

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MD

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 29, 2021 | 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

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At the 8:00 a.m. service, all music is omitted.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN - 372

Leoni

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

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

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

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

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People: Amen.

GLORIA

Robert Powell (1932-)

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

***People:* Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,

leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands
behind our wall,

gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;

for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,

and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

PSALM 45

Eructavit cor meum

My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king;*
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

You are the fairest of men;*
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.

Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you*
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes; and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

THE EPISTLE

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The people stand as able.

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
 but their hearts are far from me;
 in vain do they worship me,
 teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

SERMON

The Rev'd Emmanuel Ato Mercer

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

Lord, may our words of love and our promises to You be followed by meaningful actions that confirm our beliefs. Let us speak the truth, stand up for the oppressed, care for those in need and minister to those without hope. Let us remember to follow your perfect law and use our liberty to serve others.

Praise to the Father of lights

We ask for the Lord's mercy and compassion for refugees throughout the world who are fleeing from violence, political turmoil, and poverty. Grant them the freedom and peace that they seek. We pray especially for the people of Afghanistan, who are desperate to leave their country and to start a new life in a new land. May we all see the wisdom of solidarity and understanding among nations to achieve prosperity, fulfillment, and lasting happiness. We pray for those severely impacted and suffering around the world from flooding, droughts, fires and earthquakes. May we extend our help to the people of Haiti, to treat the injured and to begin reconstruction efforts. We pray for a resolution of the pandemic, both through adequate vaccination levels and in public health efforts to stop disease spread. We are grateful for each hospital's staff members treating Covid patients to the best of their abilities. ***Praise to our Creator, Redeemer, and Advocate.***

We pray for the universal Church, that all Christians may carry on the Lord's work in the world with dedication and love. We hold up in prayer the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and our sister parishes of Epiphany, Odenton; St Alban's, Glen Burnie and St Andrew's, Pasadena. We ask God's guidance for our spiritual leaders, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert our Diocesan Bishops; Emmanuel, our Rector; Denise, our Deacon and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. We also pray for our governmental leaders, especially our President Joseph, our Congress, and judicial systems in these critical times. ***May we be guided by truth and compassion.***

We extend our prayers for all those who are sick and for those who care for them, especially for Clyde, Bunmi, Lourdes, Martin, Errick, Frantz, Tiffany, Cherrylyn, Tanis, Sam, Faris, Chad, Alta, Alfred, Theresa, Nell, Victoria, Jim, Roberta, Kathleen, Ashley, Ron & Jeanette, and those you now name. Lord, we ask you to hold in Your loving arms all those who have departed this life, especially James Shields, priest, and those you now name. We pray for all who grieve, that they be healed in the warmth of your love. ***May we feel God's presence in our lives.***

We are so thankful for the occasions of joy in our lives. Today we celebrate the birthdays Kirk, Dorothy, Janet & Denise, and anniversary of Jesse & Shirley Funches. Each person in our parish is deeply appreciated and loved. We express our warm wishes and greetings to all visitors and newcomers who worship with us today. ***Lord, we thank you for our blessings.***

Our schools open this coming week. We are so grateful to our teachers, staff, volunteers, and students, who make our educational system so successful. We pray for enthusiasm and safety for all in the upcoming year. ***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.

People: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN - 423

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.

DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise
 him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***All:* Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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."

Celebrant: 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 for ever.

***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,
for ever 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

Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor
1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,
is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor
2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,

COMMUNION HYMN – 138

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, In my heart;—
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In my heart, In my heart;—
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In my heart, In my heart;—
 4. I don't want to be like Ju-das In my heart, In my heart;—
 5. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In my heart, In my heart;—

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, _____
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In my heart, _____
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In my heart, _____
 4. I don't want to be like Ju-das In my heart, _____
 5. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In my heart, _____

In my heart, _____ In my heart, _____ In my heart, _____

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart. _____
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In my heart. _____
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In my heart. _____
 4. I don't want to be like Ju-das In my heart. _____
 5. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In my heart. _____

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 - 610

Blaenhafren

1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we

need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's
 bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we
 light, in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our
 go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged love in liv - ing

per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship
 mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion
 quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens
 deeds to show; hope and health, good will and com - fort,

not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing
 healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to
 coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser - vants,

to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
 Spi - rit kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
 tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

The Organist for today's 10:30 worship is Nelda Clelland
The altar flowers are dedicated to the loving memory of Robert A. Daffer by Judith Daffer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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 sign-up sheet online at <https://tinyurl.com/CECaltargifts>.

Diocese of Maryland's Delta Phase Update | Unfortunately, Howard County is back in the Orange Phase at this time, and you can read about the Orange Phase details [here](#). The latest Diocesan message regarding COVID-19 is [here](#). We continue our dialogue with the appropriate organizations and ease restrictions with care and consideration as conditions warrant. We also continue to welcome your feedback and thoughts via the brief, confidential questionnaire located [here](#), and the latest information, links, and updates are on the [Summer Re-Gathering page of our website](#).

Get to Know Your Fellow Parishioners! | As we all look forward to re-gathering this fall, our plan is to publish a photo or two - along with a few fun facts - of a parishioner &/or their family in each week's Sunday service bulletin. This is a unique way for us all to learn a bit about those whom we might not have seen in a very long time, to meet those who might be new to our parish family, and to connect/reconnect with one another. We hope that you'll all take part, so please visit <https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/2021-parish-family>. Thank you!

Our Candidates for Christ Church Vestry | The CEC Vestry, during its meeting on August 23rd, approved the following parishioners as candidates for the upcoming Vestry elections: Tim Beaty, Jan DeBoissierre, Simone Kolnik, Alfred Titus-Glover, and George Toth. We will elect our new Vestry members at our Annual Meeting that's scheduled for Sunday, October 17th. More information about these candidates will be published on our website in due course.

Fall Adult Formation | Help wanted! Would you like to meet people and have conversations? Do you want to be more involved in the life of your church? Have you ever lead or taught a class... or want to try? Prayerfully consider a leadership opportunity. The Adult Formation Committee is currently seeking volunteer facilitators for classes during the fall of 2021. If you are interested in occasionally leading an adult class on Sundays between worship services, please contact Jenn Todd Lavanish at jtlavanish@gmail.com or call 706-570-5425 for information. We have an exciting year planned to grow and learn together.

CEC Sunday School Summer Update: We Need You! | Sunday school has taken a break from classes this summer, but it is our plan to have in-person Sunday school classes beginning on September 12th. In order for our program to be successful, though, we *really* need more adult volunteers to teach. The curriculum is very easy to follow and we teach in teams, so no one has to do all of the work. If you are called to this very rewarding ministry, please contact Jennifer Atkins at dandjatkings@verizon.net. Classes for preschool – 5th grade will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. in the lower level of New Brick (breakfast will be served from 9:15 – 9:30). Children can then attend church services with their families after Sunday school. We will continue using *Weaving God's Promises* as our curriculum. Since this is a new model for our church, we will evaluate its' success in December and make changes as needed. [Be sure to watch the brief video on YouTube](#).

WOCC News | The WOCC's next monthly meeting will take place on Monday, September 13th, at 1:00 pm. The first Monday in September is Labor Day, and so we will have it on the second Monday. Once again, we will be meeting via the Zoom meeting app, which is free and available for sign-up on www.Zoom.us. Please go to their site and sign up prior to the meeting. Feel free to join us! The Zoom link is [here](#), meeting ID is 849 8805 1742 and the password is cecWOCC.

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WOCC started sending Birthday e-cards for those WOCC members interested in receiving an e-card rather than one via USPS. Don't forget to check your "spam" folder. If you would prefer to receive a card in the mail, instead of an e-card, please send us an email. Please ensure that Christ Church has your correct email address and birthdate (month/day) in your Church's REALM account. If you do not have a REALM account, email office@christchurchcolumbia.org so that they can send you a link to set up an account.

All the women of Christ Church over the age of 18 are members of the WOCC. If you have any questions, please contact the WOCC officers by emailing wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org: Gail Braatelen, President; Rhonda Tomlinson, Vice President; Cathy Gold, Financial Secretary; Joan Harvey, Secretary; and Pamela Brown, Chaplain.

CEC Fall Retreat – UPDATE | The Spiritual Life Commission is pleased to announce that the Christ Church Fall Retreat is back for 2021! We currently have 14 people signed up for the retreat and have room for more. Once again, we'll gather at the A. Felix duPont Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach. We've reserved the weekend of October 1-3 for us, so if you're interested please speak with Ellen Hoke or Donna Campagna so they can answer your questions or reserve a space for you. The details are on our website and you can email Ellen at efboudreau1@gmail.com or Donna at donnacam100@gmail.com for more information. The CEC Fall Retreat is a unique and enriching parish gathering that's set in a gorgeous location and is a great opportunity to get acquainted with one another and deepen our faith.

Register Your Items for the Christ Church Auction – November | Now is your chance to participate in the 32nd Annual Christ Church Auction, by rummaging through your basement shelves or attic looking for pristine treasures, or by offering a basket filled with surprises of your choice. You can also donate vacations, dinners, day trips, a bottle of wine, handmade artworks... endless possibilities!!!

If you donated Auction items last year, you should have already received an email from the 2021 CEC Auction Team. If you donated and did not already receive a message, please contact Suzanne Ziobro directly at dziobro2@gmail.com. New Auction donors are asked to use the following link (one form per item): https://christepiscopalchurch.schoolauction.net/auction2021/donate_items/new

The CEC 2021 Auction Team will decide which items should appear in the Silent Auction that's taking place from 7:00 p.m. on October 30th through 3:00 p.m. on November 6th. We'll also decide which items will appear in the Live Auction that takes place in New Brick at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 6th. There will also be a 50/50 drawing available for both the online and in-person portions.

This is Christ Episcopal Church's major fundraiser for the year, and we hope you will all plan on participating. The Auction's success depends entirely on each and every one of us! No item is too small, or too large to donate - please start searching your home now! And then log in to the site and donate. Thank you!

Fall Brings Additional Changes Involving Columbia Community Care | As fall approaches, the all-volunteer organization Columbia Community Care (CCC) has announced several changes in addition to a reduction in distribution days. Home delivery service will be suspended as of Saturday, Aug. 28. The service, which benefits people who lack transportation or face other challenges, is expected to resume after CCC obtains a new pantry.

Until this weekend, its sole pantry has been operating at New Hope Adventist Church in Fulton. But New Hope needs the space for regular church operations, and the pantry will close as of 6 p.m. on Saturday. Volunteers are no longer able to sign up for slots to make home deliveries because the goods to fill recipients' grocery lists have been stored at the pantry.

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“Through today, we have made 12,328 home deliveries to families in Howard County! This was only possible because of the dedication and love of our volunteers like all of you,” said CCC Founder Erika Chavarria, who posted a statement on Aug. 24 in the [CCC Group on Facebook](#). She said CCC will continue to search for a suitable pantry.

The group had already announced changes for Fall 2021. The CCC sites will be closed the week of Labor Day, from Sunday, Sept. 5 to Sept. 11. That means the three distribution sites will not open on Wednesday, Sept. 8, nor on Saturday, Sept. 11. With the return of school, CCC will reduce its days per week by eliminating Wednesday distribution. The next distribution day after the break will be on Saturday, Sept. 18.

Organizers say CCC plans to monitor site numbers and determine if changes to hours and days are needed after that. Signups have been updated with dates through Oct. 30, 2021, on the “I Can Help” part of its [website](#). On Saturdays, volunteers and donation drop-off begin at 9 a.m. Hours for recipients are 10 am to noon.

The distribution sites are at Oakland Mills Middle School, 9540 Kilimanjaro Road; at Long Reach Village Center, Suite 9, 8775 Cloudleap Ct., and at Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd., all in Columbia.

Starting immediately, CCC’s point of contact for Christ Church transfers fully from Diane Phillips Laguerre to Violet Smith, who had already been taking our donated goods to the pantry. Instead, she will make the dropoff early on Saturdays at Wilde Lake.

At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to continue supporting CCC by collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Please put any of these items in the yellow bin, marked “CCC,” inside the Parish Hall. You can drop off items on weekdays until 2 p.m., but we ask that you call the church office (410) 381-9365 ahead of time.

Thanks to All Whose Donations to DRC Are Helping the Homeless | For parishioners who enjoyed hands-on volunteering when Christ Church routinely served hot meals to the homeless, please wait until November. That’s when the staff of the Day Resource Center (DRC) at the Leola Dorsey Center in Jessup expects to resume pre-pandemic services. The DRC is operated by [Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center](#), which had hoped to begin serving hot meals next month. But those plans were put aside after the delta variant caused coronavirus to spread.

Meanwhile, the staff experienced shortfalls among items that the DRC distributes on a curbside basis. To help, Christ Church agreed to supply men’s underwear and women’s jeans, and Outreach Commission member Dione Mahoney sprang into shopping mode. She turned to parishioners’ donations that had been designated for the DRC, spending \$180 to buy new underwear in assorted sizes and 32 pairs of gently used women’s jeans. She and husband Jim Mahoney delivered them to the DRC. Parishioners who supplied items on the monthly wish list for the DRC and for Grassroots’ Freetown Road shelter fulfilled another need: canned fruit. Please lift up our homeless friends in prayer, that they may continue on a path to stability in their lives and enjoy the clothes and food in good health.

Thanks to one and all who contributed, either in-kind or monetarily!

Find the wish list on the [Christ Church signup site](#) for the monthly meal that we provide at Grassroots’ Freetown Road shelter. Save the date: Monday, Sept. 20, arriving between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. to drop off your dish in the parking lot near Old Brick.

Donate Personal Care and Cleaning Supplies for FISH in Bin on our Breezeway | Organizers for [FISH of Howard County](#) request household cleaning supplies such as liquid dish soap, bleach, and cleanser as well as personal items such as deodorant, shampoo and bath soaps. At present, its pantry has an adequate supply of groceries. The bin is between Old Brick and the Parish Hall.

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.

For I was **HUNGRY**
and you gave me food,
I was **THIRSTY**
and you gave me something to drink,
I was **A STRANGER**
and you welcomed me.
MATTHEW 25:35

Join us in discerning Christ Church's response to the Afghan refugee crisis. More than 50,000 Afghan refugees are expected to be resettled in the Maryland/Virginia/DC area. Under humanitarian visas, they receive just 90 days of services upon entering the U.S. There will be an immense, ongoing need for housing, economic/workforce development, tutoring and mentoring, and other services for families and individuals who've been forced to flee their homes.

Under the guidance of the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS), an organization that has long-served refugees from around the world, we are embarking on a theological and scriptural-based discernment process to determine how we would like to respond as a congregation to the huge needs of these refugees.

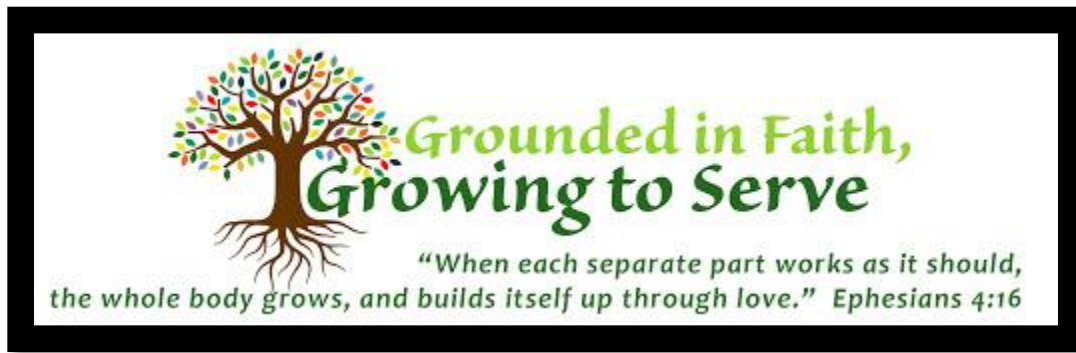
We have four Zoom sessions planned:
Monday, August 30th from 6-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 1st from 6-7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 7th from 6-7:30 p.m.
and Thursday, September 9th from 6-7:00 p.m.

If you're interested in helping discern the way forward, please check the Monday editions of Christ Church's *This Week on Zoom* email for links and details. You can attend as many sessions as you're able to.

While we don't yet have details on specific volunteer opportunities, we are exploring both short-term needs/responses and a long-term, sponsorship-type commitment. Once we go through the discernment process and coordinate further with LIRS, we will have a better idea of how we can specifically meet the needs of those who will be coming to our area.

One very powerful thing we can right do now is to pray. We can pray as individuals, as a congregation, and as a community. In this spirit, LIRS is hosting a virtual Interfaith Prayer Vigil on Monday, August 31st at 4:00 p.m. [You can register here](#) to take part in this interfaith community event.

If you have questions about this emerging ministry area, please contact Deacon Denise at deacondenise@christchurchcolumbia.org.



Please Consider a Contribution to Christ Church

Recent world events have been challenging for us all. It has also affected how we are able to continue to help others. Our Stewardship Committee would like to thank you all for your wonderful and generous support to our beloved Christ Church. Your generosity sustains life and ministry. In as much as we give thanks for your pledges - especially during these difficult times - we also want you to know that we are still quite far from our targeted goal for 2021. We, therefore, appeal to all who have not as yet turned in their pledges to kindly consider submitting a pledge online. We are still carrying out an amazing ministry for a moderate-sized church - even through this very challenging time - but it does require everyone's assistance. Each contribution helps greatly.

Text Giving

You can now give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply text 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 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

Our 2021 Pledge Form is Online

The 2021 Pledge Form is on our website, for your convenience. You can complete the form by clicking here or use the Realm form located here, and if you have any questions, please email stewardship@christchurchcolumbia.org

Thank you.



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