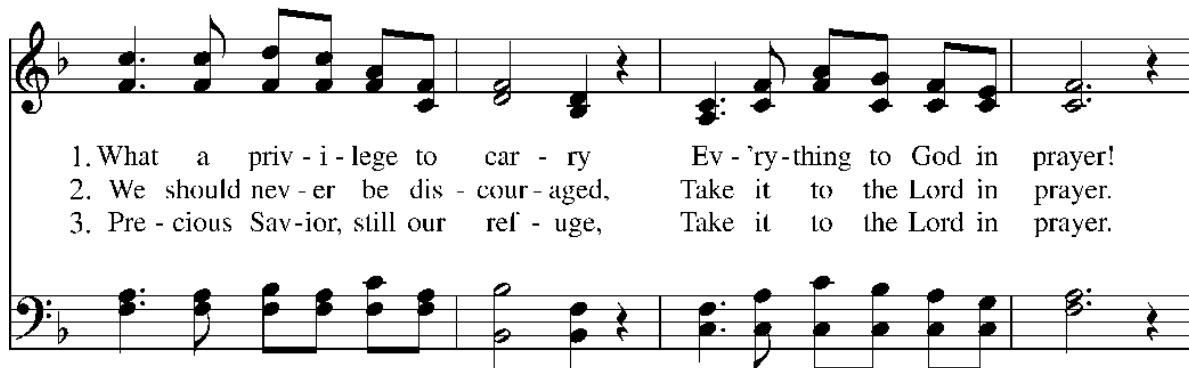
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

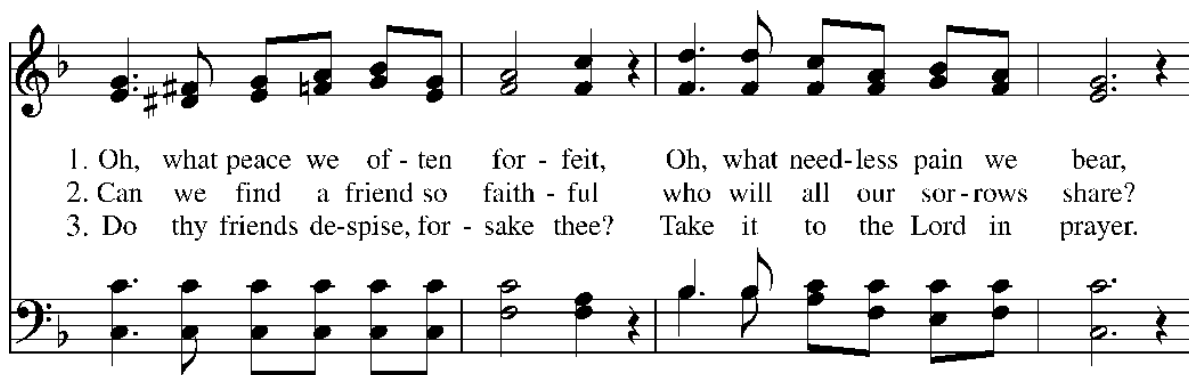
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?
 3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum-bere'd with a load of care?



1. What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 3. Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need-less pain we bear,
 2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 3. Do thy friends de-spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 2. Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

Please stand as able.

Post-Communion Prayer |

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

Eucharistic Visitors' Prayer | 8:00 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.***

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
 Till earth and heaven ring,
 Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
 Let our rejoicing rise
 High as the list'ning skies,
 Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
 Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
 Facing the rising sun
 Of our new day begun,
 Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
 Bitter the chast'ning rod,
 Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
 Yet with a steady beat,
 Have not our weary feet
 Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
 We have come over away that with tears has been watered;
 We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
 Out from the gloomy past,
 Till now we stand at last
 Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
 God of our silent tears,
 Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
 Thou who hast by thy might,
 Led us into the light,
 Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
 Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,
 Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
 May we forever stand,
 True to our God, true to our native land.

The Dismissal |

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

Postlude | Festal March

Florence B. Price
 Ola Oladipupo, organist

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Joan Harvey

Ushers: Jo Emily Knox, Yetti Lipede

Chalicerist: Joan Harvey

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Greg Schuckman

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

Acolytes and Crucifer: Caleb McKenna, Jonah Aribiah, Deepti Jackson

Chalicerist: Ivy Amponsah

Altar Guild

Pam Foreman, Cheryl Lucente, Gail Braatellen

PARISH CALENDAR

JUNE 18 – JUNE 24

Sunday, June 18 – Happy Father’s Day!

8:00	Holy Eucharist – New Brick, upper level
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Monday, June 19 – Juneteenth – Church Office Closed

5:00 – 7:30 pm	Crab Kickers Soccer – Field
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom

Tuesday, June 20

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom

Wednesday, June 21

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

Thursday, June 22

8:00 – 8:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:30 – 8:30 pm	AA Women Only – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, June 23

7:00 – 7:30 am Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 7:30 pm Evening Prayer Livestream
8:00 pm – 12:00 am Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, June 24

1:00 – 4:00 pm Piano Recital – New Brick, upper level
2:00 – 3:00 pm AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm NA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements for publication, email communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening.
For a digital copy of this service leaflet with working links, etc., visit the main page of our website.

Altar Flowers and Gifts

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

Office Closure - June 19

In observance of Juneteenth, the Church Office will be closed on Monday, June 19th, and reopen on the morning of Tuesday, June 20th.

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Gather with us on Mondays in Old Brick at 7:00 p.m. for Centering Prayer, a unique method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God. You can also take part virtually from wherever you are. The Zoom link is [here](#), the Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340**, and the Password is **Centering!** For more info, email Kathy Lyon at rklyon@cablespeed.com.

Theology on Tap - June 21

The first summer gathering of Theology on Tap is in June, so join us for a get-together where you can have a nice chat about interesting religious articles of the day, and an opportunity for informal, structure-free conversation with other parishioners. ToT takes place Wednesday, June 21st at **Frisco and the Reckless Shepherd** at 8895 McGaw Road in Columbia, so at 7 p.m. that night, gather with us for a great time!

The Deadline for Vacation Bible School is June 22

VBS takes place from June 26 - July 2, and gathers each day from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At VBS, children will enjoy a week of Bible stories, music, science, crafts, games, and friends! Vacation Bible School is open to all children aged three (must be potty-trained) through 5th grade, and you can register your child(ren) at any time by completing our VBS registration form at tinyurl.com/CEC-VBS2023. The cost is \$30 per child or \$70 per family, and **you can process the payment on Realm**. Scholarships are available for those in need. Volunteers are also very much needed, so come and have fun with us! **Email us** if you're interested in registering your child, want to help with the program, or if you have any questions about the registration process.

WOCC Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, June 21st, 6-8 p.m. Summer Solstice Walk - You are to join us for the Summer Solstice Walk at St. John's Episcopal Church in Ellicott City.
- Friday, July 14th, 5:30 p.m. at Toby's Dinner Theater - "Margaritaville" Join us with your family and friends at the theater for dinner and the musical. The sign-up sheet will be in the Tower room.
- Our next meeting is on Tuesday, September 5th at 1:00 p.m. It will be a hybrid event, in New Brick and on Zoom.
- Saturday, September 19th – Annual Flea Market (Rain date: Sept. 23rd)

Help Us Plan Christ Church's 300th Birthday

We have begun gathering and planning for Christ Church's 300th year, but we're always looking for more input, so join us! This celebration is such an important milestone for our church, and we want participation and ideas from as many of us as possible. There are a variety of committees that you can serve on and so we would like to encourage everyone to consider being a part of this historic occasion. If you have ideas, are interested in assisting, or would like more information, please speak with Father Manny or email 300@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Watch Out for Phishing Scams!

We want to make you aware of more new [email and text message scams that are targeting members of religious institutions around the country](#). There are also recent reports of other Maryland and Howard County churches having been affected by this issue, including ones using Father Manny's name and Christ Church, in general. This current scam involves making a fake email account in Father Manny's name and then sending a request for you to purchase gift cards on his behalf. We ask that you be vigilant - if you come across any email that appears to be from someone you know, PLEASE reach out to them to verify its authenticity. If you need help or have questions, feel free to email Chris at communications@christchurchcolumbia.org, and he will help.

General email DOs and DON'Ts:

- DO double-check your emails carefully.
- DON'T ever respond to an email asking you for money.
- DO verify in person, by email to a trusted address, or by phone any request involving money or personal information.
- DON'T reply.
- DON'T click on any links within the message.

You can learn more about how to protect yourself, as well as how to report suspected phishing emails or text messages, by visiting the Federal Trade Commission's website [here](#). If you got a phishing email, forward it to the Anti-Phishing Working Group at reportphishing@apwg.org. If you got a phishing text message, forward it to SPAM (7726). In either case, do NOT click any links within.

Reach Out to West Baltimore Youth by Volunteering at SLYC Day Camps

Make this summer special for yourself and the youngsters whose lives you'll touch. Consider volunteering at [St. Luke's Youth Center \(SLYC\)](#) summer day camp. Maybe you have skills to share in music, arts, crafts, or cooking. Maybe you are an old hand at tutoring or a novice. Maybe you already plan to teach at Vacation Bible School and next want to experience working with slightly older children. Here's your chance.

Day campers ages 5 to 13 will attend sessions of SLYC's [Camp Imagination](#), to be held from July 5 to Aug. 4, at two sites in Baltimore. Locations are the Cathedral of the Incarnation, 4 E. University Parkway, Baltimore, Md, 21218, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1401 Carrollton Ave., Towson, MD 21204. That's partly because SLYC's campus is under renovation.

SLYC has held Camp Imagination since 2015, inspiring a love of reading and writing through the visual and performing arts. During the six weeks, SLYC engages 30 to 35 campers, eight teenage counselors, and four community staff members.

Parishioner Michon Semon, who is SLYC's liaison on the Outreach Commission, can tell you what it's like volunteering. You can see her photo among the adults pictured on SLYC's [volunteer registration form](#). For information, please email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org.

As previously noted in our [Outreach Blog of June 1, 2023](#), Christ Church has helped defray expenses for Camp Imagination to help families whose children otherwise cannot afford to attend. In response to our 2023 donation of \$1,000, SLYC Executive Director Amanda Gardner Talbot expressed gratitude: "Your generosity helps us continue our mission of providing a safe and nurturing environment for the young people and their families in our West Baltimore community....Thank you again for your commitment to SLYC!"

Thanks to all, as the funds come from the commission's Vestry-approved budget that is derived from pledges and contributions. Christ Church is among SLYC's partners, along with secular supporters, other parishes, and the [Episcopal Diocese of Maryland](#).

Last Call: Help Claggett Offer a Getaway for Special-Needs Adults

The **Claggett Center**, which is the retreat, camp, and conference center of the diocese, has called for volunteers from parishes such as Christ Church to help staff **Special Challenge Camp** for independent adults who have developmental disabilities. Campers arrive at the scenic center near Adamstown, Md., on Sunday, July 23, and are picked up on Thursday, July 27. In between, activities include nature hikes, swimming, fishing, canoeing, arts and crafts, and daily chapel.

“It takes many hands for camp to run successfully, and we have volunteer roles available for both short-term help, such as assisting with setup for special events and supporting campers with daytime activities, and full-week volunteers, who stay at Claggett for the week to help campers with day-to-day life at camp,” says Claggett Programs Director Rita Yoe.

Please make a decision this week so that you can immediately complete the required background check. It’s due a month in advance, or by Friday, June 23; Yoe says the typical process is rapid. For Claggett’s volunteer information sheet, email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org. Special Challenge volunteers arrive for pre-camp training and preparation on Saturday, July 22. Some volunteers have already arranged for alternative, make-up training on Saturday, June 17 at 9 a.m. That allows people to make a day of it. Saturday, June 17, is the date of the consecration of the Delaplaine Barn, scheduled from noon to 3 p.m. The bishops of Maryland and Washington will conduct a worship service of thanksgiving and will commission the camp staff. For details and to RSVP, go to **Claggett Barn Grand Re-Opening**. Or plan to attend a ribbon-cutting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 22. Organizers prefer RSVPs for both events, which are free.

Christ Church is a camp supporter, having recently donated \$1,700, as described in the **Outreach Blog of May 25, 2023**. That covers one adult at Special Challenge Camp and one child at Camp Spirit Song, for those touched by a loved one’s opioid substance use disorder.

Lake Elkhorn Middle School Supplies

Our parish enjoys an ongoing partnership with Lake Elkhorn Middle School (LEMS). Just over a mile away, LEMS is truly our neighboring school, and at Christ Episcopal Church we believe we should love our neighbors. We established this partnership because many LEMS families are financially stressed.

One measure of whether a student lives in a family that is financially challenged is if they meet the federal guidelines for free and reduced meals (FARMS). In Howard County overall, about 14% of students qualify for free and reduced meals. However, at LEMS over 48.5% of LEMS students qualify for FARMS, the highest percentage amongst the middle schools in the county. Last year we supplied school supplies for students, gave each staff member a bright blue school spirit shirt, and provided a pizza lunch for teachers at the start of the school year. In prior years we’ve supplied families who needed assistance over the weekend with bags of food.

This year we’ve been in conversation with Brian Wallace, the new principal at LEMS, about our future involvement with the school. He invited us to attend the school’s culminating presentation for **Black History Month**, which highlighted impressive student and staff accomplishments. Principal Wallace has asked for the support of Christ Church parishioners to provide school supplies for 125 children for the 2023/24 school year. The school will distribute the supplies the week of Aug 21st, so we are requesting your generous financial support now to reach this important goal. We also will need your help delivering the supplies that week.

Contributions can be made via check, online, or via text. If you’d like to write a check, please make sure you indicate “LEMS School Supplies” on the memo line. If you’d like to give online, please also write "School Supplies" in the Memo line. For giving via computer/tablet: you can find our "Support Christ Church" button at the top of every page on our website, **or you can click here**. On the form, choose "LEMS" from the Fund drop-down menu. To give via text: text CECGIVING to 73256 to securely give using your mobile device**. You'll immediately receive a link to our form. Click the link, then choose "LEMS" from the Fund drop-down menu. Please also write "School Supplies" in the Memo line so that your donation is used as you wish. If you have questions about our LEMS partnership or would like to help, please contact Cathy Whittaker (catharinewhittaker@gmail.com) or Mary Vail (mevail@verizon.net). Thank you for your support of this partnership!

Columbia Community Care Sets Up for Summer Distributions

Columbia Community Care (CCC) has resumed distribution of free groceries, produce, baby supplies, and essentials at all three of its sites for the summer. You can find information about its seasonal plans on the **CCC Group on Facebook**. Volunteers are needed at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd.; Long Reach Village Center, Suite 9, 8775 Cloudleap Ct., and at Oakland Mills Middle School, 9540 Kilimanjaro Rd., all in Columbia.

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

At Christ Church, Leigh Smith is our representative who takes parishioners' donated items to CCC. Please collect diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall.

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

Organizers for **FISH of Howard County** continue to ask for cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill their shopping lists. Please put items in a basket that has been returned to the altar. Or drop them in the yellow bin on the breezeway between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Thanks for your contributions to our neighbors in need.

WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF CHRIST CHURCH

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

We also want to thank YOU.

Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables our parish to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us. We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness. Your beloved Christ Church counts on you and your faithful giving.

Text Giving

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

Online Giving

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

Pledge for 2023

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

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



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