



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, August 10, 2025 | Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Cease to do evil,
learn to do good;
seek justice,
rescue the
oppressed,

defend the
orphan,
plead for the
widow.

Isaiah 1.16-17

WELCOME HOME.

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

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE | Priere a Notre-Dame, Suite Gothique

Opus 25, Leon Boellmann

OPENING HYMN 525 | The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY |

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

GLORIA S 280 |

Robert Powell

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON | Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Reader: *A reading from* Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more;

bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;

(continued)

even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,
learn to do good;

seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,

defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out,
says the Lord:

though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;

though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;

but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The following psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

THE PSALM

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 | *Deus deorum*

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
**before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.**

(continued)

He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.

"Gather before me my loyal followers, *
**those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."**

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.

Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

THE EPISTLE | Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Reader: *A reading from Hebrews.*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye
 2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed
 3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our
 4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high
 5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is
 2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering
 3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors
 4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten
 5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.
 2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.
 3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?
 4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.
 5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

THE GOSPEL | Luke 12:32-40

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down

to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HYMN | Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eous-ness,

5 Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

9 Optional Ending
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord on - ly, that

13 mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE |

Our Lord is a fountain of living water, providing worth to our existence, caring for our daily needs and issuing laws to guide our behavior in this complicated world. Our loving God continues to lead us out of captivity into freedom allowing us to perceive His power and glory. We are asked to listen to His Word and to recognize His presence in our lives. **PRAISE GOD FOR HIS GRACE, HIS STRENGTH AND HIS JOY**

Humility and righteousness are pleasing to the Lord. We are encouraged to be gracious, merciful, generous, faithful, courageous and secure in His Way of Truth. **MAY WE FOLLOW CHRIST IN LOVE AND DILIGENCE ALL OF OUR LIVES**

Lord, we pray for the leaders in our nation, especially our President, Barack, our Congress, our Supreme Court and our elected representatives in our State and local governments. May they be granted wisdom and compassion in their decisions. We also ask Your blessings on the worldwide Church. May people throughout the Earth acknowledge Your reign, may we be united in Spirit and go forward in service. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we remember the Diocese of Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda. In the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, we hold up in prayer our sister Parishes. We are so thankful for our spiritual leaders: Sean, Presiding Bishop, Carrie, our Diocesan Bishop, Emmanuel, our Rector; Clergy; Richard, Marcia, and Rebecca, and Seminarian, Mike. **LORD, MAY WE SUPPORT THOSE WHO SERVE YOUR PEOPLE**

We are so grateful for our Christ Church family, whose sustained efforts provide opportunities for community outreach, communication and fellowship. We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers worshipping with us today. We are blessed by your presence. **LET US PRAISE THE LORD AND DELIGHT IN HIS WAYS**

We pray for all those who need healing in body, mind or spirit, especially Rachan, Sherry, Erica, Emmy & Danielle. May they be restored to health and wholeness. We also ask Your special care for those who grieve, and we remember who have died and entered everlasting life, especially The Right Reverend Daniel Allotey, **Bishop**, Stella Fawole, Roberta Akillian & Madrainne Johnson. Our journey with Christ is never ending.
THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS AND MERCY

Today we celebrate occasions of joy in the lives of our Parish family. We ask the Lord's blessing on the birthdays of Lesley, Abigail, Julian, Ben, Zach, Mary, Kathy & Marilyn, the wedding anniversaries of James & Marilyn Collins, Lee & Joan Harvey, Denis & Cindy Read and the Baptismal anniversary of Rachelle.
LORD, YOU BRING LIGHT INTO OUR LIVES

Jesus Christ is unchanging, a steady presence in a tumultuous world. Our Lord casts out fears and is an anchor of Love and goodness in our lives. Thanks be to God.--**AMEN.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION |

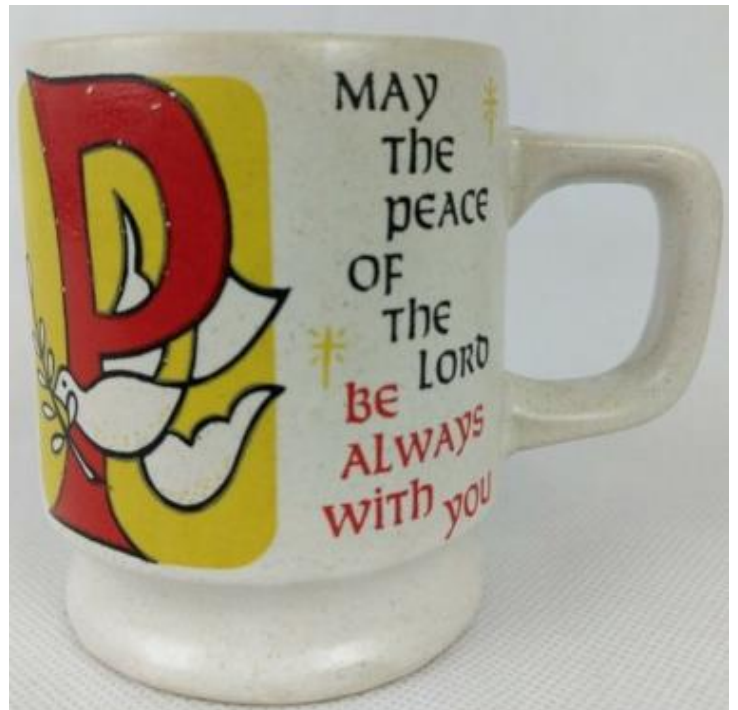
Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.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

THE PEACE |

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS |





THE HOLY COMMUNION



OFFERTORY HYMN 613 | Thy kingdom come, O God

St. Cecilia

Please scan to give.



1 Thy king - dom come, O God! Thy rule, O Christ, be - gin!
2 Where is thy reign of peace, and pu - ri - ty, and love?
3 When comes the prom - ised time that war shall be no more,
4 We pray thee, Lord, a - rise, and come in thy great might;
5 Wher - ev - er near or far thick dark - ness brood - eth yet:

1 Break with thine i - ron rod the tyr - an - nies of sin!
2 When shall all ha - tred cease, as in the realms a - bove?
3 op - pres - sion, lust, and crime shall flee thy face be - fore?
4 re - vive our long - ing eyes, which lan - guish for thy sight.
5 a - rise, O Morn - ing Star, a - rise, and nev - er set!

DOXOLOGY HYMN 380 (v. 1) |

Old 100th

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ho-ly, ho - ly, - ho-ly, ho - ly - ho-ly - Lord God - of hosts - Heav-en and earth - are - filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in - the - high - est - ! Bless-ed is the One who - comes in the name - of the Lord, - of the Lord Ho - san - na - in the high - est, Ho - san-na in - the - high - est. -". The music features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

Ho-ly, ho - ly, - ho-ly, ho - ly - ho-ly - Lord God - of hosts -

- Heav-en and earth - are - filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in - the -

high - est - ! Bless-ed is the One who - comes in the name - of the Lord, -

- 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."

All: *Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*
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.

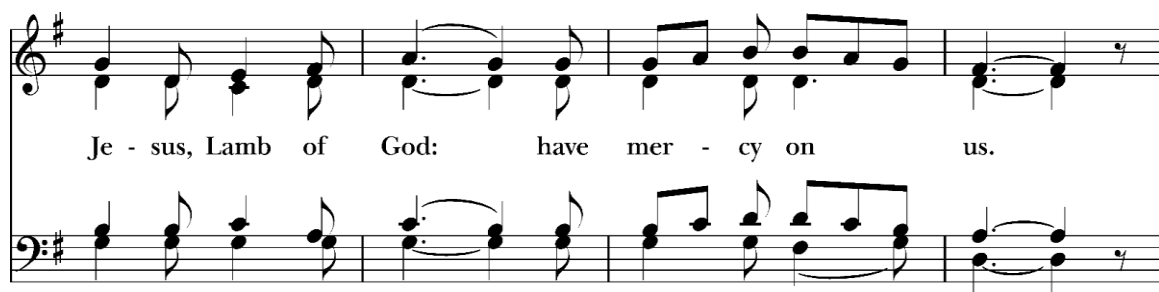
All: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER |

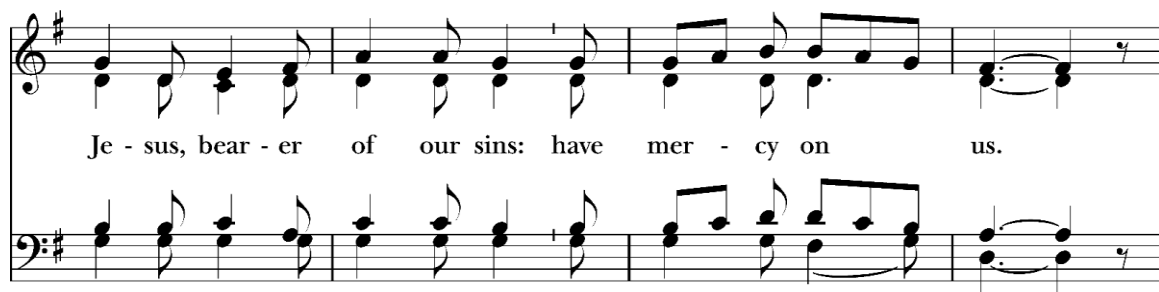
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

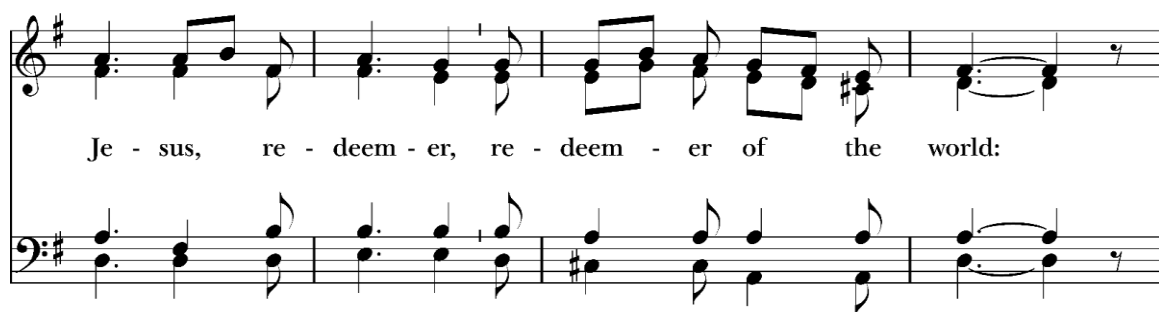
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**



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



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



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



give us your peace, give us your peace.



*The Gifts of God
for the People of God*

Descant

6 And so through all the length of days thy

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
 * 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with
 5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy

6 good - ness fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I

1 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 2 ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 3 yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 4 thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port

6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
 2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 4 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!

6 And so through all the length of days
 thy goodness faileth never:
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER |

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER | 8 & 10:30 a.m. service

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

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

THE BLESSING |

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

CLOSING HYMN 609 | Where cross the crowded ways of life

Gardiner

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the
4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.
4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

THE DISMISSAL |

The Celebrant dismisses the people who respond:

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE | Verset X, Dans la gloire des Invalides

Marcel Dupré

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Diane LaGuerre

Ushers: Michon Semon, Nancy Winchester

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Greg Schuckman

Chalicerist: Mary Vail

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

Altar Guild

Cara Ocampo, Jan DeBoissiere, Virginia Jarrett

Tellers

Bill Kirkpatrick, Brian Farnandis

PARISH CALENDAR AUGUST 10 – 16, 2025

Sunday, August 10

8:00 & 10:30 am

11:45 am – 1:45 pm

12:30 – 5:30 pm

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Sunday Worship and Coffee Hour

Altar Guild Meeting

Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Confirmation Class – Zoom

Monday, August 11

7:00 am

12:45 – 1:00 pm

3:15 – 3:30 pm

6:00 – 8:30 pm

7:00 – 8:00 pm

7:30 – 9:00 pm

7:30 – 10:00 pm

Morning Prayer Livestream

Dorsey Center Meal Drop-off – Parish Hall, lower level

Grassroots Drop-off – Parish Hall, lower level

Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level

Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom

Outreach Meeting – Zoom

Columbia Conjurers – Parish Hall, lower level

Tuesday, August 12

7:00 am

6:00 – 7:00 pm

7:30 – 9:30 pm

Morning Prayer Livestream

Yoga Camp – New Brick, lower level

Building & Grounds Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, August 13

7:00 am

5:30 – 6:30 pm

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Morning Prayer Livestream

Refugee Leadership Meeting – Zoom

Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, August 14

7:00 am

6:00 – 7:00 pm

7:30 – 9:00 pm

Morning Prayer Livestream

Yoga Camp – New Brick, lower level

Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, August 15

7:00 am

Morning Prayer Livestream

7:00 pm

Evening Prayer Livestream

Saturday, August 16

9:00 – 3:00 pm

Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick & PHLL

9:30 – 11:30 am

MOCC Breakfast – Silver Diner

2:00 pm

AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

3:30 – 4:30 pm

Altar Guild prep – Old Brick

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



Join the Christ Church Vestry

The nomination of candidates from our flock to stand for election to the Christ Church Vestry has begun. This year, four (4) slots are open, and if you are a baptized Christian who is 16 years or older and a giving member of record at Christ Episcopal Church, you are qualified to become a candidate. We need your unique gifts to help us, so we hope you'll consider submitting your name. The election will be held at our Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, October 19th. To offer to stand for election, contact our Vestry Nomination Committee by emailing nominations@christchurchcolumbia.org, and they will let you know what's needed for this process. Thank you for your consideration.

Ministry Fair Materials – Last Chance!

Get the word out about your ministry! The deadline to submit info or updates for your ministry's trifold or flyer was last Sunday, but if you get them to Chris by the end of tomorrow, August 11, he'll have enough time to create and edit everyone's documents in time for the Parish Festival and Ministry Fair - your opportunity to speak with every parishioner about your beloved ministry (and hopefully get them to join!). And if your ministry would like a flyer or trifold but hasn't had one before, please email him at communications@christchurchcolumbia.org.

MOCC Breakfast – August 16

Everyone's gotta eat, so why not join us for breakfast? We'll gather at 9:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month for great food and even better conversation and fellowship at Silver Diner, 8250 Gateway Overlook Dr, Elkridge, MD 21075. In June, the MOCC Breakfast gathers on Saturday, June 21st, and all ages are welcome.

Parish Festival and Ministry Fair - August 24

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

The 2025 Flea Market - September 20

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

white elephant tables & welcomes your unwanted treasures. Whether you're a vendor or a participant, you can learn more on our website - www.christchurchcolumbia.org/flea-market

Find a Ministry that's Right for You!

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

InReach Ministry

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

Every Child is Welcome at Christ Church

From Autumn through Spring, Faith Formation is thriving at Christ Church, and anyone ages pre-K to 12th grade is invited to gather with us next fall. It's a program of age-appropriate classes that's relevant and engaging, and we're looking forward to an exciting year! The next Sunday School year begins on September 7, and registration links will be here soon.

What a Trip! Parishioners Meet Up with Friends of Sabina in Uganda as the Aribiah Family Visits the School, Enjoying a Choir Performance and More

A student choir at Sabina Boarding Primary School entertained visitors from Christ Church and parishioners who gathered online during the annual Zoom meetup with [Friends of Sabina](#) (FOS). The Aribiahs – Sonni, Teddy, Jonah, and Luke – coordinated a family trip to Uganda with a return visit to the school, which Christ Church began supporting more than a decade ago by establishing a library.

For those who missed the Zoom session on Tuesday, Aug. 5, you can view the meetup at this [LINK](#). Of the more than 20 people who participated, you may wish to review some favorite parts. You'll find the choir performance near the start. And near the end, you'll see heartwarming exchanges between several sponsored children and their benefactors, who keep in touch through letters as students progress from primary grades to secondary schools.

During the Aribiahs' visit, the boys played soccer with their Sabina counterparts and Sonni and Teddy got a tour of infrastructure and other improvements that FOS co-leader Ann Marie Davis outlined in her Zoom presentation. Librarian Richard Tumusiime described the transformed library and computer lab as a "learning hub" for the entire region. Learn more about its origin on the [FOS page](#) of the Christ Church website.

Inviting You to Join Our Monthly Outreach Meeting on Monday, Aug. 11

Learn many ways to help others by joining us remotely for the Outreach Commission meeting on Monday, Aug. 11, at 7:30 p.m. Our mission has a local, national, and international scope. Look for Church notices about online activities. See you on Zoom!

**PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE FOR ALL OF THIS WEEK'S
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including website and email links, and Zoom meeting details





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