

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Second Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, June 11, 2023 | 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Welcome Home!

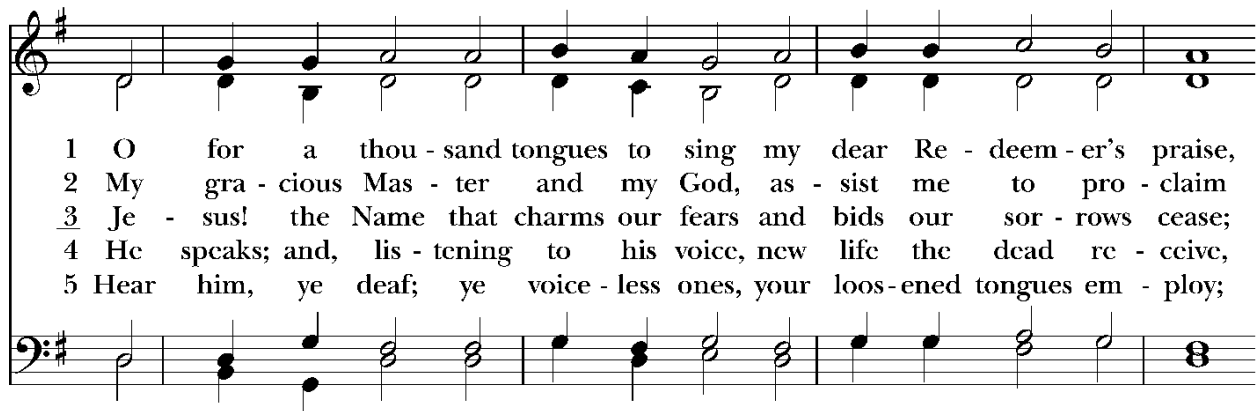
Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church community: christchurchcolumbia.org. This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone 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!

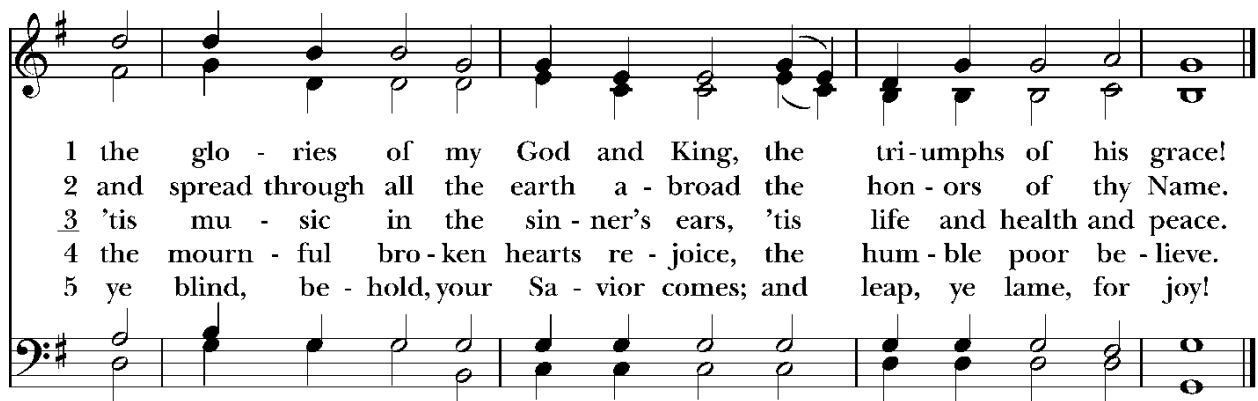
Prelude |

Opening Hymn 493 | O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heayen.

Opening Acclamation |

Deacon: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity |

Deacon: 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 Canticle 20 | *Gloria in excelsis*

setting: 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.

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Deacon: Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

A Reading from Genesis 12:1-9 |

Reader: A reading from Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

Psalm 33:1-12 | *Exultate, justi*

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *

it is good for the just to sing praises.

Praise the LORD with the harp; *

play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

Sing for him a new song; *

sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

For the word of the LORD is right, *

and all his works are sure.

He loves righteousness and justice; *

the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, *

by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *

and stores up the depths of the sea.

Let all the earth fear the LORD; *

let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

For he spoke, and it came to pass; *

he commanded, and it stood fast.

The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; *

he thwarts the designs of the peoples.

But the LORD's will stands fast for ever, *

and the designs of his heart from age to age.

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *

happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

A Reading from Romans 4:13-25 |

Reader: a reading from the Epistle to the Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made

him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

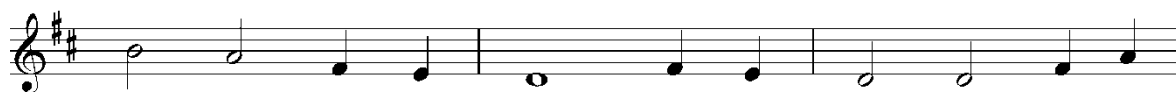
The people stand as able for the singing of the hymn and the reading of the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn 686 | Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.”

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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 Denise Schiavone, *Deacon*

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 |

To proclaim the glory, majesty, dominion, and steadfast love of our Lord is the true purpose of our lives. Being a bearer of the truth is a privilege of every believer. May we continue to praise God in the way of the prophets, psalmists, and disciples, to express our joy and thankfulness. Our faith grows as we live in the presence of God. **Lord, in You we place our trust.**

Every one of us has a role, a story that enfolds throughout our lives. God uses our talents in unseen ways as we touch the hearts and minds of our friends, families, and all those we encounter in our journey. **Lord, create in us a desire to listen to Your voice and follow You.**

We pray for the worldwide Church, as it faces injustice, poverty, illness, persecution, violent conflict, and spiritual hunger experienced by so many people. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for Holy Trinity, Essex; Messiah & St. Mathias, Baltimore; and Redemption, Baltimore. We ask our Lord to bless the ministries of our Church leaders: our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Diocesan Bishops, Eugene and Robert; our Bishop Coadjutor, Carrie; our Rector, Emmanuel; all our church clergy, staff, and postulants; and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. May they be given wisdom, compassion, and love to share with us all. **Lord, grant us the strength and courage to be agents of change in our world.**

We extend our warm hospitality to all visitors and newcomers with us today. Your presence in our midst is a wonderful gift. May our worship, music, and Eucharist bring you joy, peace, and encouragement. **Lord, we praise You for Your never-ending care.**

May the healing touch of Christ bring health and wholeness to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially Beth, 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 we now name. We also ask our Lord to bless and strengthen their caregivers who love and support those in need. We pray for those in military service and in harm's way, especially Kevin DeBossiere and Conner Warlow. **Lord, remain close and give Your comfort and peace to those in need.**

We remember all those who have died and entered eternal life, especially Harriet Smith and those we now name. Knowing that light and love surround all those in God's heavenly kingdom, may those who grieve be comforted. **Lord, You are our refuge and our strength.**

We celebrate all joyous occasions in our parish this week, especially the birthdays of Elizabeth, Marquis, Steven & Janelee, and anniversaries of Erin, Jason, Emily, Brett and Jan & Tom DeBoissiere and Aileen & Stephen Kimberling. May we draw closer as a church family and recognize all the marvelous people in our lives. **Lord, may we serve You always.**

Let us walk in faith, trust, and confidence in Christ, aiming to please Him by our words and deeds, and urged on by God's endless 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 thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Deacon: 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 |

Deacon: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

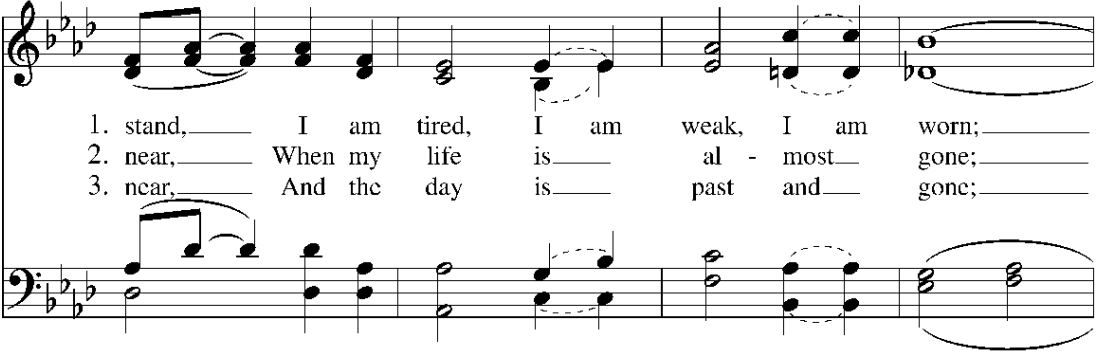
People: **And also with you.**

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

Welcome and Announcements |



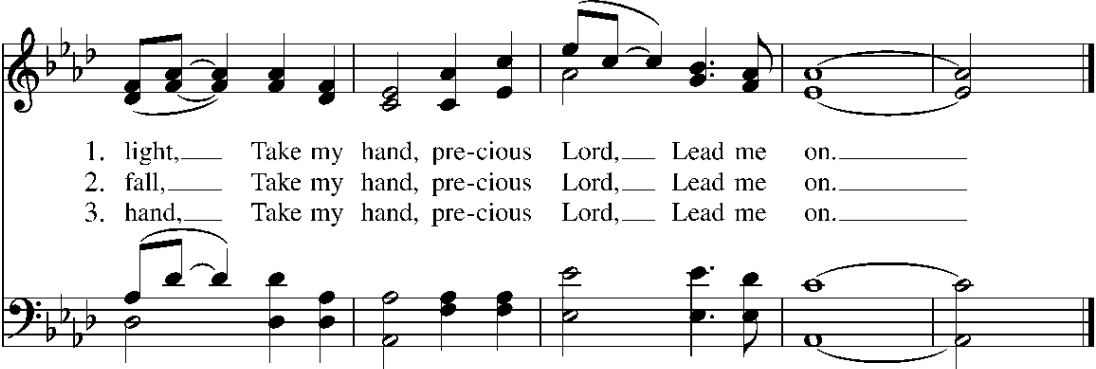
1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—



1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 2. near, When my life is al - most gone;
 3. near, And the day is past and gone;



1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
 3. — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my



1. light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
 2. fall, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
 3. hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.

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 people stand as able.

HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Deacon: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine and bring forth bread from the earth. You give us the bread of life and you refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. As we share the bread and wine, grant us the grace to receive these holy mysteries in faith and thanksgiving for Jesus' great sacrifice for us and for all people, so that he may evermore dwell in us and we in him.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer | BCP 365

Deacon: 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.**

Deacon: 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.

There is a balm in Gil-c-ad to make the wound-ed

whole; There is a balm in Gil-c-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. **Fine**

1. Some - times I feel dis-cour-aged, And think my work's in vain, But
 2. If you can-not preach like Pet - er, If you can-not preach like Paul, You can
 3. Don't ev - er be dis-cour-aged For Je - sus is your friend, And

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. **D.C.**
 2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all.
 3. if you lack for know-ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Post-Communion Prayer |

Deacon: 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 Deacon offers a blessing and the People respond **Amen.***

Closing Hymn 470 | There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Beecher

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.
there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.

There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more gra-ces for the good;
There is plen-ti-ful re-dem-p-tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer-cy with the Sa-vior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
there is joy for all the mem-bers in the sor-rows of the Head.
and our life would be thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

The Dismissal |

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

Postlude |

*Today's altar flowers were donated by Oluwatoyin Fatogun
in loving memory of Faith Aiyenugba.*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Ron Baran

Ushers: Nancy Winchester, Yetti Lipede

Chalicerist: Dione Mahoney

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Cheryl Lucente

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

Acolytes and Crucifer: Frances Mercer, Hannah Boyer, Luke Aribiah

Chalicerist: Cheryl Lucente

Altar Guild

Sonni Aribiah, Ivy Amponsah

PARISH CALENDAR

JUNE 11 – JUNE 17

Sunday, June 11

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
1:30 – 5:45 pm	Sundays at Three – New Brick, upper level

Monday, June 12

7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:45 – 1:00 pm	Dorsey Center Meal Drop-off
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Grassroots Drop-off
5:00 – 7:30 pm	Crab Kickers Soccer – Field
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Columbia Conjurors Charity Show – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Outreach Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, June 13

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
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Boy Scout Event – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:30 pm	Building and Grounds Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, June 14

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
10:00 – 11:00 am	Take Off Pounds Sensibly – Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, June 15

8:00 – 8:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Refugee Ministry Meeting – 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 16

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 17

9:30 – 11:30 am	Men of Christ Church Breakfast – Bob Evans in Columbia
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Staff Meeting – Parish Hall, Conference Room
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Mitchell Memorial – New Brick, upper level
2:00 – 3:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Mitchell Repast – New Brick, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	NA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements for publication,
email to 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.

Communion to You

In an effort to connect more directly with those of you who are local and worship virtually, Christ Church offers *Communion to You*, an opportunity to have altar gifts delivered to your home, or made available for pickup at the Church Office. If you would like more information, **please complete this form** or **email** the Church Office.

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.

Father Manny Away

Father Manny is away for his birthday and will return later next week. If you need anything, don't hesitate to get in touch with the Church Office.

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.

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.

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!

Register Now for Vacation Bible School

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 June News

We had a wonderful time at our evening meeting at Maggiano's, and we're glad that many of you were able to join us. We will now be taking a break from monthly meetings over the summer, and see you again in September. At that time, we will be in full swing for the annual flea market.

Many thanks to Lumen Christi and The Chalice Dancers for their beautiful, moving presentations on Survivor's Sunday last weekend. And many thanks to Shahra Toth, Suzanne Ziobro, and Aisha White for putting together the handout of prayers and poems. We also appreciated Father Manny's incorporation of the events into his amazing sermon.

Save the dates for upcoming events:

- Sunday, 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)

The WOCC calendar is posted in the Narthex in New Brick **and on our website** and contains all the fun events planned for this year. We have as many events as we could schedule on Saturdays so more women can attend who are not able to come on weekdays. Come and join us for these events, so speak to any WOCC member or email us at **WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

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**.

Inviting You to Remotely Join Us this Monday, June 12, at the Monthly Outreach Meeting

Why not welcome summer by dedicating more time to helping others? Learn several ways to do that by joining us remotely for the Outreach Commission meeting on Monday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m. Our mission has a local, national, and international scope. The Zoom link is [HERE](#), the Meeting ID is **876 3365 4968**, and the Passcode is **Outreach!** See you on Zoom!

Wish "Dr. G" a Happy Retirement at the DRC on Sunday, June 11; Return the Next Day to Serve DRC's Meal or Drop Off Items for Grassroots' Menu

Leaders of the Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center have invited the Christ Church monthly meals team and fellow parishioners who support Grassroots to help bid farewell to Dr. Joseph Gagliardi. Known as "Dr. G," the volunteer physician is retiring after years of providing free medical care at the Day Resource Center (DRC). A reception will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 11, at the DRC, 10390 Guilford Rd. Jessup, MD 20794.

The DRC offers multiple services to homeless men, women, and, occasionally, their children on the first floor of the Leola Dorsey Community Resource Center. Besides a hot meal, these services include access to laundry facilities, computers, and a pantry that stocks clothing and essentials such as sunscreen.

DRC's free medical clinic, which "Dr. G" had staffed along with volunteer nurses, closed as of May 31 and is expected to reopen elsewhere after Grassroots adopts a new format.

"Dr. G" has expressed deep gratitude to Christ Church for supplying his medicine cabinet over the years. For example, Outreach member Dione Mahoney and her husband, Jim, have routinely handled the clinic's shopping lists and delivered over-the-counter allergy pills, acetaminophen, vitamins, oral health items, and more.

So far in 2023, the Outreach Commission approved spending \$795 for medical supplies and nutritional supplements requested by "Dr. G." These expenses were covered by parishioners donating to Christ Church for General Outreach purposes.

In 2022 and in previous years, the Outreach Commission also sent funds, drawn from parishioners' donations to Christ Church, for so-called "respite care." When "Dr. G" treated homeless patients who were hospitalized, they could recuperate in a motel rather than being released to the streets, a tent, or their vehicles. Hearty thanks go out to you from "Dr. G" (See photo with Christ Church volunteers.)

Meanwhile, get ready to help feed the hungry at the DRC or at Grassroots' Live-in Facility on Monday, June 12. Please sign up by Sunday, June 11. If you wish to volunteer or bring food for the midday meal, our **DRC online signup form** describes the procedure. The drop-off time for side dishes, desserts, and fruit is 12:45 p.m. in the Christ Church parking lot near Old Brick. In-person volunteers are gathering at that time to carpool to Jessup.

Later, parishioners cook or shop for the evening meal for 50 residents of a live-in center on Freetown Rd. make a different drop-off. Please arrive in the Old Brick parking lot between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. Get details in our **Grassroots online signup form** or, for more information, **email_outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

We most recently took part on May 8th. Shahra Toth, with the continuing assistance of Dione Mahoney, is the coordinator. Grassroots operates both facilities, and it's efficient to provide for groups at two separate venues on the same day. Your donations and Vestry-approved funds pay for the fried-chicken entrees. Thank you!

The DRC and the Live-In Facility have wider needs for their pantries and welcome in-kind donations to be dropped off for delivery on the second Mondays. Look for the latest needs list online, under the words "Related Files," on each signup form.

Columbia Community Care Announces Summer Changes

Starting on Saturday, June 10, **Columbia Community Care** (CCC) will relocate its Oakland Mills distribution site to Oakland Mills Middle School, 9540 Kilimanjaro Rd., for the remainder of the summer. Also on Saturday, June 10, CCC will close its site – for that day only – at Long Reach Village Center, Suite 9, 8775 Cloudleap Court. Distribution will take place as usual at Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd.

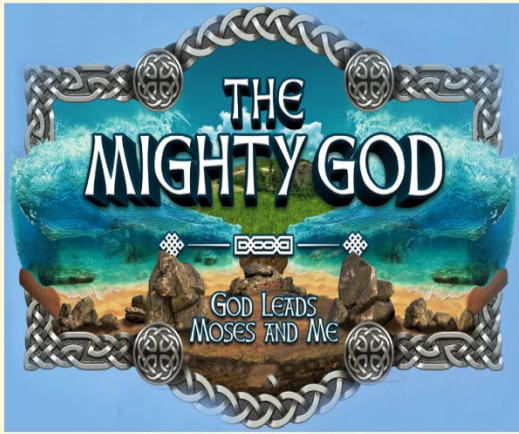
Please continue supporting CCC with your time and talent. Look for updates, such as requests for volunteers, posted in the **CCC Facebook Group** or on the **“I Can Help” portion of its website**. Please keep collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers. Put items in the yellow bin, marked “CCC,” inside the Parish Hall. Drop off items on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday. Our point of contact is Leigh Smith, who delivers the contents of the bin.

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

Organizers for **FISH of Howard County** are continuing to ask for cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill its shopping lists. You can 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.

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.





Register now for
**VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL!**

**June 26
to
July 2
Ages 3
to
5th Grade**

www.ChristChurchColumbia.org/VBS

**Vacation Bible School
This Summer**

Vacation Bible School 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! Snacks and refreshments are served daily. After the 10:30 a.m. service on July 2nd, we'll have a wonderful celebration with ice cream and snacks for all participants.

VBS 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.

SEE YOU THIS SUMMER!

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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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