

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II – Sunday, July 17, 2022 | 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN 427 – When morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word
4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

A READING FROM GENESIS 18:1-10A

***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."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half verse.

PSALM 15

Domine, quis habitabit?

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.

He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

A READING FROM COLOSSIANS 1:15-28

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

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him--provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN 488 – Be Thou My Vision

Slane

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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

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

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev'd Marcia Davenport, *Associate Priest*

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

Almighty God, you who know our needs and our wants, our hopes and our fears better than we even know them ourselves; hear the prayers of your people gathered here today to worship you.

We give thanks that we live in a nation where the people can choose their leaders. We pray that all eligible to vote in this Tuesday's primary election in Maryland will thoughtfully and prayerfully vote for the candidates that best reflect their best selves for leadership in our county and our state. ***Hear us, Lord.***

We give thanks that so many of us live in abundance. Open our hearts to give of that abundance to those in need, to those less well off than we are, to those struggling to make lives for themselves and their children. Remind us that the "widow's mite" is as powerful as the king's gold. ***Hear us, Lord.***

We give thanks that most of us live in safety. We pray for the end to the violence, oppression, discrimination, and hatred that infect our hearts and destabilize the lives of so many of our neighbors, here at home and throughout the world. Be with everyone who is in danger. Be with everyone fleeing their homes. Inspire our hearts to take right actions so that we *all* may live in safety. ***Hear us, Lord.***

We give thanks today for the work of the people in your church around the world. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for our own Christ Church, Columbia and for our sister churches of Grace, Elkridge and Holy Apostles and St. Stephen's, Arbutus. Within our parish, we pray for, and give thanks for, all of our many and varied ministries, clergy-led and lay-led. We give thanks for the generosity of our congregation, in the open-hearted giving of time, of talent, of treasure. We give thanks for newcomers and visitors with us today, in person and on-line. ***Hear us, Lord.***

We give thanks for your promise to always be with us. We pray for those ill in our congregation, especially Valentin, Ray, Mary Lou, Joan, Gina, Coy, Megan, Mildred, Jim, Kathleen, Caroline, Catherine, Nell, Mary Ann, Sherry, Rena, Kandi, Bradley, Alta, Alfred, & Ashley, and those who we each now name. We pray for all who work to help and to care for them. We pray for those who have died, especially Elena Zhelyaskov, Joanne Stone, Bill Stone & Willie Moore, and those dear to us who we each now name. May the souls of the departed rest in peace. May the living find comfort. ***Hear us, Lord.***

We give thanks for all of the joy and wonder in our lives. We especially remember the birthdays this week in our parish family, for Andrew, Al, Ainsley, Joseph, Diana, Bill & Catherine, and the wedding anniversary of Thomas & Donna Day. May they greet the coming year with optimism and happiness. ***Hear us, Lord.***

Almighty God, in whose image we were created and have our being, be with us, walk with us, inspire us, strengthen us, all so that we may go out to do the work you would have us do, to make your world – our world – a better place. ***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 thy ways,
to the glory of thy 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

OFFERING ANTHEM - Blessing to the World

Karen Drucker

While seated, all are invited to join in the expressive movements as led by the dancers.

The people stand as able.

PRESENTATION HYMN 390, 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.**

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:

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 - sa - na in _____ the high - est. _____
_____ Bless - ed is the one who _____ comes in the name _____ of the
Lord, _____ of the Lord, _____ Ho - sa - na _____ in the
high - est, ho - sa - 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

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.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting, likely for Soprano and Bass voices. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has two measures: 'Taste and see.' and 'Taste and see the good - ness'. The second system has four measures: 'of the Lord.' (with a long note), 'O taste and see.', 'Taste and', and an empty measure. The third system has four measures: 'see the good - ness of the Lord,' (with a long note), 'of the Lord.', and two empty measures. The word 'Fine' is written above the final measure of the third system. The music is in 2/2 time and B-flat major.

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 LEVAS 64 – I Love to Tell the Story

Hankey



1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
2. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

1. Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love.
2. Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it, like the rest.

1. I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;
2. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

1. It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
2. 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry.

To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

DANCE MEDITATION - Let It Be a Dance

Ric Masten

*Ric Masten penned both the lyrics and melody of this song after witnessing a great tragedy.
Dance, he noted, is a metaphor for life; the song is a celebration of life and of healing.*

8:00 a.m. service

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER

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.

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 637 (V. 1-3, 5) – How Firm a Foundation

Lyons

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,
1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;
1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,
1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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

Lumen Christi Dancers:

Peggy Hoffman
Veronica Ivey
Ken Shilling
Shahra Toth
Sharon Werth
Suzanne Ziobro

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send announcements to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org

This Sunday: Pentecost VI

Join us for the Sixth 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 still highly recommended 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

Over the last couple of weeks, the number of positive cases in Howard County has placed it back in the "high community impact" tier. As a result, we are back to 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**.

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**

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 are discussing a new book and 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 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** 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**.

Candidates for Vestry Nominations

It is time to nominate candidates from our flock to stand for election to the Christ Church Vestry. This year, there will be three (3) 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**. 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.

The 33rd Annual Christ Church Auction is being held On-line AND In Person in October this year!

The 2022 Christ Episcopal Church Auction will be both a virtual and in-person event this year, with Silent Auction items available for bidding from Saturday, October 22, through Saturday, October 29. The in-person Live Auction will be the evening of October 29, in the Great Hall, LLNB. **More information to follow!**

Columbia Community Care Re-opens Pantry for Home Deliveries, Asking Supporters to Volunteer and Spread the Word to Those in Need

The Outreach Commission and our Racially Aware Group of Episcopalians (R.A.G.E) ask parishioners to support the all-volunteer organization [Columbia Community Care](#) (CCC). One way is to pitch in at a time when CCC has resumed home deliveries at long last.

Leaders wrote on the [CCC Group on Facebook](#) on July 6th that all the preparation and sorting had been completed at the organization's new pantry, saying:

“The new CCC pantry is up and running! We have several shoppers scheduled for today to make the first of our deliveries. Thank you to all the volunteers over these many weeks who helped divvy up bulk foods, diapers, baby wipes, personal hygiene items, etc. to get us ready for this day....”

These helpers include parishioners Melanie and Nick Yaksich.

As a reminder, CCC noted that this pantry is not open to the public but, instead, is for volunteers who fulfill orders for people who do not have transportation and cannot get to its three distribution sites at Oakland Mills Middle School, Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, and Long Reach Village Center. If you know of someone who needs this service, here is [the link](#). Please spread the word.

CCC adds the following information for would-be volunteers and recipients: Delivery days and hours are limited and are as follows: Wednesday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. -3 p.m., and Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The pantry is located at the former Columbia Flier Building, 10750 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Columbia, MD 21044.

Volunteers “shop” at the CCC pantry rather than at a supermarket to fulfill a recipient's order of groceries. The next step is to coordinate with a dispatcher to deliver to the individual or family's home. Shoppers may sign up for a date in July or August on [the CCC online form](#). Or if you wish to sort goods at the pantry, sign up online at the sorters' [online form](#), which has slots on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays through early September.

Another opportunity to support CCC is to continue collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items as well as adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin marked “CCC” inside the Parish Hall door. At Christ Church, Violet Smith is our representative and is responsible for taking parishioners' donated items to a CCC site for distribution on Saturdays.

Please lift up your prayers for the volunteers, who are blessed to help, and for those who are blessed to receive help.

Afghan Refugee Ministry Update

We are so pleased to welcome members of the Columbia Jewish Congregation to our multi-faith Afghan refugee ministry work. CJC has a long history of work as advocates for and in providing direct help to immigrants and refugees here in Howard County, so not only brings new hands to help our efforts, but also knowledge gained from their years of experience. Welcome aboard, CJC, and thank you!

Donate Toiletries, Cleaning Supplies for FISH in its Yellow Bin

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.

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. Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.





Reserve Your Spaces Now for the WOCC Flea Market!

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 will also have registration forms available in the Narthex, and you can also send an email to wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org and we will send you all the info you need.

For the first time, you can 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, so stay tuned for more information and opportunities to participate.



LEMS Partnership: We're Getting Ready, and You Can Help

Thanks to all of you who have expressed an interest in helping with the Lake Elkhorn Middle School Partnership. We're currently in the process of getting the supplies together for 125 students and will need your assistance in putting bags together for 50 students on Saturday morning, July 30th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Some of the boxes of supplies are heavy, so people with strong arms and backs are appreciated, but not required. 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 also 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 so appreciate 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.

Thank you!



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.

TEXT GIVING: You can now 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 towards 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



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