

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, July 28, 2024 | 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!

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

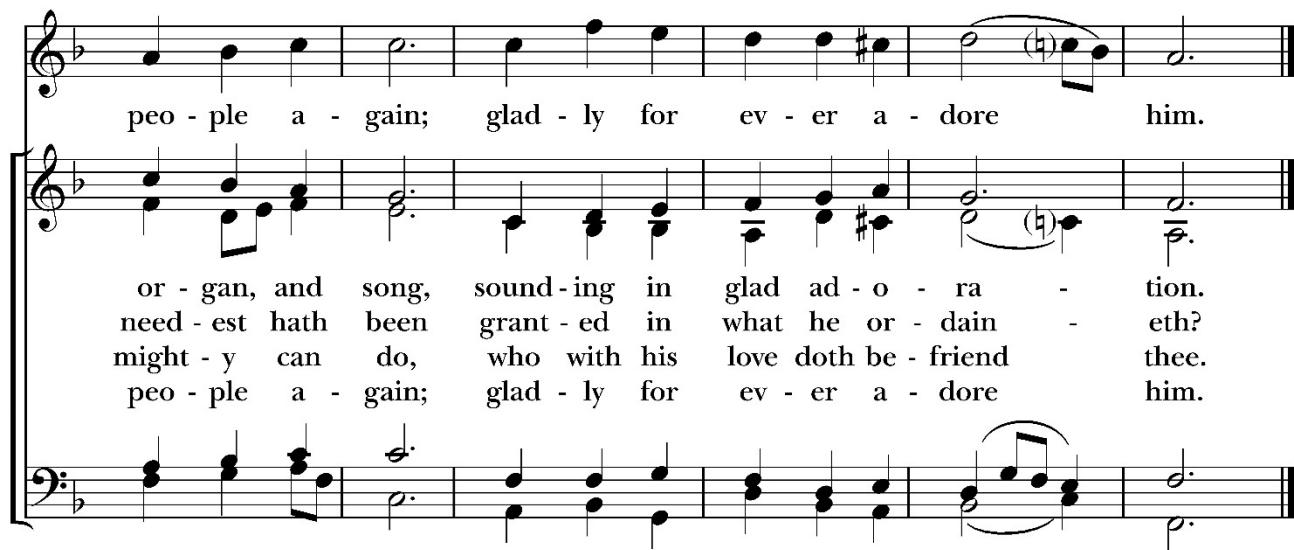
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound— from his

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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. **Amen.**



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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

A Reading from 2 Kings 4:42-44 |

Reader: A reading from the Book of Kings.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left." He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The following Psalm is read responsively by half verse.

Psalm 145:10-19 | *Exaltabo te, Deus*

All your works praise you, O LORD, *

and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom *

and speak of your power;

That the peoples may know of your power *

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *

your dominion endures throughout all ages.

The LORD is faithful in all his words *

and merciful in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all those who fall; *

he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *

and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand *

and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways *

and loving in all his works.

The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *

to all who call upon him faithfully.

Reader: A reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians.

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able for the reading of the Gospel.

The people stand as able.

Sequence Hymn 655 | O Jesus, I Have Promised

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1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end:
2 O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,
3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee,
be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
a - bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self - will;
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;
I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

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

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eousness,

5 Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

Optional Ending

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

13 mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

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 |

Thanks be to God, who surrounds us with His providence, wisdom and peace. Our Lord desires only good for those who seek him. As Christ's followers, we are encouraged to pursue God's will, with a purity of spirit and action. The Lord asks us to distinguish between the pride of legalism and God's true commandments, designed to protect mankind. **May we live in truth and humility, defending justice and glorifying God.**

Let us pray for the growth and vitality of the Church throughout the world. As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of women's ordination in the Episcopal Church, let us pray for women globally, across faith traditions, who may be called to ordained ministry but constrained from pursuing that call. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we remember The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East. In our diocese, we ask God's blessing for St. Luke's, Brownsville; St. Mark's, Lappans; and St. Paul's, Sharpsburg. We pray also for the staff, volunteers, and families associated with Saint Luke's Youth Center in Baltimore, with whom we partner in ministry. We are so grateful for all newcomers and visitors worshiping with us today; we extend a warm welcome to all of you. Christ's work in the world, to heal, encourage and transform, involves all of us serving to strengthen each other through God's energizing love. **May we live in truth and humility, defending justice and glorifying God.**

As we refresh ourselves this summer with times together as families, visiting new places, renewing friendships, enjoying mountains, lakes, and seashores, we realize our incredible blessings and recognize there are many who live without such privilege. We ask for a new dedication to work for freedom and justice and the pursuit of happiness for all societies on this Earth. **May we live in truth and humility, defending justice and glorifying God.**

We pray for all who are ill, especially Jerry, Rachan, Sabrina, Graham, Brian, Jim, Erica, Marilyn, Carolyn, Mary Ann, Barbara, Cindy, Tim, Sherry, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred, and Nell, and those we now name. We ask for added strength and dedication for the compassionate individuals responsible for their care. May God restore the health and well-being of all who suffer from physical, emotional or spiritual pain. We also plead for an end to hatred and violence. Please replace conflict with cooperation, understanding and trust. **May we live in truth and humility, defending justice and glorifying God.**

We remember those who have died and entered eternal life, especially Richard Harlow. We extend our prayers to all who grieve, that they may be comforted. Love knows no boundaries in heaven or on Earth. **May we live in truth and humility, defending justice and glorifying God.**

We recognize occasions of joy and celebration in the lives of our members. This week we ask Christ's blessing for the birthdays of Levi, Errick, Lamere, James, Philip, Marjorie & Jay, and the wedding anniversary of Carol & Jay Abbott. May we all be enriched by the love of our community. **May we live in truth and humility, defending justice and glorifying God.**

We are awed and inspired by God's goodness, perfection, power, the astonishing beauty of Creation, the sparking, infinite universe, and the Divine's never-ending grace. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin |

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

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

that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us 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 | Special Visitors: Amanda Talbot & Darlene Clark of St. Luke's Youth Center (SLYC)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Meditation | Fairest Lord Jesus

Handbell Choir

Crusader's Hymn arr. by Dan R. Edwards

Please scan to give.



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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
***People:* And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
***People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

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



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 270 | Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

The musical score is written for organ and voice. It consists of four staves of music in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The organ part is marked 'organ' and the vocal part is marked 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.' The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

organ

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



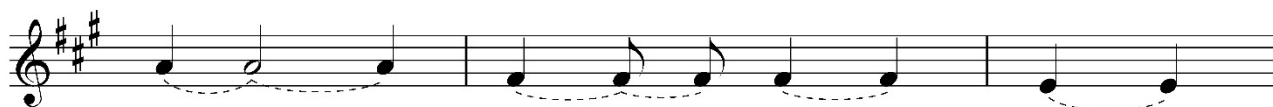
1 I am the bread of life; they who
 2 (The) Bread that I will give is my
 3 (Un-) less you eat of the
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,
 5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that



1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who
 3 Flesh of the Son of Man and
 4 I am the life. They who be -
 5 you are the Christ, the



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 2 eat of this bread, they shall live for
 3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
 4 lieve in me, e - ven if they
 5 Son of God who has



1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.
 2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.
 4 die, they shall live for ev - er.
 5 come in - to the world.

Descant

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. 1-4 5 Yes, day. *Final Ending*

last day. 2 The 3 Un- day. 4 — 5 Yes, (z)

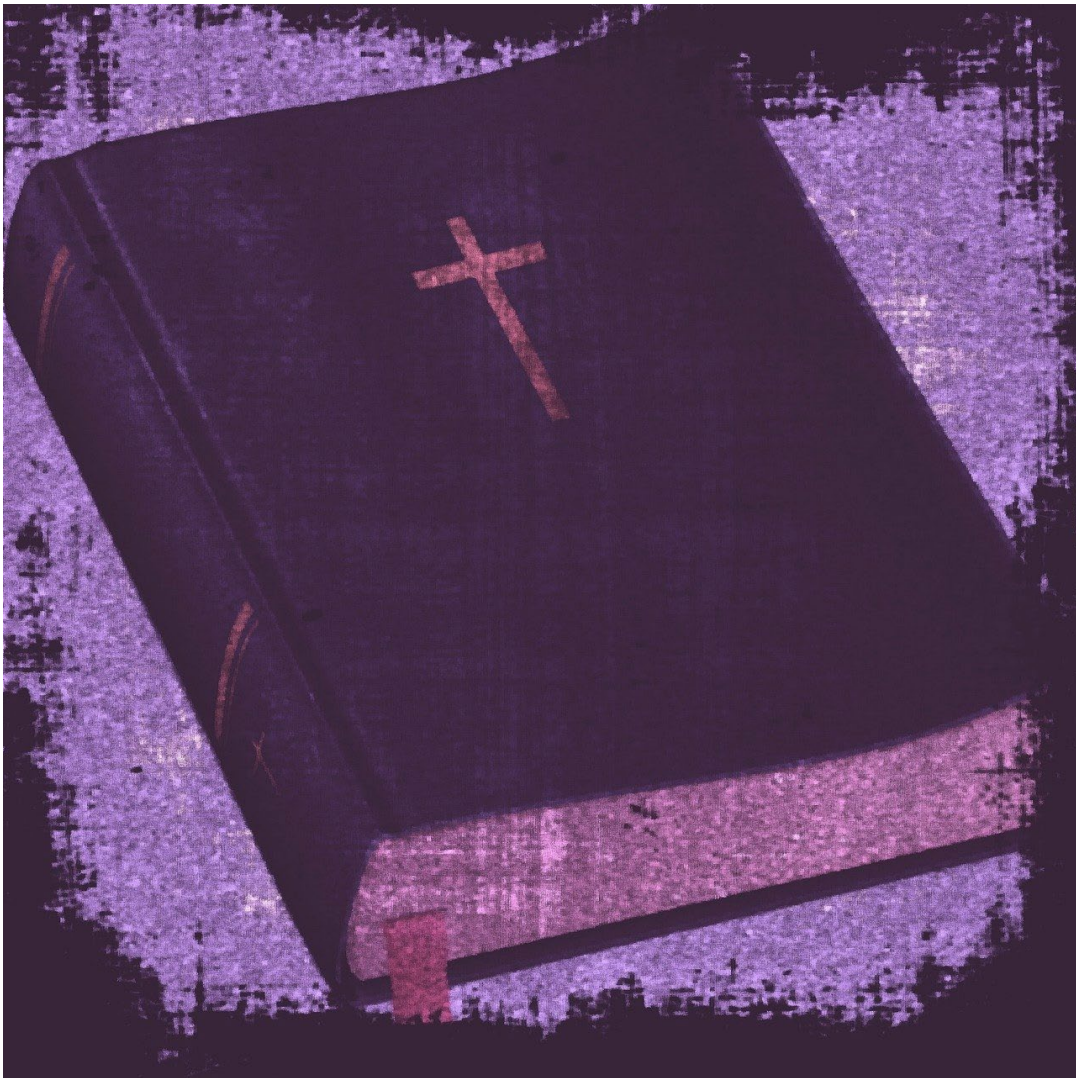
Post-Communion Prayer |

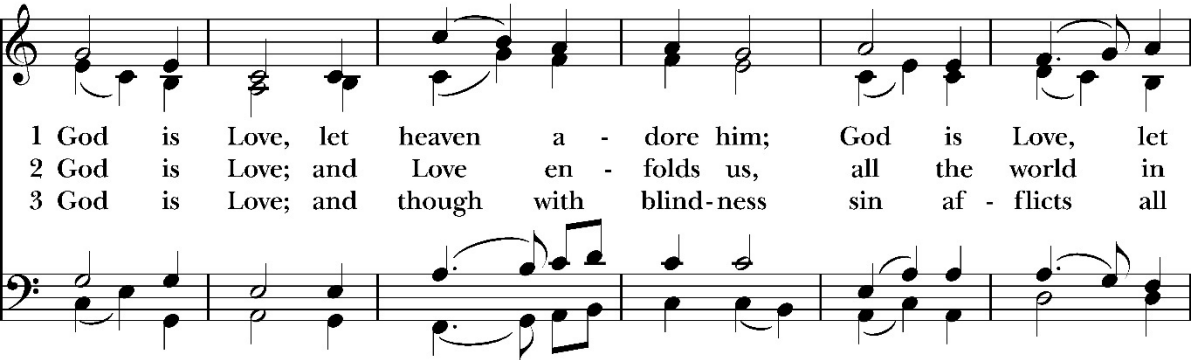
Celebrant: Let us pray.

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





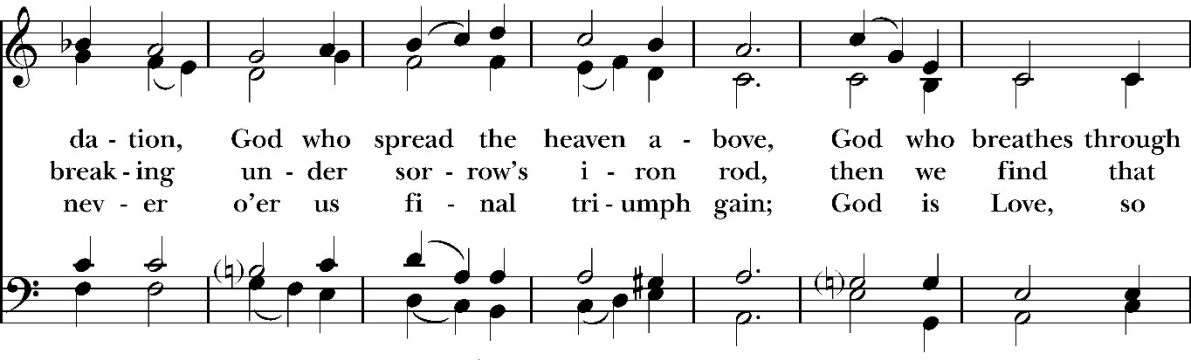
1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all



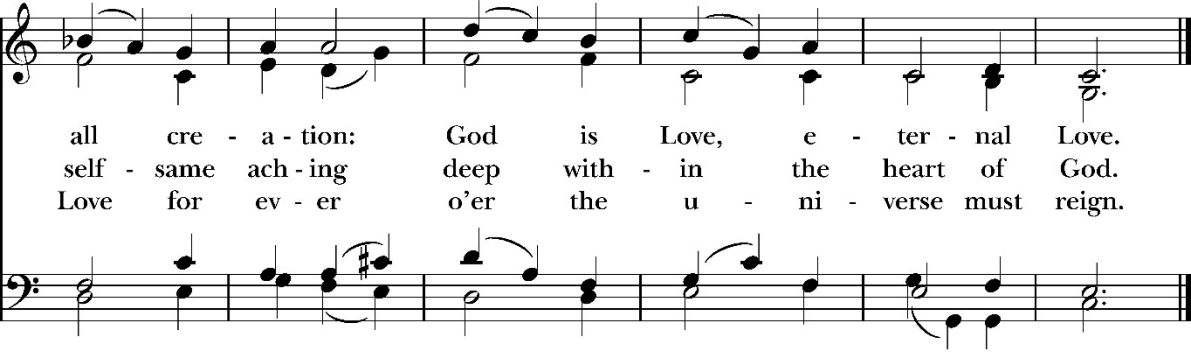
earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness



and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall



da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so



all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

Dismissal |

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

Postlude |

*Today's altar flowers were donated in celebration of
Jay & Carol Abbott's 40th wedding anniversary on 7/28.*

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Dione Mahoney

Ushers: Kayode Fatodu

Chalicer: Dione Mahoney

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Steve Alpern

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yeti Lipede, Jane Adams, Cherry Williams, Beth Dagne, Alex Amponsah,
Eva Oladipupo, Hope Oladipupo

Acolytes and Crucifer: Deepti Jackson

Chalicer: Al Bracey

Altar Guild

Pam Foreman, Cheryl Lucente, Sarah Mugo

Tellers

Judith Daffer, Catherine Miller

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

The Rev. Denise Schiavone – 8:00 a.m.; The Rev. Marcia Davenport – 10:30 a.m.



THEN JESUS TOOK THE LOAVES, AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS, HE DISTRIBUTED THEM TO THOSE WHO WERE SEATED; SO ALSO THE FISH, AS MUCH AS THEY WANTED. WHEN THEY WERE SATISFIED, HE TOLD HIS DISCIPLES, "GATHER UP THE FRAGMENTS LEFT OVER, SO THAT NOTHING MAY BE LOST." SO THEY GATHERED THEM UP, AND FROM THE FRAGMENTS OF THE FIVE BARLEY LOAVES, LEFT BY THOSE WHO HAD EATEN, THEY FILLED TWELVE BASKETS. WHEN THE PEOPLE SAW THE SIGN THAT HE HAD DONE, THEY BEGAN TO SAY, "THIS IS INDEED THE PROPHET WHO IS TO COME INTO THE WORLD." JOHN 6:11-14

PARISH CALENDAR

JULY 28 TO AUGUST 3

Sunday, July 28

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – New Brick, upper level
9:00 – 10:15 am	Saint Luke's Youth Center Visit – New Brick, lower level & Zoom
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:30am–12:30pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
6:00 – 10:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Monday, July 29

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:00 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level

Tuesday, July 30

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:15am–12:00pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Wednesday, July 31

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, August 1

8:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom

Friday, August 2

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	<i>Flight</i> Movie Screening – Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 pm–12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, August 3

9:00 am	Cycling & Fellowship
9:30 am – 3:30 pm	Event Rental – New Brick, lower level
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – 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.

Learn About SLYC at Christ Church – Today at 9 a.m.

Please join us this morning, when leaders of St. Luke's Youth Center ([SLYC](#)) visit Christ Church to update us on its work brightening lives in West Baltimore. SLYC, one of the organizations that Christ Church Outreach helps support, is a collaborative of West Baltimore families who provide youth with critical resources, life-enriching experiences, and a safety net of support. You can gather in the Great Hall; coffee, drinks, and pastries will be served, and we will watch a slideshow and learn about volunteer opportunities. You can also join us virtually via Zoom – **the link is here**, Meeting ID is **863 7250 9966**, and Passcode is **228474**

Nametags are Back!

We are thrilled to have quite a few people join our parish family recently, and since we've found all the parishioner nametags used a few years ago, we'd like to wear them again so that no one feels like a stranger. If you need one, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex and we'll make one for you. Others can find their old nametag in the Narthex and we hope you'll wear it at Sunday services and other CEC events. Let's get to know one another this summer!

Centering Prayer - Monday Evenings

Centering Prayer is a weekly evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God and a more powerful experience of God's presence in our lives. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. We are a hybrid gathering, so be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings. The Zoom link is here, the Meeting ID is 875 9496 3596 and the Passcode is Centering! You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church, or by emailing centering@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Movies at Christ Church - Friday, August 2

Grab your favorite movie munchies (bring enough for everyone!) and come join us for another great film that displays the majesty and wonder of our natural world while providing examples of science supporting our spiritual reality. The next showing is Friday, August 2nd at 7 p.m. in the "theatre" in the Parish Building's lower level for the film *Flight*. This feature, filmed with technical excellence, celebrates birds of all sorts and their incomparable ability to live in the skies. And if you're interested in presenting a film screening at Christ Church, please email us.

Cycling for Health and Fellowship - Saturday, August 3

The CEC cycling group welcomes everyone to join us for a ride on August 3rd at 9 a.m. Our growing group gathers in the New Brick parking lot for a safe and enjoyable cycling trip around parts of Columbia. Bring your helmet and bike, and join us for a morning of exercise and fellowship. If interested, please email cycling@christchurchcolumbia.org and let us know, so we don't leave without you! You can learn more at www.christchurchcolumbia.org/health.

MOCC Breakfast - Saturday, August 17

Everyone's gotta eat, so why not join us for breakfast on Saturday, August 17? We'll gather at 9:30 a.m. for great food and even better conversation and fellowship. Location TBD. All ages are welcome.

Join Us at the Center for Spiritual Nourishment - Saturday, August 17

Christ Church's August session of the Center for Spiritual Nourishment takes place on Saturday morning, August 17th from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and everyone is invited to gather with us. The CSN provides opportunities for spiritual growth for Christ Church members and the larger community by offering an array of experiences that engage the mind, body, and spirit. If you have any questions or wish to help in the future, please email us at csn@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Blood Pressure and Pharmacist Consults at Church - August 18

To provide health and wellness services to parishioners of all ages, the CEC Health Ministry will provide blood pressure checks and 1-to-1 private consults with a licensed pharmacist on Sunday, August 18th. These occur in the Elevator Room in New Brick from 9:00-9:30 a.m., so stop by, and bring any of your medications you want to discuss or any other questions you might have. If you can't make it that Sunday, place "BP/Meds Check at Church" on your calendar on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 9 a.m., or regularly check the website's Parish Calendar for the next one.

Christ Church's Parish Festival and Ministry Fair - Sunday, August 25

The Christ Church Parish Festival & Ministry Fair will be here before we know it! This is a very special highlight on our calendar every year, so join us for one Holy Eucharist service in New Brick at 10:00 a.m. on August 25th, followed by a fantastic festival of faith, food, fellowship, and FUN! We'll have BBQ goodies, fun for all, and activities for kids. Each Christ Church ministry will also be represented, where you can grab an informational pamphlet or flyer and speak with ministry members to learn more about why each is a vital contribution to our common life - and how you can join in and help make us even better.

Ministry Leaders, Submit Your Updated Ministry Fair Info

One of the easiest ways we can spread the word about the many ministries at Christ Church is with printed pamphlets or flyers. For those ministry leaders with existing ones, please send Chris any information or revisions you might have so he can prepare updated ones for the Ministry Fair in late August. Send any text, photos, etc. to him by Sunday, August 11th, and feel free to email any questions - communications@christchurchcolumbia.org. And if your group or ministry doesn't have a document to share and would like to, email him ASAP.

The Annual Flea Market and Craft Fair - Saturday, September 14

The Christ Church Flea Market and Craft Fair, presented by the WOCC, will take place on the CEC campus on Saturday, September 14th! Spaces are now available, and you can complete yours by picking one up in the Narthex, or you can download a copy on our website at www.christchurchcolumbia.org/flea-market. And start getting your gently used books, baked goods recipes, and other items ready! This is the WOCC's biggest fundraiser, and proceeds help support many Christ Church activities and gatherings throughout the year. The more people involved in this community gathering, the more successful this important event can be!

Second Annual Community Health & Wellness Fair - Saturday, September 21

The Christ Church Health Ministry is proud to announce that it has begun making plans for its second annual Community Health and Wellness Fair! On Saturday, September 21st, everyone is welcome to gather in the Great Hall as many booths and presentations will be addressing a wide array of health and wellness topics and concerns. At the H&W Fair, you can learn ways to improve your mental, physical, or family health. Stay tuned for more details soon!

"Leading in Divided Times" - October 8

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland and the One America Movement are excited about the upcoming series of workshops: "Leading in Divided Times." This four-part series will allow both clergy and lay leaders to gather and will be broken into four sections. Each session will be livestreamed on Zoom beginning on the evening of Tuesday, October 8th and everyone is welcome to take part. If you would like more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/3xMcq8L>.

EfM Invites You to Learn More about Ministry

Education for Ministry is a unique small-group program based on study and practice in theological reflection, helping participants discover and nurture their call to Christian service where they live, work, and play. Now, as the first year of our EfM seminar is drawing to a close, we are looking for a few additional people to join us as we enter the next year of study and reflection. Because of the program's cyclical nature, individuals may begin their studies during any calendar year of the four-year cycle. Participation by members at a variety of levels of study will be so enriching for us all. Please consider joining us! If you have questions, you can speak with Mother Marcia Davenport at church, or email EfM@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Our Altar Guild Needs Your Help

The Christ Church Altar Guild is looking for a few more people to help us in our ministry of providing clean linens and liturgical items for every worship service. We currently have three teams, but if we can gather together one more, we each only have to manage one week a month. If you are interested in signing up or learning more, please visit www.christchurchcolumbia.org/altar-guild.

Office Hours During the Summer

Each week, the Church Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday throughout the summer. Stop by the office at these times, or email office@christchurchcolumbia.org if you can't make it then.

Help Us Plan Christ Church's 300th Birthday!

We are gathering and planning for Christ Church's 300th year, but are always looking for more input, so join us! This celebration is a massive milestone for our church, and we want participation and ideas from as many people 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 need more information, please speak with Robin Bradley at church or email 300@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Get to Know SLYC - this Sunday at Christ Church and August 1 in Linthicum

Please join us this Sunday at 9:00 a.m. when leaders of St. Luke's Youth Center (SLYC) visit Christ Church to update us on its work brightening lives in West Baltimore. Gather from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. in the Great Hall. Coffee, drinks, and pastries will be served. You can also join us virtually via Zoom – [the link is here](#), Meeting ID is **863 7250 9966**, and Passcode is **228474**

SLYC is a collaborative of West Baltimore families who together provide youth with critical resources, life-enriching experiences, and a safety net of support. Executive Director Amanda Gardner Talbot and Engagement Coordinator Darlene Clark will speak during announcements at both worship services. Their presentation between services will feature a Scripture lesson, a slideshow, and a Q&A that includes volunteer options.

Feel free to attend this get-acquainted session remotely. To log into Zoom: the Zoom link [is here](#), the Meeting ID is 863 7250 9966, and the Passcode is 228474. Please email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org if you'd like more information.

From July 1 to Aug. 2, SLYC holds [Camp Imagination](#), a day program that takes place at a cooperating parish while SLYC's historic campus is under renovation. The host is [St. John Lutheran \(& Episcopal\) Church](#), 300 Maple Ave., Linthicum, MD. That's where the campers will stage their showcase, to be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 1.

Please plan to attend the program, "Bridging the Gap," at Camp Imagination. SLYC supporters and families will enjoy the performance of campers as they "travel through time and culture" via works of music, visual arts, dance, and drama. If you wish to carpool to Linthicum, please email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org.

SLYC ends the summer at [Claggett Camp and Conference Center](#) with a week at All God's Children Sleepaway Camp, Aug. 4-9. Year-round, the programs include Moms on a Mission and SLYC After School. This Spring as Mother's Day approached, leaders Talbot and Clark were interviewed during WYPR's On the Record episode, "[Moms on a Mission Makes a World of Difference in West Baltimore](#)," which aired on May 10, 2024.

Read about SLYC's impressive results in a [Fiscal 2023 Impact Report](#). Christ Church is among many supportive parishes in the diocese. The [Episcopal Diocese of Maryland](#) is a partner, and its reparations task force [awarded a grant](#) to SYLC in 2022.

Columbia Community Care Shuts One of Its Three Distribution Sites this Saturday

[Columbia Community Care](#) (CCC) will close its distribution site at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center on Saturday, July 27, for that weekend only. For our neighbors in need, CCC's other distribution sites remain open. They are located

at Long Reach Village Center, Suite 107, [8775 Cloudleap Ct.](#), and The Barn at Oakland Mills Village Center, [5853 Robert Oliver Place](#), both in Columbia. Volunteers arrive at 9 a.m., start distribution between 9:30 and 10 a.m., and close by 11:30 a.m. Those who need groceries and other necessities can find information by going online to [“Get Help”](#) on CCC’s website. Or [learn how to volunteer](#) at distribution sites or as a translator or shopper at its pantry. Check for updates on the [CCC Facebook Group](#).

CCC continues to request baby-care items and diapers, especially sizes 4-6, and pullups in sizes 3T, 4T, and 5T. Put these along with sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers in the yellow bin, marked “CCC,” inside the Parish Hall. Drop off items on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sundays. The Christ Church point of contact is Leigh Smith, who monitors the bin and delivers items.

Thanks for Helping Organize the LEMS School Supplies

Many thanks to those who came and helped us pack the LEMS school supplies and backpacks this week! We truly appreciate everyone's time and effort to help provide a solid foundation for our local students in need. We will deliver the items in August, so stay tuned for those details, coming soon.

You can still help, even if you cannot help deliver the items in person. Contributions can be made via check, online, or via text. Look for those instructions in all recent editions of *Christ Church Gatherings* or visit <https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/post/our-2024-lems-supply-drive-has-begun> and if you have questions about our LEMS partnership or would like to help, please speak with Cathy Whittaker at church or email lemssupplies@christchurchcolumbia.org. Thank you very much for your support.

Look for the FISH Bin on the Breezeway near the Parish Hall

FISH of Howard County requests non-perishable foods and toiletries, which we collect in the basket at the altar or in a marked yellow bin on the breezeway between the Parish Hall and Old Brick. [FISH](#) provides committed support to select families in need. The neighbors you help give thanks for all you do in their support.

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.





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.

Stewardship 2024

We are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who support our ministry of faithful service, and we hope that each parishioner will prayerfully consider their contribution to Christ Church. You may pick up a pledge card in the Narthex to complete, or you can complete one electronically on our website

- www.christchurchcolumbia.org/2024-pledge

Text Giving

You can give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply send a text with the word **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

Thank you.

Neighbors

I was recently asked whether Christ Church was a good church for members of our LGBTQ+ community. I gave an honest opinion that we want to be but that I don't believe we are -- yet. We are a respectful and compassionate community of people filled with love for each other and our diversity. We understand our baptismal commitment, to *seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves*. Most recently, we celebrated with great joy the baptism of the daughter of two fathers at Christ Church. I feel, however, that we still have a lot to understand and learn about identity, and the ways that we can support all of our family members so they feel fully included.



Christ Church is diverse in so many ways, and most of us found our home here because we want to live and worship in a diverse church environment. We speak nearly 80 different languages in our congregation, and our potluck dinners have an amazing variety of foods, tastes, and scents. Our children are growing up and learning tolerance in a loving community, and they're teaching us the same as they do. We have differing political views and come from many cultures and religious backgrounds. We don't always agree on the issues we believe to be important or about positions the church should take officially, but we respectfully discuss our differences with each other, praying and talking and praying some more through them.

Father Manny personally strives to help anyone he meets to feel welcome here. And he fully supports the National Episcopal Church's stance on LGBTQ+ inclusion. Not long ago, he shared a story with us about his early days as a seminarian and priest, as he struggled to overcome his prejudices against gay couples. He had grown up in Ghana, where the view toward anyone not heterosexual was harsh, as you know. But he met many members of the LGBTQ+ community, saw their love and their loving relationships, and learned to recognize God's loving blessings in their lives. As a result, Father Manny not only changed his views but he made it a mission to help others change their views for the better, too.

As a Christ Church staff member once told me, "We have so much to learn from the many faithful members of our church who have experiences different than our own." Let's listen and ask questions, let's practice inclusion more fully and intentionally, and let's find joy in the process. If you have suggestions of ways we can be more inclusive and loving, I would love to hear them. Please share your ideas with me or with Father Manny when he gets back from his Sabbatical in September. Or, just call or text and say, "Hi"!

By the way – I hope you can join us for the Crab Feast on Wednesday, August 7th! It's \$25. per person if you want fresh crabs, but scholarship spots are available. Let Aisha in the church office (office@christchurchcolumbia.org) if you're attending so that we have your crabs ready!

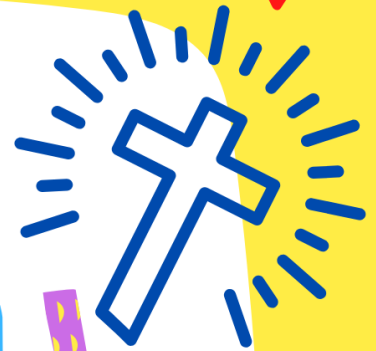
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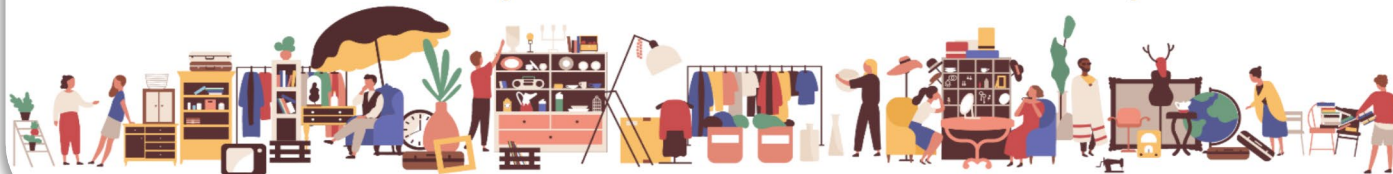
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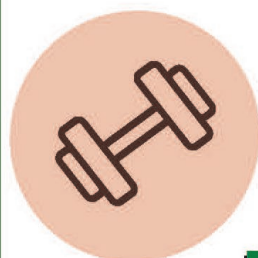
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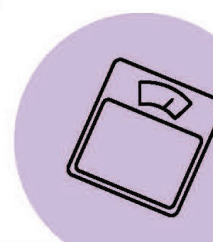


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