

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, June 23, 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!

Opening Hymn 412 | Earth and All Stars

Earth and All Stars

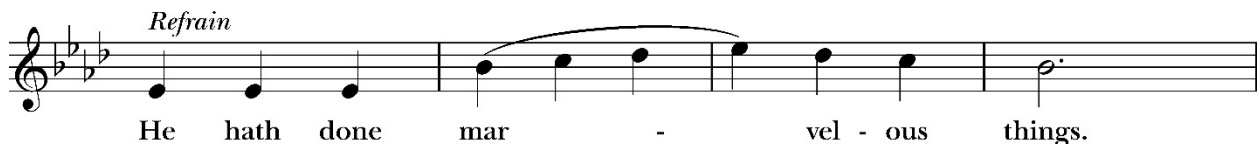
1	Earth	and	all	stars,	loud	rush - ing	plan - ets,	sing	to the
2	Hail,	wind,	and	rain,	loud	blow - ing	snow - storms,	sing	to the
3	Trum - pet	and	pipes,	loud	clash - ing	cym - bals,	sing	to the	
4	En - gines	and	steel,	loud	pound - ing	ham - mers,	sing	to the	
5	Class - rooms	and	labs,	loud	boil - ing	test - tubes,	sing	to the	
6	Know - ledge	and	truth,	loud	sound - ing	wis - dom,	sing	to the	



1	Lord	a new song!	O vic - to - ry,
2	Lord	a new song!	Flow - ers and trees,
3	Lord	a new song!	Harp, lute, and lyre,
4	Lord	a new song!	Lime - stone and beams,
5	Lord	a new song!	Ath - lete and band,
6	Lord	a new song!	Daugh - ter and son,



1	loud shout - ing	ar - my,	sing to the	Lord	a new song!
2	loud rus - tling	dry leaves,	sing to the	Lord	a new song!
3	loud hum - ming	cel - los,	sing to the	Lord	a new song!
4	loud build - ing	work - ers,	sing to the	Lord	a new song!
5	loud cheer - ing	peo - ple,	sing to the	Lord	a new song!
6	loud pray - ing	mem - bers,	sing to the	Lord	a new song!



Refrain
He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

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.**

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
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O 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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

A Reading from Job 38:1-11 |

Reader: A reading from Job.

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—
when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,
and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?"

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half verse.

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 | *Confitemini Domino*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; *
 from the east and from the west,
 from the north and from the south.
 Some went down to the sea in ships *
 and plied their trade in deep waters;
 They beheld the works of the LORD *
 and his wonders in the deep.
 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, *
 which tossed high the waves of the sea.
 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; *
 their hearts melted because of their peril.
 They reeled and staggered like drunkards *
 and were at their wits' end.
 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
 and he delivered them from their distress.
 He stilled the storm to a whisper *
 and quieted the waves of the sea.
 Then were they glad because of the calm, *
 and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.
 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
 and the wonders he does for his children.
 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people *
 and praise him in the council of the elders.

A Reading from 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 |

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

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
 and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open wide your hearts also.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om
2 O - ther ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on
3 Plen-teous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from ev - ery

fly, while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem-pest
thee; leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and
sin; let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me

still is high: hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,
com - fort me! All my trust on thee is stayed;
pure with - in. Thou of life the foun - tain art,

till the storm of life be past; safe in - to the
all my help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -
free - ly let me take of thee: spring thou up with -



The Gospel | Mark 4:35-41

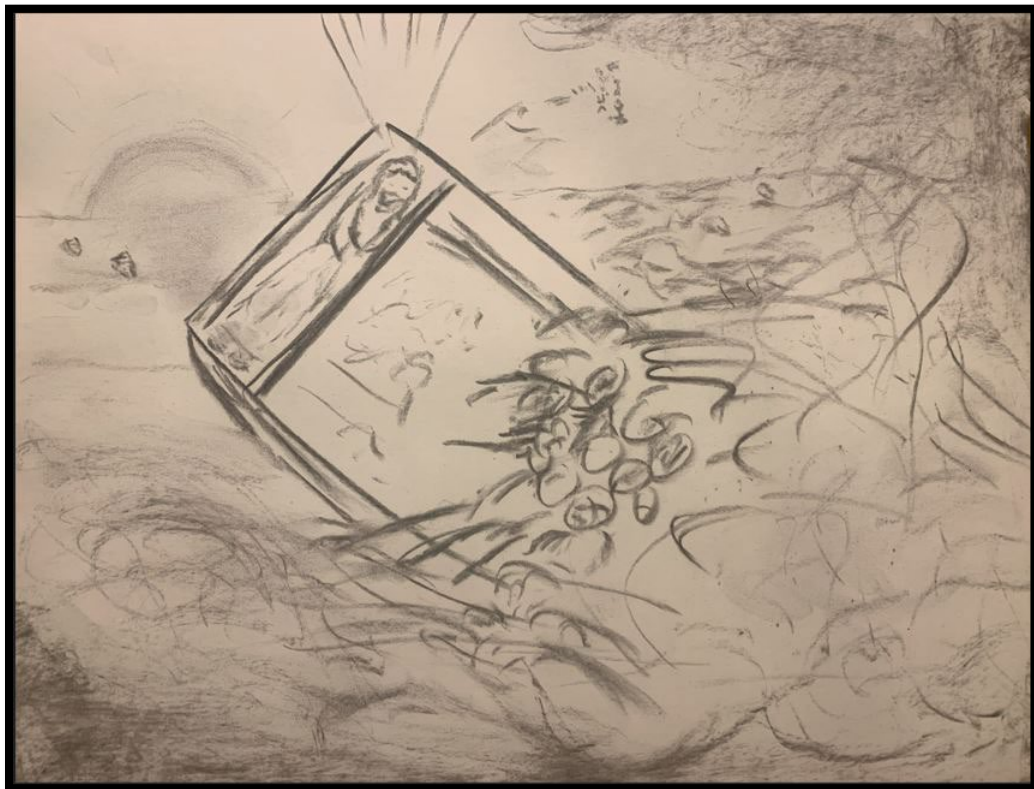
Deacon:: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

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.

Sermon | Michael Looney, *Seminarian Associate*

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 |

Our Creator desires a loving relationship with all people. His unending mercy is present in the book of Samuel and traced throughout the Scriptures. Strength through prayer is close to the heart of the Lord.
Lord, we sing your Praise.

Christ Jesus gives us new life. We now live with Him, empowered by faith. His authority stands above all earthly rulers. His forgiveness of our errors, offenses, and self-centeredness is continual as we seek His purpose in our lives. Our Lord is waiting for our searching souls, calling out, asking for His gifts of love and the blessings of the Holy Spirit within us. **Lord, teach us to pray.**

We ask that the Church, established as Christ's Body in the world, be given the strength, faithfulness, and compassion to stand in the midst of turmoil in our world and offer peace and hope to all. We pray for our leaders in national, state and local governments that they exercise power with wisdom and great care. We hold up in the Light of God, the Anglican Communion, especially The Church of England, and in the Diocese of Maryland: the Parishes of St. Mary's, Woodlawn, St. Paul's, Mount Airy and St. Peter's, Ellicott City. We also pray for our spiritual leaders: the Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Diocesan Bishop, Carrie; our Rector, Emmanuel; our Deacon, Denise; our Postulants, Mike, Kiona, and Rebecca; and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. May they serve the Lord in the spirit of love, humility, and wisdom. We give thanks to all visitors and newcomers who worship with us today. We grow and flourish as we share our prayers, hymns, and Eucharist together. **Lord, we await the coming of Your Kingdom.**

We offer our prayers for the health and well-being of our community of faith, especially for Ivy, Sabrina, Graham, Brian, Jim, Erica, Marilyn, Carolyn, Mary Ann, Barbara, Cindy, Tim, Sherry, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred, and Nell, extended to those who are ill by friends and family, who lend spiritual and emotional support when it is needed the most. We ask our Lord's protection for those serving in the military, especially Conner Warlow and Kofi Abdallah. We also remember those who have completed their earthly journey and entered eternal life, especially Mike Bruggink. May light perpetually shine upon them.

Lord, Your love endures forever.

We celebrate occasions of joy in our lives. Today, we ask Christ's blessing for the birthdays of Gina, Mathew, Nancy, and Rachelle, the wedding anniversaries of Jennifer and Phil Bray and Barbara and David Griggs, and the baptismal anniversaries of Ann and Janelee. We are enriched by the fullness of our relationships with each other.

Lord, your Goodness is everlasting.

We are Children of the Living God, who grants us His Peace, Love, and Truth. 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.

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 |

Please scan to give.



Doxology Hymn 380 (v. 1) |

Old 100th

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

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

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

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer |

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread |

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem LEVAS 270 | Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

The musical score is written for organ and voice. It consists of four staves of music in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The organ part is marked 'organ' and the vocal part is marked 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.' The organ part features a melodic line with a descending scale in the first staff, a rising scale in the second staff, and a descending scale in the third staff. The vocal part features a melodic line with a descending scale in the first staff, a rising scale in the second staff, and a descending scale in the third staff. The organ part concludes with a final chord in the fourth staff.

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea, But
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With
 3. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight
 4. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive; Wilt
 5. Just as I am, thy love un - known Has
 6. Just as I am, of thy great love The

1. that thy blood was shed for me,
 2. ma - ny - a con - flict, ma - ny - a doubt;
 3. rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,
 4. wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve,
 5. bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down;
 6. breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,

1. And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O
 2. Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out, O
 3. Yea, all I need in thee to find, O
 4. Be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve, O
 5. Now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone, O
 6. Here for a sea - son, then a - bove: O

Lamb of God, I come, I come.

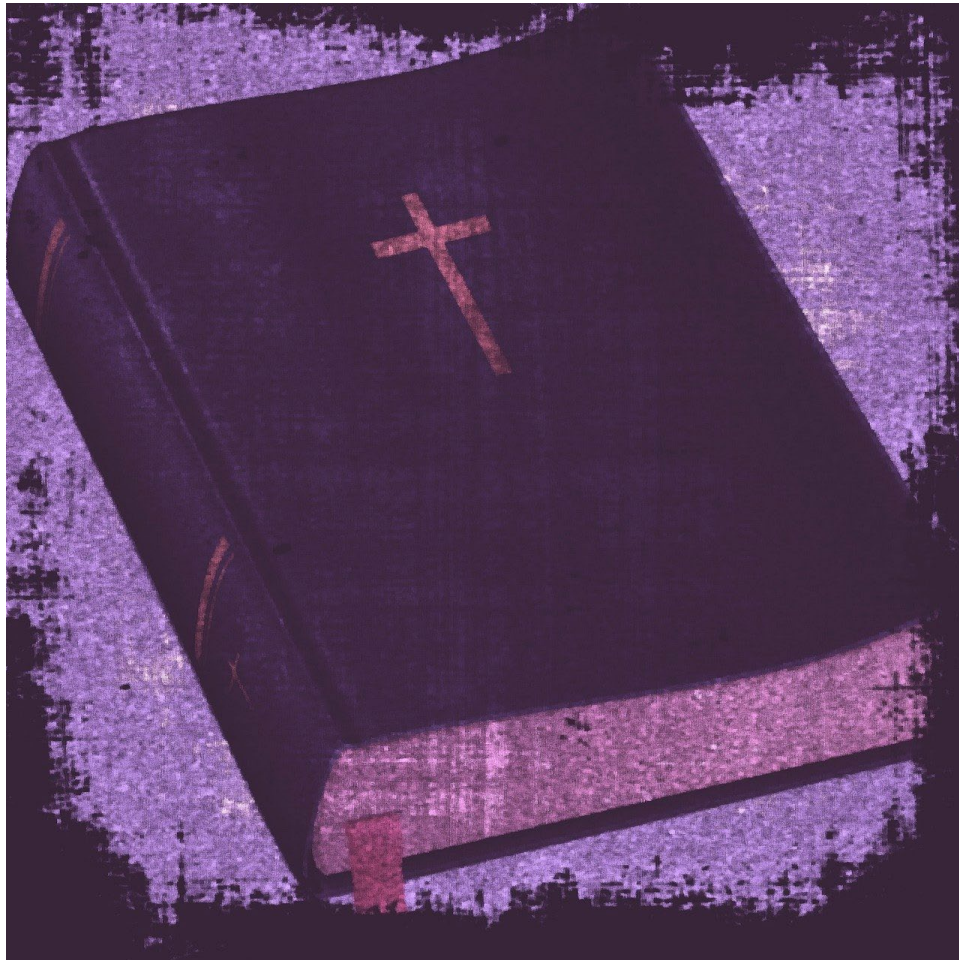
Post-Communion Prayer |

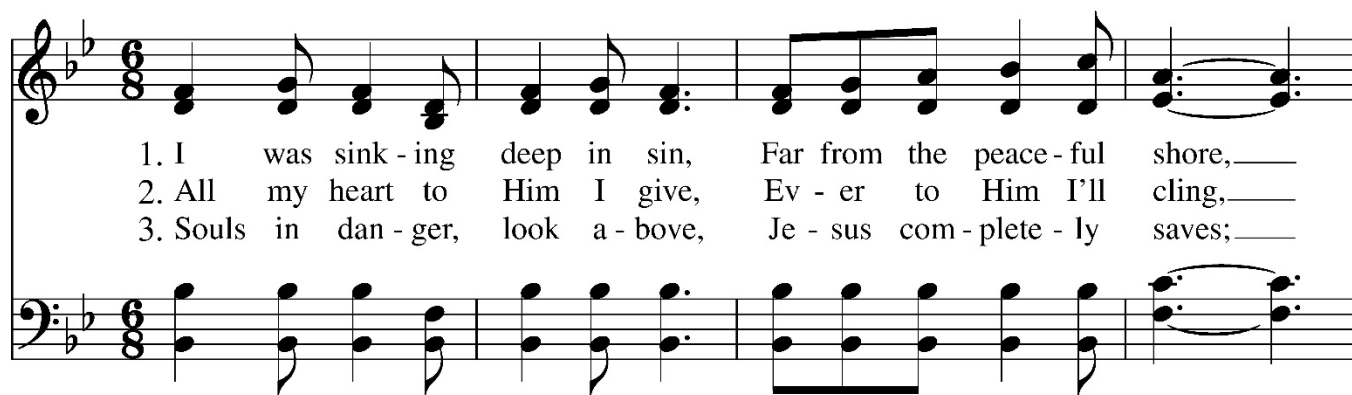
Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

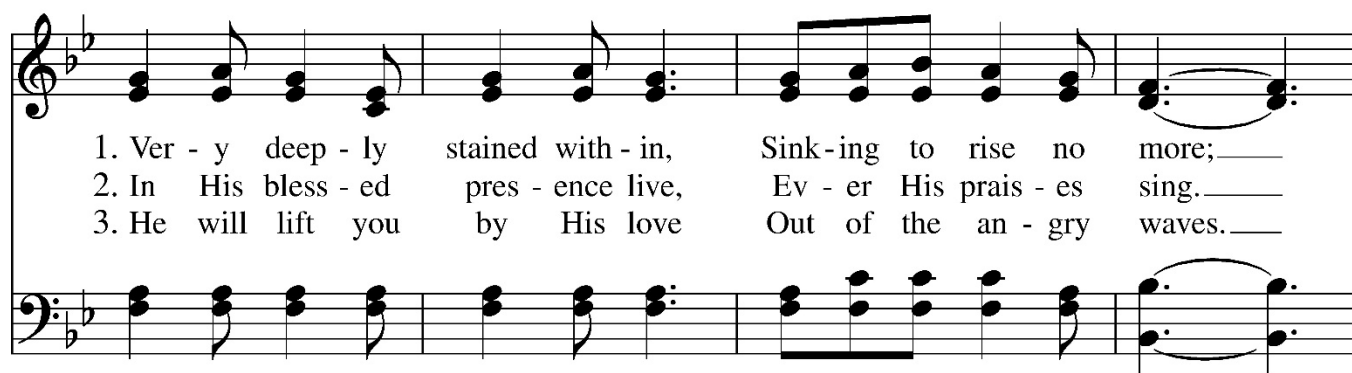
The Blessing |

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

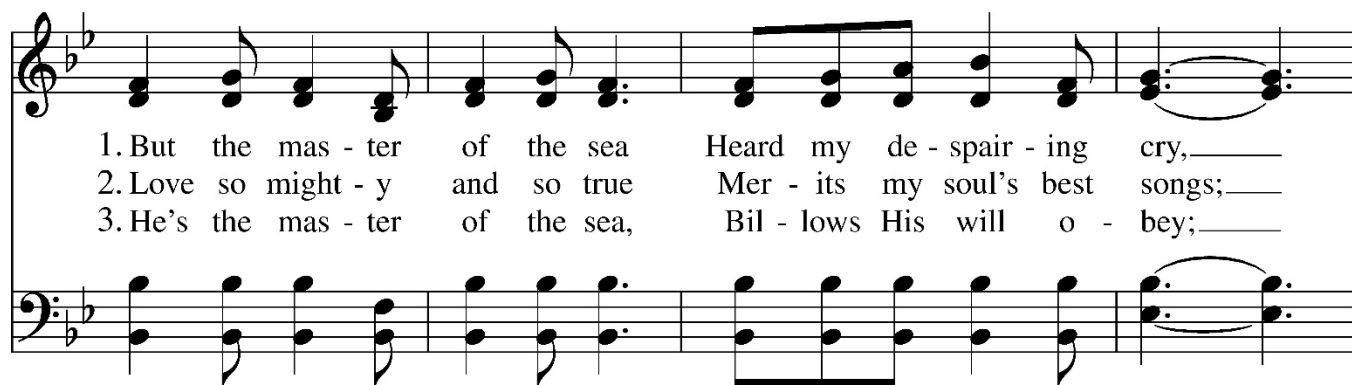




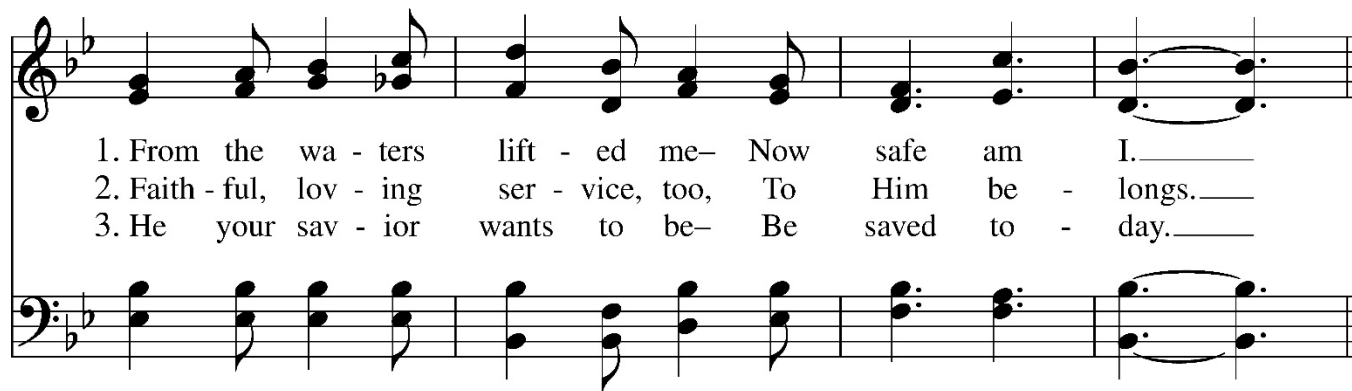
1. I was sink - ing deep in sin, Far from the peace - ful shore, —
2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev - er to Him I'll cling, —
3. Souls in dan - ger, look a - bove, Je - sus com - plete - ly saves; —



1. Ver - y deep - ly stained with - in, Sink - ing to rise no more; —
2. In His bless - ed pres - ence live, Ev - er His prais - es sing. —
3. He will lift you by His love Out of the an - gry waves. —



1. But the mas - ter of the sea Heard my de - spair - ing cry, —
2. Love so might - y and so true Mer - its my soul's best songs; —
3. He's the mas - ter of the sea, Bil - lows His will o - bey; —



1. From the wa - ters lift - ed me— Now safe am I. —
2. Faith - ful, lov - ing ser - vice, too, To Him be - longs. —
3. He your sav - ior wants to be— Be saved to - day. —

Love lift - ed me, _____ Love lift - ed me, _____

Love lift - ed e - ven me, Love lift - ed e ven me, When noth - ing

else could help, Love lift - ed me; _____ Love lift - ed me. _____

Dismissal |

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

Postlude |

*Today's Altar Flowers were donated in celebration of
 John & Tanis Hadley's 50th wedding anniversary.*

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Dione Mahoney

Ushers: Kayode Fatodu

Chalicer: Dione Mahoney

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Theo Jones-Quartey

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

Acolytes and Crucifer: Caleb McKenna, Ainsley Couch, James Mercer

Chalicer: Mary Vail

Altar Guild

Jan DeBoissiere, Virginia Jarrett

PARISH CALENDAR

JUNE 16 TO JUNE 22

Sunday, June 23

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
12:00 – 1:30 pm	Friends of Sabina – New Brick, lower level
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
6:00 – 10:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Monday, June 24

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Vacation Bible School & Choir Camp – Whole Campus
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:00 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Refugee Ministry Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, June 25

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Vacation Bible School & Choir Camp – Whole Campus
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Vestry Meeting – Old Brick & Zoom
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Wednesday, June 26

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Vacation Bible School & Choir Camp – Whole Campus
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Theology on Tap – Frisco & the Reckless Shepherd, Columbia
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, June 27

8:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Vacation Bible School & Choir Camp – Whole Campus
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, June 28

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Vacation Bible School & Choir Camp – Whole Campus
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, June 29

2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
4:00 – 12:00 am	Event Rental – New Brick, 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.

Pentecost V - This Sunday at Christ Church

Christ Church's summer worship schedule has two worship opportunities every Sunday. Both services take place in the New Brick sanctuary, so gather with us at either 8:00 a.m. (without music) or 10:30 a.m. (with music). We gather for coffee fellowship in the Narthex in between services, so join us then, as well.

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!**

Theology on Tap - Wednesday, June 26

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 26th 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.

An Independence Day FWF Celebration - Wednesday, July 3

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!

Assateague State Park Weekend - July 5-7

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. If anyone else is still interested in joining us, 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.

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!

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**.

EfM Invites You to Join Them in Learning More about Ministry

Education for Ministry is a unique four-year, 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**.

Travel to Uganda with Friends of Sabina this Sunday, June 23 as We Enjoy a Light Lunch and Watch Sabina's Choir Perform Live on Zoom

The children in the choir at Sabina Boarding Primary School have been practicing to perform live on Zoom – just for you! So don't miss the chance to hear their sweet voices soon after we begin our annual Zoom meetup at noon this Sunday, June 23. Parishioners are invited to gather in the Great Hall of New Brick after the 10:30 worship concludes. Enjoy coffee, pastries, drinks, and a light lunch during our virtual trip to rural Uganda. Alternatively, you can Zoom in remotely to hear from leaders of the nonprofit, **[Friends of Sabina](#)** (FOS), which Christ Church supports through the Outreach Commission.



To log into Zoom - **[the Zoom link is here](#)**, the Meeting ID is **818 4514 9230**, and the Password is **FOS**. Email **outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org** if you'd like more information.

The informative show-and-tell will be led by FOS Co-Director Ann Marie Davis, who will be on-site in Saanje, Uganda. She will be joined remotely by Co-Director Maria White and assisted in person by Sponsorship Coordinator Deborah Nakiduuli, Media Coordinator Megan Hehir, and Librarian Richard Tumusiime.

However, the stars of the show will be Sabina's choir and the individual sponsored students – Roger, Herbert, Purity, Geoffrey, Lydia, and Sharon – who remain in primary grades and are eager to say, “Hello.”

The Zoom session will run from noon until 1:30 p.m., which allows time for a Q&A with the current sponsors of 13 students, many of whom have completed primary grades at Sabina and enrolled in secondary schools. Most parishioners began sponsoring individual students in 2020, and a photo collage of seven youngsters, pictured at that time, appears on the **FOS page of the Christ Church website**.

Teenage students Marvin, Jackson, Brian, and Patricia interacted with their sponsors, and other students gained new sponsors during and after our 2023 meetup (find a video recording online in **“An Incredibly Heartwarming Zoom Recap with Friends of Sabina”**).

These deserving youngsters come from families who otherwise cannot afford their schooling, and sponsors commit to fund an annual scholarship and to keep in touch. One aim is to form relationships, like family across the miles. FOS helps accomplish that goal by encouraging an exchange of letters and occasional video calls.

Christ Church became a supporter of Sabina Primary School more than a decade ago when parishioners helped establish a library. Since then, several have traveled there, including the Hokes, Alperns, and Aribiahs – whose personal ties go back to Teddy Aribiah’s childhood. The library has become a resource not just for Sabina students but for nearby residents, and Christ Church continues to support it.

At our June meeting, the Outreach Commission approved spending \$3,100 to pay the librarian’s salary, periodical subscriptions, and a portion of internet service. Funds come from the Vestry-approved, 2024 Outreach budget derived from your pledges and contributions. Thanks to all! And see the progress on Zoom during our meetup.

CCC Requests Diapers, Seeks Volunteer Translators and Shoppers

Columbia Community Care (CCC) continues to recruit volunteers to help it serve individuals and families who lack transportation to CCC’s sites. On June 4, a CCC leader posted this plea: “Please consider signing up as a volunteer dispatch translator or shopper to help us keep up with requests. Thank you in advance!! “ Spanish translators are most in demand. Go online to **sign up here**. Please check for updates on the **CCC Facebook Group**.

CCC also needs volunteer “shoppers” who 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.

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.**

M3daas3 *part four*

by Father Manny

I took a call one afternoon from a Pennsylvania number: "Hello - good afternoon," I said.

"Good afternoon, Emmanuel. This is Cliff, calling from St. Paul's, Philadelphia."



That was the beginning of my relationship with Cliff. During this first phone call, we agreed on a date and time when we could have an interview. We had that interview and then a few days later, he invited me to Philadelphia to visit St. Paul's.

The visit was great. He picked me up from the airport and drove to Chestnut Hill. The entire visit was an interview. Our conversations bore the semblance of an interview. The only formal interview I had, though, was with the committee, which was made up of parishioners who were Sunday School teachers, parents, and mission and outreach people. Every single experience with members of this parish said more about the congregation than about them as individuals.

St. Paul's wasn't as big as Trinity Cathedral, but the welcome and disposition of the parish touched me a great deal from the start. Chatting with Cliff was so effortless. I got to know more about the church and what his vision was for the church over the two days that I spent with him. To the members of this group, *M3daas3*.

Right at the tail end of my visit, he asked me this question: "Why do you want to work with me?" Because of my experience in Columbia, I knew I wanted to be in an environment where the wisdom of a wise priest would be an anchor for me and the ministry that I cherish.

And so, I responded with this story: "One of my old professors advised that you should always seek to work with an old, wise priest."

My response caused huge laughter from Cliff, who then asked, "So, do you consider me to be old?"

"Not really," I said. "But you look more like a wise priest."

A week after my visit, Cliff called to offer me the unique position of serving with him as the Assistant Rector. I accepted the position and moved with my family to Philadelphia. It just so happened that my family couldn't move with me at the same time, so I had to move myself first and live in the rectory for about a month before my family eventually joined me. To Amy, Cliff's wife, who opened her home to me, *M3daas3*.

I was welcomed by the parishioners, which helped me to acclimatize. I got interviewed by the *Chestnut Hill Local* - a local newspaper for the Chestnut Hill community and residents in Germantown, PA. I have to say, this was a great beginning for me - I saw myself as being welcomed and accepted by the St. Paul's congregation. This felt more like All Saints had.

My one real rude awakening was that although St. Paul's is far smaller in size than Trinity Cathedral, there were more people of color at St. Paul's than at Trinity. And I could confidently say that by this time I had become aware - so aware that I had to pay close attention to issues about race without becoming consumed by it. As an Assistant Rector, I usually told the joke that I was in charge of everything apart from raising money. And to an extent, that was true - I did everything. I was involved in everything, and the opportunity to be responsible for different ministries was very helpful. I was able to learn and to hone my skills.

One afternoon, as I drove through town - I don't remember the exact location - I saw a long line of people, most of whom were African American. I stopped and asked a person what the line was for. I was told that it was people who had lined up to receive food. Cliff had told me about the challenges of poverty, hunger, and homelessness in the city, and seeing this line confirmed what he said. The question for me, then, was how to get my new church engaged.

We began a relationship with Face-To-Face, Germantown. Face-To-Face is a Soup Kitchen that offers a whole lot more services than just food. Apart from monetary support, I took the youth, young adults, and other groups in my church to volunteer at Face-To-Face monthly. That was the first-time volunteering at a soup kitchen for those who accepted this invitation and came with me. Serving at the soup kitchen opened their eyes, allowing them to come to see, first-hand, some of the dire needs of people within the city.

This led to Thanksgiving turkey drives to help support Face-To-Face and Church of the Advocate during the season. It led to school supply drives, which supported St. James School - a new school that served mostly African American children in West Philadelphia. It also led to a few other initiatives, one of which became an annual youth mission trip to North Dakota. In addition to the myriad of mission-oriented ministries, some of which are still alive at St Paul's, there are a few more things that I was able to do, such as oversee the Sunday School and build a new family ministry.

St. Paul's had three Sunday services and one morning, some parents had already started gathering during the Sunday School hour after the 9:00 a.m. family service. On my first visit to the congregation during the interview, there were about 17 worshippers at the family service. On my last Sunday, there were 93 worshippers at the same service. Most of these people were attracted by the work that we were doing as a parish within the community.

We also built up our Children's Formation by strengthening **Godly Play**. St Paul's had already invested a lot in renovating Sunday School classrooms, so I became trained as a Storyteller and was able to invite new parishioners who were parents to train as Storytellers, too. St. Paul's funded travel for their Storytellers to attend Godly Play conferences in Colorado and Tennessee. The amount that the church invested in its Sunday School teachers helped keep up their commitment level and continued the growth of the program, as well. To Godly Play Storytellers, *M3daas3*.

We also organized the parents who met during Sunday School and introduced formation opportunities for the group. We held Parents' Night Out, which provided babysitters, food, and movies for kids while their parents went out for dinner, picking them up a few hours later. We organized quarterly parenting seminars on Mindfulness and Parenting, had a quarterly potluck dinner hosted by different families, and started an annual 3-day camping trip which ended with a Eucharist on Sunday mornings. To Cathy, Joe, and all the members of Parents' Exchange, *M3daas3*.

Working with the youth was often a challenging part of my work, but it was also the best. I was able to mentor young minds - ones I now get to occasionally see updates about on Facebook, doing marvelously well. Teaching them and helping connect their faith with the world was one of the beautiful things about youth and youth ministry. To the many youths with whom I shared a meal and traveled to North Dakota, *M3daas3*.

Providence has a way of bringing things together, of bringing meaning to our lives, and of holding us up even in times of great distress. Providence has a way of opening new doors for us. And like I said in a recent Sunday sermon, we don't have control over how providence causes things to manifest in our lives.

One recent Saturday afternoon, as I sat in my Columbia office working on a sermon, I heard the doorbell. I opened the door and guess what, it was Cathy and Joe at the door. "Wow! This is a big surprise," I exclaimed. "What brought you to Columbia? You should have told me you were coming!" Turns out that Joe is a beer connoisseur and he learned about a reputable brewery in town so he decided to come check it out. They also figured that since they were in the neighborhood, they should check on me. Thankfully, I was in the office so we had the chance to visit with each other. I took them on a tour of our campus and they were very impressed. To Cathy and Joe and all the wonderful people of St. Paul's, *M3daas3*.

These are but snippets of my time and ministry at St. Paul's. I learned a lot there, so when I departed for my new chapter at Christ Church, I felt this sense of having had a fulfilling ministry. I am thankful that I was provided with a unique platform to be inviting, innovative, creative, collaborative, empowering, and strategic with, and to shape the life of many beautiful people and ministries. To Cliff, who gave me this opportunity, *M3daas3*.

It is interesting to note that it was during one of these St. Paul's youth trips to North Dakota to volunteer at Standing Rock Reservation when I answered a phone call from Donna Campagna and Steve Alpern of Christ Church, Columbia. If they had called even a minute earlier, they would have missed me because I would still be on the plane. To Donna and Steve, *M3daas3*.

This initial call from Donna and Steve eventually led to my call to Christ Church as Rector. This September will mark seven years for me here, and I think it has been a wonderful ministry. I am so grateful to God for the gift and blessing of being at Christ Church. Providence has a way of bringing things together. *M3daas3*.

Manny+

*(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 4 of a multi-part series (**part one; part two; part three**). It turns out that I have more to write than I originally thought!)*



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