

CHRIST CHURCH

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

8:00 & 10:00 am

**omitted at 8:00 am*

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please keep conversations to a minimum.

***Prelude** Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown *Dale Wood*

***Hymn in Procession #414** God, my King, Thy might confessing *Stuttgart*

***Invitation to Summer Workshop Series**

Throughout the summer months, we offer a Summer Workshop Series in Holley Hall.

All children & youth are welcome to join in this time of formation.

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

Gloria *8 am: spoken; 10 am: Hymnal # S-280*
Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God.
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-5

Thus says the Lord: "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:8-9, 15-20

said responsively

- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
 slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
 and his compassion is over all his works.
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
 he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
 and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand *
 and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
 and loving in all his works.
- 19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
 to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
 he hears their cry and helps them.

The Second Lesson

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit – I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

***Sequence Hymn #292** O Jesus, crowned with all renown *Kingsfold*

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

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

Please stand or kneel

Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of wisdom, guide your church into all truth. Remind us that what unites us is greater than that which divides us. Help us be a light to the world, a true reflection of your grace to all people.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the gift of your good creation, and for the joy and love which surrounds us on every side. As we live into these summer months, grant us times of rest and refreshment that our minds, our bodies, and our souls may be turned toward you.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the gift of this church family: the joy we share with each other in times of celebration, and the support we offer each other in times of challenge and sorrow. Guide us as we continue to live out our call to love you, love our neighbors and love ourselves.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are ill or under great stress, including those on our prayer list, and all whose struggles are known to you alone. Surround them with your care and restore them to health and wholeness in your good time and way.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those whom we love, but see no longer, including Albertine C. Richards, in whose memory the flowers are given this morning. Make your light to shine upon them and grant them peace.

God of love, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant may add a concluding prayer.

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

Clergy Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept.

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.



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***Offertory Solo** Love Bade Me Welcome (from Five Mystical Songs) R. Vaughan Williams
John Beasley, baritone

Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lack'd anything.

“A guest,” I answer'd, “worthy to be here”;
Love said, “You shall be he.”

“I, the unkind, the ungrateful? ah my dear,
I cannot look on thee.”

Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
“Who made the eyes but I?”

“Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them;
let my shame go where it doth deserve.”

“And know you not,” says Love,
“who bore the blame?”

“My dear, then I will serve.”

“You must sit down,” says Love, “and taste my meat.”
So I did sit and eat.

- George Herbert (1633)

***The Doxology**

Hymnal #380, vs 3

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.

The Holy Communion

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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Sanctus & Benedictus

8 am: spoken; 10 am: Hymnal # S-129

Celebrant & People

**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." 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:
Celebrant & People **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.
AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

All are welcome at God's Table

Please come forward, at the direction of the ushers. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the priest. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the priest.

***Communion** Come, Let Us Eat (*Billema Kwillia*) *arr. John Carter*

***Communion Solo** Now the silence, now the peace *Carl Flentge Schalk*
The text may be found at Hymn 333

Thanksgiving after Communion *Please stand or kneel.*

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **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

***Closing Hymn #318** Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face *Nyack*

The Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

***The Voluntary** *Cwm Rhondda* *arr. Michael Burkhardt*

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Walter Kiechel

L.E.M.: Beth Batastini

Usher: Shari Hillard

Altar Guild: Susan Mittelstadt

10:00 am

Crucifer: Josh Szelesta

Lectors: Eric Dietz, Tim Evans

L.E.M.: Tim Profeta

Ushers: Mike & Denise Streeter

Christ Church Prayer List

We offer our prayers for those who are ill, including:

Ann, Arlene, Carolyne, Cindy, Daryl, Elaine, Ellen, Gizelle, Irene, James, Jennifer,
Jerry, John, Karen, Karla, Lee Ann, Lindsay, Lisa, Lisa, Louis, Louis, Madeline,
Marie, Marie, Mary, Nancy, Nate, Paul, Phyllis, Richie, Ryan.

We offer our prayers for those serving in the armed forces, including:

Angel, Dean, Jonathan, Michael, Robert.

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week, including:

Bobbie Grant, Mike Caruso (*August 1*),
Russell McLoughlin (*August 3*),
Kristen Kline (*August 4*),
Elaine Anderson, Elaine Gerth (*August 5*),
Lori Parks, O.B. Taylor (*August 6*),
Benjamin DelVecchio, Mike Streeter (*August 7*).

We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries this week, including:

Randy & Lori Parks (*August 3*),
Allan & Diana Greene (*August 4*),
Kurt & Trish Lutz (*August 5*),
Steve & Donna Shaw (*August 7*).

We want to be praying with you!

*Please contact the church office to have names added or removed from our prayer list,
or to add a birthday or anniversary to our list.*

The Altar Flowers this morning
are given to the **Glory of God**
and in beloved memory of **Albertine C. Richards.**



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