

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, June 30, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. & 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!

The music today is provided by The Leister Quartet.

Dance Presentation by the VBS Students | Gratitude

Anendlessocean

Opening | God Did, God Did, God Did

Opening Acclamation |

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

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

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 | Glory to God

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 - mighty 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



The Collect |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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.

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24 |

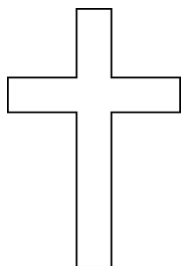
Reader: A reading from Wisdom of Solomon.

God did not make death,
And he does not delight in the death of the living.
For he created all things so that they might exist;
the generative forces of the world are wholesome,
and there is no destructive poison in them,
and the dominion of Hades is not on earth.
For righteousness is immortal.

God created us for incorruption,
and made us in the image of his own eternity,
but through the devil's envy death entered the world,
and those who belong to his company experience it.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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



The following Psalm is read responsively by half verse.

Psalm 30 | *Exaltabo te, Domine*

I will exalt you, O LORD,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.

Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper."

You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

A Reading from 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 |

Reader: A reading from the Second Epistle to the Corinthians.

As you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you-- so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something-- now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if

the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has-- not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

Sequence | I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

The Gospel | Mark 5:21-43

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

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 |

In today's Gospel, Jesus said, "Do not fear, only believe." God, we lift these prayers to you, asking that you strengthen our belief and faith, saying, **Lord, help us to walk in belief and not in fear.**

Lord, help all leaders to make decisions guided by Jesus' call to love our neighbors. We pray for our President, all members of Congress, the justices of the Supreme Court, our governor, and our local leaders, saying, **Lord, help all whom you call to be leaders to do so with love and not fear.**

We pray for all people of faith and especially those who served as delegates at the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church this past week. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. In our Diocese, we pray for Trinity, Elkridge; All Hallows, Davidsonville; and Christ Church, West River. We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael, as he prepares for his retirement, and our Presiding Bishop-Elect, the Right Reverend Sean Rowe, who will assume his new position in November. We pray for our Bishop Carrie, our Archdeacons Ruth and Vaughn, and our Canons. We lift up Fr. Manny in prayer, that his sabbatical will be a time of refreshment, rejuvenation, and relaxation. We give thanks for Deacon Denise and Mother Marcia as they minister to us in his absence, and for our vestry and staff as they continue to faithfully oversee the workings of our church. We pray: **Lord, help them to walk in faith and not in fear.**

Lord, be with all those who are suffering, surround them with your love and grace, and encourage their hearts. We lift up those for whom we have been asked to pray, especially Ivy, Sabrina, Graham, Brian, Jim, Erica, Marilyn, Carolyn, Mary Ann, Barbara, Cindy, Tim, Sherry, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred, and Nell, and those you now name. We ask you to surround with safety those who serve in the military, especially Kofi Abdallah and Conner Warlow. We pray: **Lord, like the woman who touched your cloak, may their faith strengthen them.**

Lord, we ask you to remember those who are no longer with us and have entered your eternal kingdom, especially those we now name. We ask You to surround those who mourn with Your love and comfort. **Lord, we pray for your peace which passes all understanding.**

We praise you and thank you, Lord, for all the blessings in our lives and, this week for the birth of Avery, Andrew, Amanda, Michael, Beth & Michon, baptismal anniversary of Suzanne, and wedding anniversaries of **Shahra & George Toth, Bob Foreman & Lamere Hennessee**. With love, we extend our love to all who are visiting with us today and pray their spirits are enriched by You as they enrich our spirits. **Lord, thank you for showing us how to love our neighbors.**

Lord, may we be brave in faith like the woman who touched your cloak and constant in our belief like the synagogue leader. We pray, **Lord may we continue to be instruments of your love in the world. 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 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.

Blessing for Sabbatical |

Holy, gracious and loving God, hear the prayers of your people seeking Your blessing for Father Manny, as he embarks on his sabbatical. May the Spirit walk with him in his travels, guide him through wilderness, and open his heart and mind to new experiences and insights. May God grant him the time and space for rest, renewal and reflection on his ministry, mission, and goals for the future. And may Your peace be with him during his absence from this community. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **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.

Passing the Peace Song | I Love You with the Love of the Lord

Jim Gilbert

**I love you with the love of the Lord,
Yes, I love you with the love of the Lord.
I can see in you the glory of my King
And I love you with the love of the Lord.**

Welcome and Announcements |

THE HOLY COMMUNION



Offertory Meditation | Beautiful Things

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VBS Students

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.

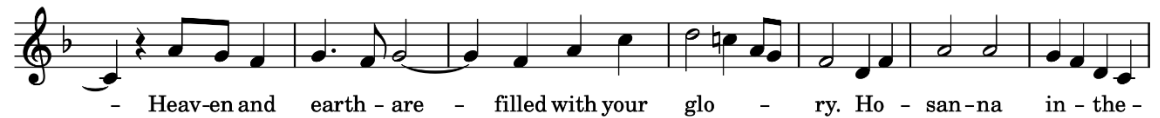
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 |

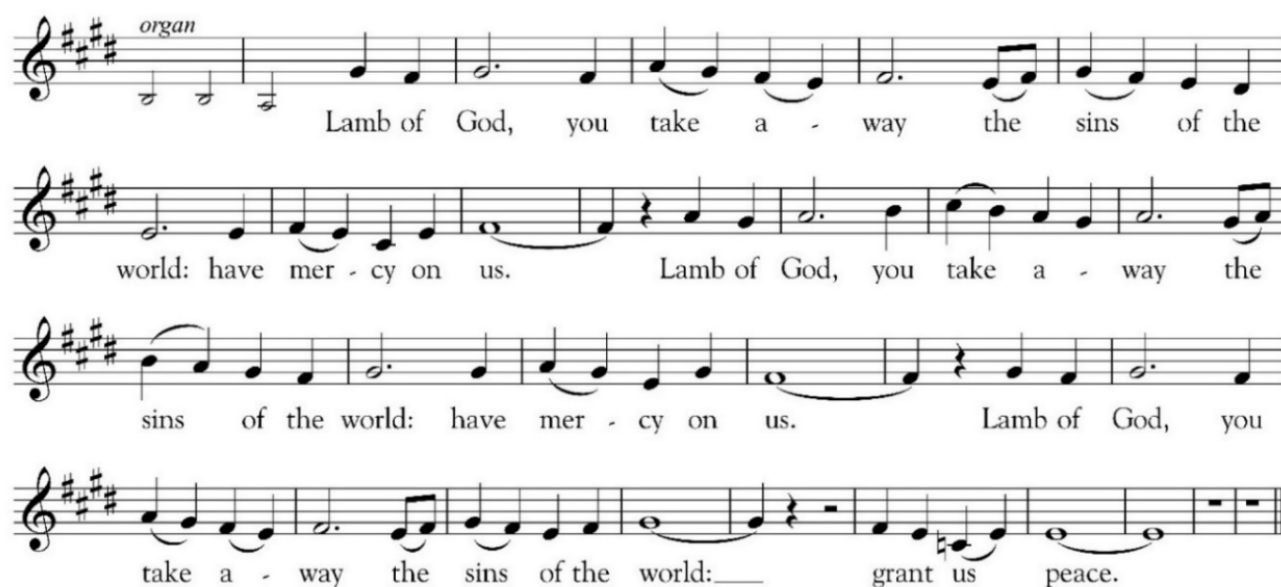
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.**



Communion | Song for My Father

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.***

Closing | I've Got Peace Like a River

Dismissal |

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

Postlude | Primavera

*Today's altar flowers were donated by Monica Keller-Sanyer & Frantz Sanyer
 in celebration of Ian Sanyer's graduation.*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Kayode Fatodu

Ushers: Nancy Winchester

Chalicer:

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Al Bracey

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

Acolytes and Crucifer: Luke Aribiah, Alex Opiri

Chalicer: Ivy Amponsah, Al Bracey

Altar Guild

Sonni Aribiah, Ivy Amponsah, Ed Koharik, Nicole Moon-Koharik

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 7

8:00 a.m. - Deacon Denise Schiavone

10:30 a.m. - Mother Marcia Davenport



PARISH CALENDAR

JUNE 30 TO JULY 6

Sunday, June 30

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – New Brick, upper level
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – New Brick
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
3:00 – 8:00 pm	Event Rental – New Brick, lower level
6:00 – 10:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Monday, July 1

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 2

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
5:00 – 8:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level
7:00 -9:00 pm	MS Support Group – New Brick, upper level
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 8:30 pm	300 yr Race & Slavery Committee Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, July 3

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 8:00 pm	First Wednesday Fellowship – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, July 4 – Independence Day – Church Office Closed

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

Friday, July 5

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, July 6

9:00 – 10:00 am	Cycling & Fellowship
10:00 am – 6:00 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.

Father Manny's Sabbatical Begins

As you know, Father Manny begins a two-month sabbatical this week, which means this Sunday is his final service before he departs on new, summertime adventures! We hope you'll all come to church this Sunday to share in worship with our Rector and wish him well on his upcoming journeys.

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!**

An Independence Day FWF Celebration - Next Wednesday

Gather with us to celebrate Independence Day one day early, as we have a BBQ and open mic night on Wednesday, July 3rd at 6 p.m. Enjoy scrumptious BBQ from Famous Dave's while participating or enjoying the open mic event. The mic will be open for storytelling, singing, poetry, jokes, thanksgiving - it's open, so you decide! There will also be outdoor games and fellowship for all! Bring a side dish, snacks, or dessert to share, as well as soft drinks, beer, or wine. Let's welcome the start of this summer together!

Office Closed

In observance of Independence Day, the church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th but will reopen on Friday morning, July 5th.

Assateague State Park Weekend - July 5-7

There's still time! Christ Church's Youth Group is sponsoring a free beach camping trip for youths, their families and friends, and other parishioners who want to get away for a few summer days. Here's your final chance, so if anyone else is still interested in joining us or would like more info, please email info@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Cycling for Health and Fellowship - Saturday, July 6

At 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 6th, our growing cycling group gathers in the New Brick parking lot for an enjoyable ride around parts of Columbia. Bring your helmet and bike, and join us for an hour or so of exercise and fellowship. If interested, please email cycling@christchurchcolumbia.org so we don't leave without you! You can learn more at www.christchurchcolumbia.org/health.

MOCC Breakfast - Saturday, July 20

Everyone is welcome to join us for breakfast this Saturday, July 20th as we'll gather at **Another Broken Egg in Elkridge** at 9:30 a.m. Come enjoy some great food and even better conversation and fellowship.

Join Us at the Center for Spiritual Nourishment - Saturday, July 20

Christ Church's Center for Spiritual Nourishment takes place on Saturday morning, July 20th 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. We will be tending to our souls in the community!

Theology on Tap - Wednesday, July 24

ToT is an informal get-together where you can chat about interesting religious articles of the day, grab a beverage, and enjoy fun, engaging, structure-free conversation with other parishioners and friends. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24th at **Frisco and the Reckless Shepherd** at 8895 McGaw Road in Columbia. If you have any questions, please speak with Mike Looney or email seminarian@christchurchcolumbia.org.

It's Summer, So it's FWF CrabFest Time! - Wednesday, August 7

Get ready for the tastiest FWF gathering yet! We are planning a crab extravaganza that will leave no taste buds unhappy, followed by summer fun and fellowship. If you'd like to indulge in some crabs, mark August 7th at 6 p.m. on your calendar, and gather outside the lower level of New Brick. The cost for crab is \$25. per person, and that'll cover our cost of getting the freshest ones around. BYOB! Of course, there are options for non-crab eaters, as well, so join us!

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 items for every worship service. If you are interested in signing up or learning more, please visit our website's Altar Guild page - www.christchurchcolumbia.org/altar-guild

Communion to You

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 you or made available for pickup at our campus. If you want more information, **please complete this form** or **email** the Church Office.

Healing Stations

Christ Church now has healing stations during the 10:30 Eucharist at the back of the sanctuary. If you need prayer, we invite you to visit the healing station after receiving Communion. We also welcome those of you who wish to help, so if you are interested in joining a group of parishioners who offer healing prayer, email Rebecca Warlow at healingministry@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Somos Amigos Holds a “FUNdraiser” that Continues Online to Bring in Donations for Insulin, Mammograms, and More

Christ Church was represented by present and former parishioners at a carnival-themed “FUNdraiser” that brought in more than \$27,000 to aid the work of **Somos Amigos Medical Missions**. A part of the event's auction – VIP tickets and backstage passes to meet Stephen Colbert – is still live online so it's not too late to get in on the action.

On June 9, nearly 200 supporters came to Sylvaside Farm in Purcellville, Va., including Shahra and George Toth and former parishioners Mary and Ed Keath, who traveled from their home in Oregon. (Some of us had a chance to say hello to the Keaths at Christ Church worship services earlier that day.)

Residents of the DC-MD-VA metro area turned out to enjoy games, music, snacks, drinks and a silent auction to benefit a good cause (see photos). Somos Amigos has provided medical and dental care in a rural area of the Dominican Republic for more than 25 years. In a [video on Vimeo](#) taped three years ago, Mary says volunteering there has helped her live out her baptismal vows. Her first trip in January 2005 and the Keaths' subsequent trips led to the involvement of Christ Church.

On June 9, Mary was the center of attention for another reason when she took aim at Founder and Executive Director Frank Brightwell, who awaited her throw as he perched above a dunk tank ([see a short video clip of Mary in action on this week's Outreach blog](#)). The chance to "Dunk Frank in the Dunk Tank" was a popular part of the event. So was an auction that went from the practical – support for mammograms and the clinic's insulin program – to the glitzy - a set of passes to a live taping of The Late Show with Stephen Colbert. Another set of Colbert passes is still up for grabs, but only for a few more days.

You can [bid on E-Bay](#) until the 9:50 p.m. deadline THIS SUNDAY, June 30th. "It's a lot of fun to see the show, not knowing who the guests will be, meeting him afterward," says Brightwell, who once won a set of Late Show tickets in a similar charitable auction. Colbert is a longtime supporter of Somos Amigos and appears in [a video on Vimeo](#) announcing the Late Show passes.

See photos of the clinic in the [Outreach Blog of Feb. 22, 2024](#). To donate through the church to Somos Amigos, put "Somos Amigos" in the memo line on your check to Christ Church. Or, [go on Realm](#), choose Outreach from the FUND dropdown, and write "Somos Amigos" on the MEMO line.

A Hearty Thanks for Showing Interest in Friends of Sabina on June 23

Outreach members and parishioners connected virtually with leaders of the nonprofit, [Friends of Sabina](#) (FOS) after the second worship service last Sunday. We engaged with students, the sponsorship coordinator, and computer instructors who include the librarian at Sabina Boarding Primary School. The choir's live performance was a touching highlight! Christ Church has long supported Sabina after helping to establish its library, a resource center for residents of Sanje, Uganda. Parishioners who have traveled there include the Alperns, the Hokes, and the Aribiahs, whose ties go back to Teddy Aribiah's childhood.

Through the Outreach Commission, we pay the librarian's salary and other expenses. Since 2020, we have facilitated an opportunity for parishioners to support Sabina teachers or to sponsor students whose families otherwise cannot afford schooling. A photo collage of children who were matched in 2020 with sponsors appears on the [FOS page](#) of the Christ Church website. That number has grown to 14, and FOS now seeks to expand its teachers' support. To learn how you can help, please email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org.

The 2024 Lake Elkhorn Middle School Supply Drive has Begun

Our parish has had a partnership with Lake Elkhorn Middle School (LEMS) for over eight years. Just over a mile away, LEMS is truly our neighboring school, and at Christ Church, we believe that we should love our neighbors and continue to have this partnership because many LEMS families are financially stressed. Over 50% of LEMS students qualify for free and reduced meals, the highest percentage amongst the middle schools in Howard County.

This year, Tracy Williams, the counselor at LEMS, has asked for the support of Christ Church parishioners to provide school supplies for 125 children for the upcoming school year. In addition, she would be thrilled if we could supply backpacks for 50 students. It costs over \$60 to buy the school-required supplies for one child and the backpacks will add to that amount. Therefore, we need over \$7,500 to reach this goal.

[You can learn more about this initiative and our needs on our website](#) and can donate either [online](#) or via check. Those links are also on our website, and every donation helps a great deal.

Columbia Community Care Requests Diapers, Seeks Volunteers Shoppers

Columbia Community Care (CCC) continues to recruit volunteers to help it serve individuals and families who lack transportation to CCC's sites. The volunteer "shoppers" fulfill the grocery lists at its pantry, located at 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia, and then deliver goods to the recipients' homes. To volunteer, go online to [sign up here](#). If you, or someone whom you know, is in need and lacks transportation, go [online here](#) to request a home delivery. Find updates on the [CCC Facebook Group](#).

Please continue to support CCC by donating baby-care items and diapers. Sizes 4-6 are in the greatest demand. Collect these along with sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers. Put them 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 its contents.

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.

You can view the most recent [monthly financial report here](#).

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

M3daas3

part five

When I first spoke to Steve and Donna, I told them that I was on my way to a Mission Trio. They invited me to respond to a few questions they would send to me by email. I spent part of my time on the Mission Trip to respond to the questions that they sent. The responses formed the basis for the ongoing conversations with members of the Search Committee, and eventually the Vestry. What most intrigued me was the fact that my interactions with the Search Committee and Vestry made me feel like Christ Church would be a natural fit. Interestingly, some of the members of the Search Committee who made the trip to Philadelphia to worship with me at toasty St. Paul's also felt that way.

Much as I believed that I had found the kind of congregation that I was looking for, there was some hesitation on my part. From the moment I first saw the posting of the search for a new Christ Church Rector for Christ Church up until the last day of the deadline for the submission of documents expressing an interest, I had resisted sending my documents because I figured I wouldn't be called, so why bother?

I am not exactly sure what caused me to change my mind on the last day of the deadline, but I probably countered my earlier argument that the worst the Search Committee or the Vestry could do was to say, "No."

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I had no doubt in my mind, when I received a call from Sonni with the good news of my call to serve as Rector, that Christ Church was taking a huge gamble - I had never served as Rector before. The closest I have been to serving as Rector was when I was a Vicar of St. James' Anglican Church, Bogoso, Ghana. It really surprised me that such a historic and important congregation would take this huge gamble.

And so, to the Search Committee and the Vestry, *M3daas3*.



The awareness of this huge risk that Christ Church took did weigh on me. And I had to carry this joyous burden of proving and re-proving that Christ Church made the best decision. As I result, I have wholeheartedly embraced the opportunity to pour my heart and soul into our ministry, often stretching us to limits we never thought possible, and to welcome life-giving ministries that speak of the caliber of people we are - faithful Christians who at the barest minimum, want to live out the good news of God in Christ Jesus.

Just like a newly married couple typically head off somewhere for a honeymoon, so it is with a new Cure or a new position. New employees do get some honeymoon - this is a period where they are given the space to acclimatize,

meet new colleagues, learn the layout of their office space, and get to know the nature of the job, among others. Mistakes during this period are mainly forgiven; after all, the new hire is considered to be still learning. The dynamics do change after that honeymoon period - that's when employees can get written up, and things like that.

During my honeymoon, I experienced a rude awakening. It brought me to another low point in my life and my ministry. It reminded me of some of the stuff from South Carolina. I didn't realize, within my short stay, that some could not only be vicious but could paint a narrative to assassinate another person's character. I have spent a lot of time thinking about this point in my ministry. And I always wonder where I went wrong or if I wrongly assumed that there were no landmines. But I am grateful to the many parishioners, especially Mary Keath, Puala Rees, and Michon Semon, who stepped up and helped me navigate those waters. To Mary, Paula and Michon, ***M3daas3***.

I believe that the past seven years have been such a blessing for me and our community. We have done a lot, and much as I feel tempted to go back in time and list all the number of things that we have done, I don't think that is necessary. As some would say, the proof is in the pudding.

And if you want to know the depth of our ministries, just wait for our announcement time each Sunday. I recently remarked to a few folks that although it is summer when many people relax and get back into the groove in the fall, that isn't the case for Christ Church. Our common life continues at the same regular pace. To the many volunteers who make our common life-enriching, ***M3daas3***.

Yes, we have done a lot - most of the year, we have a third service on Sunday mornings, for example, and that says a lot about each one of you and the work you put into making sure that this innovative idea became a part of our life.



I cannot put into words how grateful I am to each one of you for the amazing support and contribution towards the life of this special and thriving congregation. To all of you, ***M3daas3***.

We have been through the worst pandemic in our lifetime, but that didn't slow us down. We were quick to adapt - I initially had to rely on my two older daughters to help with offering Morning and Evening Prayer. We started in Old Brick and then began to offer it at home. I am so glad that many of our parishioners have taken over continue to provide this worship opportunity to hundreds of people. To Havi and Francy, Ellen, Jane, Erin and Jason, Jonelle, Rebecca, John and Bunmi, Donna, and Jan, ***M3daas3***.



Offering online services on Sundays was a challenge. Quite apart from the fact that our internet service wasn't optimum, we also didn't have the equipment to run online services. We had to rely on our individual phones to make sure that services were brought to you. I remember when on several occasions the phone we were using to livestream fell and so we had to stop services mid-stream to fix it before we continued. But you were all very patient and supportive. I am glad to say that with the help of our untiring Communications Administrator, Chris, Parish Life Coordinator, Yetti, and former Music Director, Adam, we were able to provide online services to all our parishioners. Because of their work, we still continue to offer online worship. To Chris, Yetti, and Adam, ***M3daas3***.

I am grateful for the work that we have done. But the reality is that there's more to do. As we prepare to celebrate our 300th anniversary, there's some serious work that we have to do. If we are about to celebrate this milestone, we should also remember to make sure that Christ Church continues its mission of reconciling all people to God within the Columbia community and beyond.

I have no doubt in my mind that we all need God in our lives. I have no doubt in my mind that we all need to be reminded of the sacredness of each other and the depth of grace to which we have to extend to each other. I have no doubt in my mind that the church plays an important role in all of our lives - but we need to be reminded of this holy role of the church in our lives and the church exists to constantly remind us of its holy role.

The question has always been, would the church, especially Christ Church, have the wherewithal to continue its ministry into the future? I am convinced that we can, but we will have to take certain steps today to prevent a challenging future for those who will be worshipping in the same space 300 years from today.

I have no idea what the parishioners, led by the Reverend McGill, thought when they were working to establish Queen Caroline Parish. Did they know that 300 years from the day that the Maryland General Assembly approved their request that the church they were establishing would be a thriving congregation? I don't know. But I suspect that they believed that something magnificent could come out of the seed they sowed. Remember the Parable of the



Mustard Seed? To Reverend McGill and the early pioneers of Queen Caroline Parish, *M3daas3*.

Since we believe that they sowed a seed, which we enjoy the fruit, we too can sow a seed so that those who come after us may enjoy the fruit of the seed.

Over the past several weeks I have been working with the Vestry and a Task Force, which is made up of parishioners, about the kind of seed we ought to sow to guarantee the future ministries of Christ Church. These conversations have arisen because as a congregation we cannot solely rely on the traditional models of pledge and plate offering to support our ministries and our common life.

For those of us who have been reading *M3daas3* over the past four weeks and have followed the conversation, I'd like to share with you that all the churches that I served in the United States - All Saints, Trinity Cathedral and St. Paul's - have substantial endowments running into millions of dollars. These congregations draw on their endowments to support their ministries.

Unfortunately, Christ Church doesn't have an endowment and so we have to rely entirely on your kind generosity to keep running. But the reality is that this particular model, based on the trajectory of many churches, isn't sustainable. For that reason, we have to devise plans that would help us diversify our income stream so that we will always be in a position to support ourselves for years to come.

Sometime last week, a parishioner who works for the local library called to interview me. One of her questions was, how do I see myself and Christ Church in five years? My response to her was that I want to see Christ Church as a thriving community of faith that has enough bandwidth to support itself for years and years to come.

During the lull of the summer months, the Vestry and Task Force would be holding five small group meetings at the homes of parishioners, two small group meetings at the church, and two meetings on Zoom. They are still working on the dates, times, and venues for the meetings that would be held in homes, but that information will be published as soon as possible.

It is my prayer that each of us would find it useful to participate in these meetings. I believe it is critically important that we commit ourselves to the future of our church, and I pray that we will secure the absolute support of each of you in this endeavor.

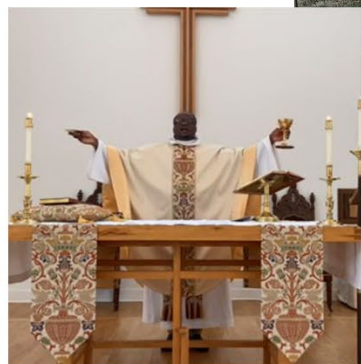
And so, to all of you, *M3daas3*. I am eternally grateful to each of you for being a part of my twenty-five year ministry. *M3daas3*.

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(*M3daas3* means "Thank You" in my native dialect. This thank-you tour of sorts is meant to highlight pivotal moments and people in my life and to give thanks for all those who, by the grace of God, made it happen for me. This is part 5 and the conclusion of a multi-part series ([part one](#); [part two](#); [part three](#); [part four](#)).



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IN THE LOVE OF THE LORD!



THE LORD WILL WATCH OVER
YOUR COMING AND GOING
BOTH NOW AND FOREVERMORE.

PSALM 121:7-8



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