

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II – Sunday, July 24, 2022 | 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE – Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

OPENING HYMN 423 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

GLORY TO GOD – S280

Robert Powell

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

A READING FROM GENESIS 18:20-32

Reader: **A Reading from Genesis.**

The Lord said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The following Psalm is read responsively by half verse.

PSALM 138

Confitebor tibi

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.

Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

A READING FROM COLOSSIANS 2:6-15, (16-19)

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

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN 592 – Teach Me, My God and King

Carlisle

1 Teach me, my God and King, in all things thee to see; and
2 All may of thee par - take; noth - ing can be so mean, which
3 A ser - vant with this clause makes drudg - er - y di - vine: who
4 This is the fa - mous stone that turn - eth all to gold; for

what I do in an - y - thing, to do it as for thee.
with this tinc - ture, "for thy sake," will not grow bright and clean.
sweeps a room, as for thy laws, makes that and the ac - tion fine.
that which God doth touch and own can - not for less be told.

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

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev'd Denise Schiavone, *Deacon*

The people stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Today's readings remind us not only of God's righteousness but also his enduring love and forgiveness. Paul tells us to live rooted in faith in Christ with thanksgiving. Jesus teaches us to ask and to seek with persistence, assuring us the Father will respond by giving us the Holy Spirit. Let us affirm our trust and belief, saying: **Our Father, Your love endures forever."**

We pray for all those throughout our nation and the world bowed down by unbearable burdens and who despair of receiving help and solace. Lord, be near to them and hear the silent prayers of their hearts, as we say: **Our Father, in the midst of trouble, keep them safe and strengthen them.**

We pray for our Church leaders, that they may be guided by the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit and always rooted and grounded in Your love. In our church, we pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert, our Diocesan Bishops; Emmanuel, our Rector; Marcia, our Associate Priest; Denise, our Deacon; and Richard, our retired Rector. In the Anglican Communion, we ask our Lord's blessing on the Church in Wales. In our diocese, we pray for the parishes of Christ the King, Woodlawn; St. Andrew's, Glenwood; and St. Barnabas, Sykesville. Father, hear us as we say: **We are the works of Your hands, rooted in faith and forgiveness.**

We lift up all those suffering from illness of mind, body, and spirit. We pray especially for Richard, Valentin, Ray, Mary Lou, Joan, Gina, Coy, Megan, Mildred, Jim, Kathleen, Caroline, Catherine, Nell, Mary Ann, Sherry, Rena, Kandi, Bradley, Alta, Alfred, & Ashley, and those you now name. Father, fill them and their caregivers with Your strength and nourish them with Your love. We pray also for those in our parish family who are in harm's way, especially Kevin DeBoissiere, as we say: **You stretch forth Your hand and care for the lowly.**

We remember those who have gone home to You, Father, and abide in the company of all the saints, especially Elena Zhelyaskov, Joanne Stone, Bill Stone & Willie Moore, and those you now name. Give comfort and fortitude to those who mourn them, as they continue their journey with You by their side. We pray: **Lord, You are near to all who call upon You.**

With hearts filled with gratitude, we rejoice in the blessings of family and friends and for the opportunity to celebrate the birthdays of Andrew, Thomas, Judy, Joshua, Harrington, Julia, & Marjorie, and the baptismal anniversaries of Chelsea & Ross. Father, we give thanks for and ask Your blessing on all those who are new or visiting with us today. May they be refreshed and renewed as they seek Your light. We pray: **Guide us on the path of a life rooted and built up in Christ.**

Father of all, we ask that the roots of our faith may continue to deepen and be nourished by Your love that surrounds us. Help us to marvel at the beauty of Your creation and to seek Your image in all whom we encounter. And as Your disciples, may we recognize that You can do everything through us when we place our hope and confidence in You. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

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

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING HYMN LEVAS 213 – Children of the Heavenly Father

Tryggare kan ingen vara

1. Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther Safe-ly in His bos - om gath - er;
2. God His own doth tend and nour-ish, In His ho - ly courts they flour - ish;
3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord His child-ren sev - er;
4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num-bers, Your pro-tect - or nev - er slum-bers;
5. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

1. Nest-ling bird nor star in heav - en, Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
2. From all e - vil things He spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.
3. Un - to them His grace He show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
4. At the will of your de - fend - er Ev - ery per - son must sur - ren - der.
5. His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

The people stand as able.

PRESENTATION HYMN 390, V. 1

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

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



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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

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

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

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

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM – LEVAS 154 (Refrain)

James E. Moore, Jr.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass) in 2/2 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord." The score includes a "Fine" marking at the end of the third line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the words "Taste and see".

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-b-ered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer.
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 296 – We Know That Christ Raised and Dies No More

Engelberg

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows _____

1 Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
2 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life _____
3 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
4 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____

1 and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. _____
2 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. _____
3 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. _____
4 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: _____

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE – Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

J.S. Bach

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Howard County COVID Update | Over the last few weeks, the number of positive cases in Howard County has placed it back in the "high community impact" tier. As a result, we are back to following the protocols in **the Diocese's Post-Omicron Yellow Phase plan**. This includes the mandatory wearing of face masks for all visitors while indoors at Christ Church, as well as the distribution of only bread during the Eucharist. You can read the Diocese's latest report on their website.

Altar Flowers and Gifts | If you would like to present Altar gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on an upcoming Sunday, you can find the details and 2022 sign-up sheet at <https://tinyurl.com/CECaltargifts>. You can also sign up and reserve a slot by using our **Realm Online Giving Form**; just choose "Altar Flowers and Gifts" from the *FUND* drop-down menu, and place the dedication name(s) and service date in the *MEMO* line. **Email the Church Office** with any questions.

Help Us Care For the Sanctuary... Join the Altar Guild | We are looking for a few more volunteers to join the **Christ Church Altar Guild** this season. Altar Guild is a vital group whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Its members prepare the sanctuary for services and tidy up afterward. During certain seasons, Altar Guild members also supervise the decoration of the sanctuary of the parish with flowers. Any adult is welcome to take part in this essential ministry, and training is provided. Please speak with Jan DeBoissiere if you are interested - jdeboissiere@gmail.com

Centering Prayer - Monday Evenings | Centering Prayer takes place Mondays at 7 p.m. and is a form of contemplation, a method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God. We invite you to log in, see what Centering Prayer is all about, and how it can find a unique and valuable space in your own life. Email us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org for more info.

Office Volunteers Needed - This Tuesday | Can you help us? Aisha could use a few extra hands in the office this Tuesday morning, July 26th. We will meet in the Conference Room beginning at 10 a.m. to prepare some envelopes for the quarterly statements. Please let her know if you can assist; either call the church office or email her at office@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Join the CEC Book Club - Friday Evenings | The CEC Book Club has returned and gathers virtually every Friday at 7:30 p.m. We are discussing a new book and always enjoy having new people join our virtual gathering, so if you enjoy curling up with an insightful read and discussing it with others, join us! The book we are discussing is **Radical Hospitality: Benedict's Way of Love** by Lonni Collins Pratt and is available at all the usual booksellers. We have scanned copies of the book's first section to get you started so **email Ellen Hoke at efboudreau1@gmail.com** for details.

Submit Your Vestry Candidate Nominations Soon | It is time to nominate candidates from our flock to stand for election to the Christ Church Vestry. This year, there will be FOUR (4) slots open for election. If you are a baptized Christian who is 16 years or older and are a giving member of record to Christ Episcopal Church, you are qualified to become a candidate. We need your unique gifts to assist in guiding us, so we hope that you'll consider submitting your name. If you do, you'll need to draft a short biography of yourself stating why you want to stand for election, or what has called you into service. This year, the election will be held at our Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th. To offer to stand for election, contact our Vestry Nomination Committee by emailing nominations@christchurchcolumbia.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Midsummer Campout at Christ Church - August 13th | Join us in the field for a parish campout! We have tons of fun planned for Saturday, August 13th (rain date August 20th) with activities beginning at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us - you can stay for a while, or hang with us all night! Bring a tent, chairs, dinner, and drinks. S'mores, campfire, and fun will be provided! You can RSVP [here](#) and direct any questions to dandjatkis@verizon.net.

Reserve Your Spaces Now for the WOCC Flea Market! | It's time to reserve your space for the 2022 Flea Market, taking place on September 17th (rain date 9/24) and we are ready to reserve your space. And, because of the current economic conditions, WE HAVE REDUCED OUR RENTAL COST by \$5 from previous years. If you have rented space in the past, you will be receiving a registration form very soon. We will also have registration forms available in the Narthex, and you can also send an email to wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org and we will send you all the info you need.

For the first time, you can use Realm to pay for your space and use a credit card, and those illustrated instructions can be found [here](#). You can use this link to get to it: <https://onrealm.org/christchurchcolumbia/give/fleamarket>. You can also pay by cash or check, as in years past. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at the WOCC email address above.

We will also be looking for volunteers, bakers, and books! It's the WOCC's biggest fundraiser of the year, and proceeds are used to help Christ Church. We're getting organized for this big event, so stay tuned for more information and opportunities to participate.

This October is the 33rd Annual Christ Church Auction, Held Online AND In Person! | Mark your calendar now! The 2022 Christ Episcopal Church Auction will be presented both virtually and in-person this year, with Silent Auction items available for bidding from Saturday, October 22nd through Saturday, October 29th. The in-person Live Auction will be on the evening of October 29th in the Great Hall, complete with our favorite auctioneers, food, beverages, and tons of fun! We hope you'll join us in the lower level of New Brick that evening. Are you moving? Redecorating? Downsizing? Maybe there are things that no longer fit your needs? How about an additional tax deduction, perhaps? If so, then please set aside your auction-worthy items, and we'll provide instructions on how to donate later this summer. Much more information to follow in the coming weeks, so watch this space!

Christian Jail Ministry Requests Parishioners' Prayers, Expresses Gratitude for Continuing Support

One of the nonprofit organizations that Christ Church has supported for many years is [Christian Jail Ministry](#) (CJM), doing so most recently by donating \$450 for its work at the Howard County Detention Center (HCDC). The Outreach Commission approved the contribution at its July meeting, drawing from its 2022 Vestry-approved budget. That means your funds are helping reach people who might otherwise be ignored.

CJM board member, Dr. Dale K. Pace, ThD, recently wrote to the parish: "In the last 16 verses of Matthew 25, Jesus says that when the Son of Man comes in His glory at the judgment, separation of the sheep from the goats for entrance into His kingdom will be impacted by the way they treated the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned. Jesus says the way such were treated is, in fact, how He was treated by them. This passage is very challenging for everyone. "This note directs your attention to some like those mentioned by Jesus: the thousand-plus people from Howard County who pass through the Howard County Detention Center, our local jail, every year. I hope your congregation prays for them, asking God to open their minds and hearts to Jesus, and to guide, encourage, and comfort them as they respond to Jesus.

"I also hope your congregation prays for Christians who minister to those at the jail," he wrote, adding that since 1979, CJM has provided chaplains as well as Scriptures and religious materials for inmates at HCDC (you can see photos of HCDC in Jessup on this week's Outreach blog). Some of you may recall that on Nov. 4, 2018, HCDC Chaplain Gerard M. Washington preached at both services of Christ Church. The Rev. Washington was accompanied by his wife, Gwen, and during his sermon was joined by a former detainee, Gerald, who spoke of God's Grace and how CJM had helped him.

"We appreciate the financial support from Christ Church and your help with administrative matters years ago," wrote Dr. Pace. In response to his letter, please pray for him and other CJM leaders, for Chaplain Washington as he goes about his weekly rounds, for former detainees such as Jerry and, most fervently, for current inmates as CJM seeks to meet their spiritual needs.

Afghan Refugee Ministry Update | We are so pleased to welcome members of the Columbia Jewish Congregation to our multi-faith Afghan refugee ministry work. CJC has a long history of working as advocate for and providing direct help to immigrants and refugees here in Howard County, so it brings new hands to help our efforts and knowledge gained from their years of experience. Welcome aboard, CJC, and thank you.

Donate Toiletries, Cleaning Supplies for FISH in its Yellow Bin | Organizers for [FISH of Howard County](#) are continuing to ask for cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill its shopping lists. The yellow bin is between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Thanks for your contributions.

LEMS Partnership: We're Getting Ready, and You Can Help | Thanks to all of you who have expressed an interest in helping with the Lake Elkhorn Middle School Partnership. We're currently in the process of getting the supplies together for 125 students and will need your assistance in putting bags together for 50 students on Saturday morning, July 30th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Some of the boxes of supplies are heavy, so people with strong arms and backs are appreciated, but not required. The supplies for the remaining 75 students will be distributed over the course of the school year, as needed.

We also need help at the church on Tuesday, August 16th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. to deliver the supplies to Lake Elkhorn Middle School. We are also in need of a truck or van to transport the supplies and people who are able to load and unload heavy boxes, so if you can help, please let us know.

We so appreciate the financial assistance that we have received thus far. In addition to school supplies, Melissa Shindell, principal at LEMS, has asked if we can support their staff appreciation pizza party on August 26th and possibly buy the staff spirit wear as we did last year. If you would like to support these activities that help both students and staff start the school year with enthusiasm, you may give in any of the following ways:

- If you'd like to write a check, please make sure you write "LEMS school supplies" on the memo line, drop it off at the church office, or mail it in.
- For giving online via computer/tablet, you'll find our "Support Christ Church" button at the top of every page of our website, or you can click [here](#). On the secure form, choose "LEMS" from the FUND drop-down menu and write "school supplies" on the MEMO line.
- To give via text, simply text CECGIVING to 73256 using your mobile device, and you'll immediately receive a link to our secure form. Click the link, choose "LEMS" from the FUND drop-down menu, and write "School Supplies" on the MEMO line so that your donation is used as you wish. (Note: This number will never send you unsolicited texts. To cancel further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply).

If you have questions about our LEMS partnership or would like to help on either of those days, please contact Cathy Whittaker at catharinewhittaker@gmail.com. Thank you!

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Because of your genuine and overwhelming acts of selflessness, kindness, grace, compassion, and love, you continue to give immensely to support and build our common life at Christ Church. You inject life into Christ Church so that we may be able to serve the world. It is your giving that has made it possible for us to accomplish some of the work that God has given us. The truth is that we have been able to minister and serve countless people because of your faithfulness, and for that, we thank God for each one of you and thank God for what God is doing in your lives.

We also want to thank **YOU**. Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables Christ Church to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us. We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness.

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ONLINE GIVING: You can also continue to pledge and give to Christ Church online. It's a safe and secure method of contributing towards your annual pledge or another offering. Whether it's a one-time donation or a recurring gift, you can go to our [overview page](#) for instructions and links. Signing up is fast and easy; if you need assistance doing so, or if you have any Stewardship-related questions, please contact us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org



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