



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

### REFUGEE SUNDAY

June 22, 2025



### 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: [www.christchurchcolumbia.org](http://www.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.

# THE WORD OF GOD

## PRELUDE |

### OPENING HYMN 390 | Praise to the Lord! The Almighty

*Lobe den Herren*

*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 by his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY |

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

## GLORIA S 280 |

*Robert Powell*

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving--kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON | Isaiah 65:1-9

Reader: *A reading from Isaiah.*

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"  
to a nation that did not call on my name.

I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;

a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;  
who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;

who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

who say, "Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all day long.

See, it is written before me:  
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps  
their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,  
says the Lord;

*(continued)*

because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.  
'Thus says the Lord:

As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, "Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake,  
and not destroy them all.

I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;

my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

*The following psalm is read responsively by half-verse at 8 a.m.*

## THE PSALM

Psalm 22:18-27 | *Deus, Deus meus*

Be not far away, O Lord; \*

**you are my strength; hasten to help me.**

Save me from the sword, \*

**my life from the power of the dog.**

Save me from the lion's mouth, \*

**my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**

I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*

**in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*

**stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;**

**all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*

**but when they cry to him he hears them.**

My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*

**"May your heart live for ever!"**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*

**and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*

**he rules over the nations.**

## THE EPISTLE | Galatians 3:23-29

Reader: *A reading from Galatians.*

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*The people stand as able.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN 658 | As Longs the Deer for Cooling Streams

*Martyrdom*

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in  
2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my  
3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope  
4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O  
thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be -  
still, and thou shalt sing the praise of him who  
God whom we a - dore, be glo - ry, as it

God, for thee and thy re - fresh - ing grace.  
hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?  
is thy God, thy health's e - ter - nal spring.  
was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HYMN | Lead Me, Lord

*Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

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

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 SERMON | Ann Barnes

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



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE |

Lord, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your abundant mercy. We know that you do not hide from us. May we always find your presence wherever we seek you. May our hearts and minds always remain open to you and to your presence. Together we ask, ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray that those in this world who suffer from the effects of violence, poverty, and injustice come to know your healing presence. May we who enjoy lives of peace and prosperity be worthy examples of your presence and humble instruments of your goodness to those in need. And may we proclaim your love from our housetops. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray for peace among members of your worldwide church. May we remember that we are one body, united by your love and the sacrifice of our Savior. May we forget and forgive the petty differences that tear us apart. In the Anglican cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for St. Margaret's, Annapolis, St. Steven's, Severn Parish, and St. Philip's, Annapolis. We pray for the Presiding Bishop, Sean; Diocesan Bishop, Carrie; Rector, Emmanuel; Clergy; Richard, Marcia, Kiona and Rebecca; and Seminarian, Mike. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We give thanks for our Christ Church family and for all who are new or visiting with us today. We seek healing for those who are ill, especially Virginia, Jeanne, Rachan, Traci, Sherry, Emmy & Danielle and those you now name. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray for the souls of those who have departed this life, especially Mandrin Johnson, Nicholas Hrinkevich, Miranda Sonni, and Jay Mann and for those who are weary with crying over the loss of their loved ones. May the souls of the departed rest in peace with you. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We are grateful for the happy occasions that members of the Christ Church family celebrate this week: the birthdays of Mathew, Nancy, Gina & Rachelle, wedding anniversaries of Barbara & David Griggs and Tanis & John Hadley, and baptismal anniversaries of Ann & Janelee. We thank you for the gifts of their lives, their marriages, and their baptisms. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

As we are tested in the week ahead, may our eyes, ears and hearts remain open to your loving kindness. May we continue to seek and to share your love. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION |

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

## THE PEACE |

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

**People:** And also with you.

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS |



# THE HOLY COMMUNION



OFFERTORY HYMN 288 | Praise to God, Immortal Praise

*Dix*

1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, for the love that crowns our days;  
2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours; au - tumn's rich o'er - flow - ing stores;  
3 As thy pros-pering hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;

boun-teous source of ev - ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:  
flocks that whit - en all the plain; yel-low sheaves of ri - pened grain:  
and by deeds of kind - ly love for thy mer - cies grate - ful prove;

all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless-ings flow.  
Lord, for these our souls shall raise grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.  
sing - ing thus through all our days praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

*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.

## 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:



*Celebrant:* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant:* After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*All:* *Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER |

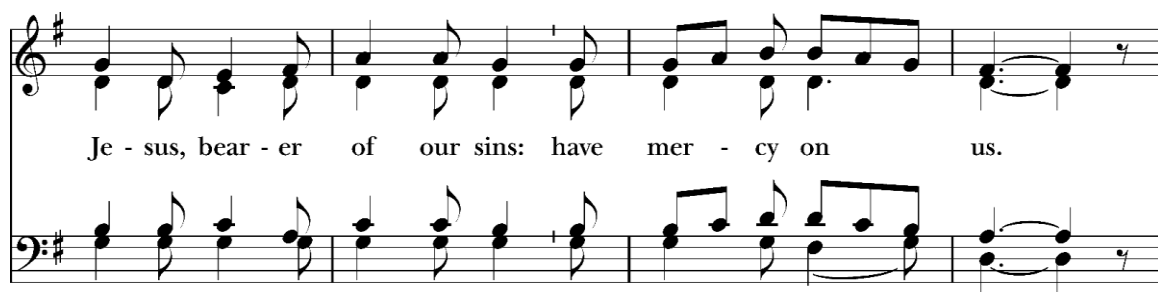
*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All:* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

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



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



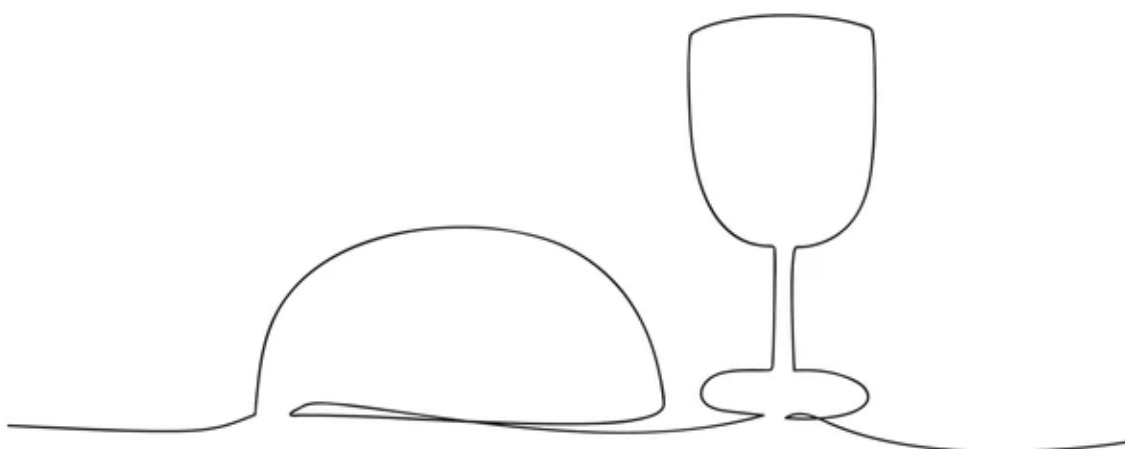
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



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



give us your peace, give us your peace.



One bread, — one bod - y, —

— one Lord of all, — one cup of

bless - ing which we bless, — And we, — though

man - y, — through - out the earth, We are one

*Last time* ⊕

bod - y in this one — Lord. —

*Last time* ⊕

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or  
 2. Man - y or the gifts, man - y the  
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man,  
 2. works, one in the Lord  
 3. grown, gath - ered to one

1. — no more. One  
 2. — of all. One  
 3. — for all. One

*D.S.*

Lord.

⊕ CODA

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER |

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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

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

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

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

## THE BLESSING |

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

## CLOSING HYMN 372 | Praise to the Living God

*Leoni*

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.



## THE DISMISSAL |

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

## POSTLUDE |

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### Assisting in Worship Today

#### 8:00 a.m. Service

**Lector/Reader:** Dione Mahoney

**Chalicerist:** Dione Mahoney

**Ushers:**

#### 10:30 a.m. Service

**Lector/Reader:** Steve Alpern

**Chalicerists:** Theo Jones-Quartey

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

#### Altar Guild

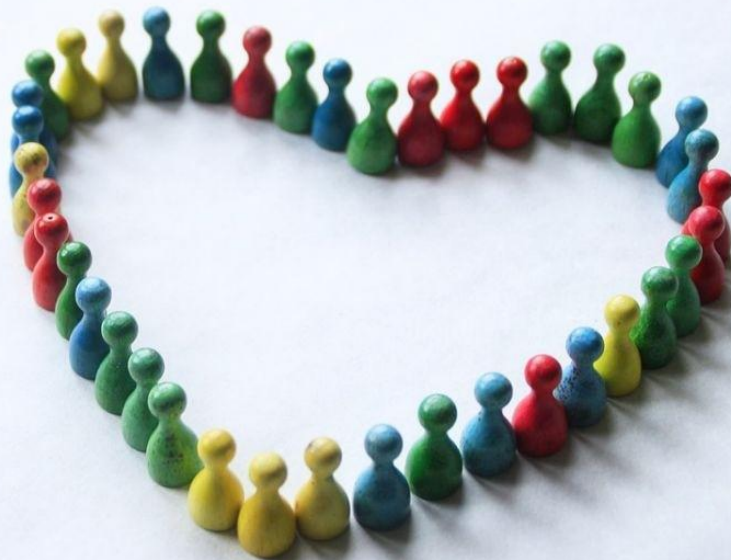
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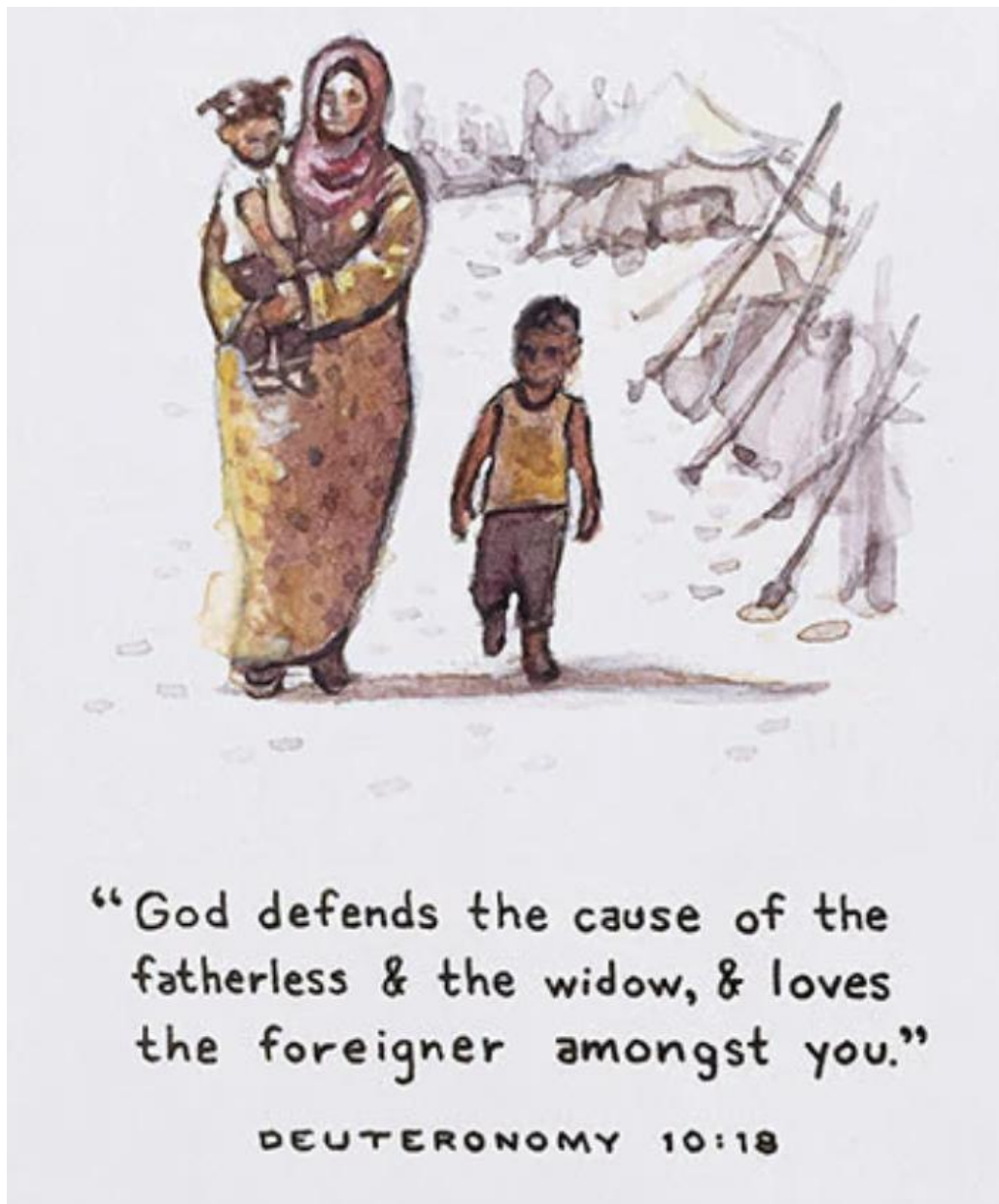
#### Tellers

Sarah Mugo, Mary Oladipupo

There is  
neither Jew  
nor Greek,  
slave nor free,  
male nor  
female, for  
you are all one  
in Christ Jesus.

- Galatians 3:28 -





## **An Interfaith Vigil for Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Immigrants**

In recognition of World Refugee Day and the difficulties facing immigrants and refugees worldwide, we ask that you please consider attending the Interfaith Vigil for Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Immigrants on Sunday, June 29.

Coordinated by a cross-section of congregations involved in immigrant and refugee work, and attended by participants from many faiths, this Interfaith Vigil is hosted by the Columbia Jewish Congregation, one of our strong partners in the **Christ Church Interfaith Refugee Ministry**.

Beginning at 5:00 p.m. on June 29, the Vigil will be held at the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center - “The Meeting House” - at 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia 21045. This important gathering is open to the public – please invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

# PARISH CALENDAR

## JUNE 22 – 28, 2025

### **Sunday, June 22**

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – New Brick
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – New Brick
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Chuck Rees Memorial Service – New Brick, upper level
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Chuck Rees Memorial Repast – New Brick, lower level

### **Monday, June 23**

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 12:30 pm	Vacation Bible School (Day 1/5)
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Refugee Ministry Meeting – Zoom

### **Tuesday, June 24**

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 12:30 pm	Vacation Bible School (Day 2/5)
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Christ Church Yoga Summer Camp – New Brick, lower level

### **Wednesday, June 25**

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 12:30 pm	Vacation Bible School (Day 3/5)
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Vestry Meeting – New Brick, lower level
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

### **Thursday, June 26**

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 12:30 pm	Vacation Bible School (Day 4/5)
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Christ Church Yoga Summer Camp – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

### **Friday, June 27**

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 12:30 pm	Vacation Bible School (Day 5/5)
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 10:00 pm	Movie Screening “The Ultimate Gift” – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

### **Saturday, June 28**

9:00 – 3:00 pm	Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild prep – Old Brick
6:30 pm	MOCC Dinner – Frisco Columbia
7:00 – 11:59 pm	Osei Event – New Brick, lower level

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement to share with the church,  
Please send to [communications@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:communications@christchurchcolumbia.org) by Tuesday evening.



***SCAN THE QR CODE FOR ALL OF THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & LINKS***

## **Chuck Rees Memorial Service - This Afternoon**

Chuck Rees was a beloved parishioner of Christ Episcopal Church, and this Sunday, there will be a memorial service to celebrate his life and his impact on all of us.

Everyone is invited to gather with us this Sunday, June 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the New Brick sanctuary. This will be followed by a repast downstairs in the Great Hall of New Brick, so please mark your calendars and gather with us in love. And if you can't make it in person, [you can watch the service livestream here.](#)

## **Join the Christ Church Vestry!**

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

## **Confirmation 2025**

This year, the Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland, Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, will visit Christ Church on Sunday, November 30th, and she will confirm all the Christ Church candidates who have completed the confirmation process. The Confirmation Classes will be hybrid (in person and online) and begin on Sunday, August 3rd at 12:00 noon. Our high school students and parishioners who want to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church should email Father Manny and let him know you're interested - [revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org).

## **We Need Volunteers!**

Thank you to those who have recently stepped up to help volunteer - we are so grateful to you! We can still use some more people to keep Christ Church the well-run parish that it is. You can be a Teller, Acolyte, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, or choose to assist the Christ Church Altar Guild or Buildings and Grounds ministries.

None of these require weekly assistance - both only require a short amount of time every few weeks or so, but the impact you have on the entire parish is significant. For those specifically interested in the Altar Guild, please email [altarguild@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:altarguild@christchurchcolumbia.org) or speak with Pam Foreman or any other Altar Guild member setting up the altar on Sunday mornings. For those interested in assisting as a Teller, LEV, or Acolyte, please call the Church Office at [office@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:office@christchurchcolumbia.org) or speak with Yetti (Teller), Kathy Lyon (LEV), or Chaplain Kiona (Acolyte) on Sundays.

## **Centering Prayer - Monday**

Centering Prayer is a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God, a gathering that takes place every Monday. 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.

### **Yoga Camp - Tuesday and Thursday**

This summer, Jane Adams will host Yoga Camp at Christ Church for all parishioners and members of the public. Jane is a yoga expert with decades of teaching experience and leads every session. We gather every Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m., and each session is one hour long. We strongly recommend coming to the first session to get to know one another, so bring a yoga mat, water bottle, and any other items you use (bolster, blanket, towel, etc) and get ready!

Yoga is one of the best ways to get your body, mind, and spirit in peak summer condition. Yoga Camp is open to those already involved in yoga and those interested in trying it for the first time. You can sign up for each date using our online form at [cecevents.org/YogaCamp](http://cecevents.org/YogaCamp). Donations are encouraged and appreciated. If you have any questions, please ask Jane at church on Sunday, or you can email [info@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:info@christchurchcolumbia.org).

### **Visit Camden Yards with Christ Church - June 24**

Once again, it's baseball season, and it wouldn't be complete without an annual Christ Church outing to Oriole Park at Camden Yards! This year, it takes place on Tuesday, June 24th at 6:35 p.m. as the Orioles take on the Texas Rangers.

We've secured a block of tickets in Section 76, right down by the field, and a perfect place to catch a home run! Whether you'd like one ticket or several, you can sign up in the Narthex this Sunday - but act now, as they are going quickly! The cost is \$30. per person, and we ask that you pay in cash this year. You can either place it in an envelope and give it to Yetti at church on Sunday, or bring it to the office during business hours.

### **Parish Beautification Day – Next Sunday, June 29**

Please stay following the 10:30 service on Sunday, June 29th, as we'll freshen things up around the campus from 12 noon to about 3 p.m. Many hands make lighter work (it's really true!), and so rain or shine, we'll begin by fueling up with a quick lunch in the lower level of New Brick and then split into groups to handle different projects.

Even if you only have an hour or two to spare, we can certainly use that help as well. All ages are encouraged to join us - no experience required! Just bring work gloves and a water bottle, and we'll provide the rest of what's needed to make our beloved parish buildings and grounds look their best!

### **Soon, It'll Be Crab Feast Time! - Wednesday, July 2**

We have one final FWF before the summer break, so mark your calendars and come and join us for fantastic food, friends, and fun! It will be our incredibly popular annual Crab Feast, a crab and BBQ extravaganza that will leave no taste buds unhappy, followed by summer fun and games. If you'd like to indulge in some crabs, mark Wednesday, July 2nd at 6 p.m. on your calendar. The cost of crab is \$25. per person, and there is a signup sheet in the Narthex. With options for crab and non-crab eaters alike, there's surely something for everyone!

### **Organ Donations Save Lives – Including Those of Parishioners. See if You Can Help.**

Parishioner Jim Berkson, who was baptized at the age of 61 here at Christ Church last year, requires a kidney transplant. He is on the transplant list for a deceased donor, but a living donor has many advantages, including a longer lifespan, being able to avoid dialysis, and being guaranteed a transplant.

Jim is going through Johns Hopkins, one of the best transplant centers in the country, and at Hopkins, you don't have to be a perfect match to be a donor. The transplant is likely years away, but Hopkins likes to start the education and testing process early.

Please consider giving the gift of life. If you are interested or curious about Jim's case, please speak with Jim at church, speak with Father Manny or Deacon Rebecca, or call the Johns Hopkins Transplant Center at 443-326-1089 for details on their kidney donor program. Thank you very much.

## **Somos Amigos to Hold 25th Anniversary Celebration in N. Bethesda**

**Somos Amigos Medical Missions** is going back to its roots to celebrate its 25th anniversary. That would be Georgetown Preparatory School, 10900 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD 20852, where founders of Somos Amigos got the idea to help people in a remote part of The Dominican Republic. The reception is scheduled from 5 to 7 pm on Saturday, June 28 as a fundraiser. Tickets are \$75 per person and can be ordered [online](#).

Dr. Michael Keegan will be honored as a board member emeritus. He is the nonprofit organization's first physician who made more than 40 trips prior to his retirement, as described on the [Somos Amigos Facebook page](#). The event will bring together volunteers who have traveled to the mountainous village of Naranjito, where Somos Amigos holds quarterly clinics.

Christ Church parishioners George and Shahra Toth and Jim and Dione Mahoney, as well as Dione's sister and brother-in-law, are expected to attend. This is also an opportunity for would-be volunteers to learn about Somos Amigos, including its origin.

"More than 20 years ago, one physician and one dentist, one teacher and six high school students responded to a petition from an isolated farming community with no electricity and no running water," Somos Amigos says in [an online history](#) posted for the event. "What began as a project to bring fresh water to a small village in rural Dominican Republic is now a lively primary school and a bustling health clinic that serves over 5,000 people for miles around."

Christ Church is a longstanding supporter of Somos Amigos, in part due to the encouragement of former parishioners Mary and Ed Keath. In recent years, we have welcomed Executive Director and CEO Frank Brightwell to make an annual visit. On March 9, he expressed thanks and updated the congregation on the nonprofit's growth and the progress of several patients whom we have helped. (You can view his sermon during the 10:30 service at [this link](#) on YouTube.)

Most recently, the Outreach Commission approved \$1,000 in donations to Somos Amigos for patients' referrals, as described in the [Outreach Blog of May 1, 2025](#) and the [Outreach Blog of May 29, 2025](#). The funds go toward specialty care such as surgeries, colonoscopies, mammograms, and cataract removal. These are Vestry-approved Outreach budget funds derived from contributions to Christ Church. Thank you!

One patient who needed referral care is Euclides, a father of six who works as a taxi driver and a Somos Amigos staff member. Clinic physicians diagnosed colon cancer that required surgery. After the successful operation, he was discharged on May 30. Brightwell visited him three days later and has since been kept abreast: "All seems to be on track as far as his recovery goes." For example, Euclides has progressed from a liquid diet to pureed food, Brightwell says.

"All in all, he is a very lucky man. He knows many people have made his care possible and that even more are praying for him. Euclides is such a good and humble person – most days I get messages expressing gratitude," Brightwell says.

## **Columbia Community Care Needs Diapers and Infant Care Items**

**Columbia Community Care** (CCC) collects and distributes essentials to families in need. It operates three distribution sites on Saturday mornings and has resumed making home deliveries to those without transportation. A shopper fulfills their grocery lists at the pantry and then delivers goods to the recipients' homes. To volunteer at the sites or as a translator or shopper, go to ["Volunteer Opportunities"](#). Those who need help are urged to go to ["Get Help"](#) on CCC's website.

Please keep collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall. Our point of contact is Leigh Smith, who monitors the bin and delivers its contents.

**FISH Asks for Volunteers As Well as Groceries and Toiletries in its Bin and Basket**

**FISH** of Howard County is calling for volunteers. If you are interested, ask parishioner Andy DeLong, who is FISH treasurer and a board member of the nonprofit, which provides committed support to Howard County residents.

Please continue to put non-perishable foods and toiletries in the FISH basket at the altar or in the bin on the breezeway. The neighbors you help are grateful for all you do in their support.

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including website and email links, and Zoom meeting details







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