

# CHRIST CHURCH

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 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** Kyrie, Gott Valer in Ewigkeit, BWV 669 J. S. Bach

**\*Hymn in Procession #450** All hail the power of Jesus' name! Coronation

**\*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. 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.**

## The First Lesson

**Jeremiah 15:15-21**

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 26:1-8

*said responsively*

1      Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; \*

**I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.**

2      Test me, O Lord, and try me; \*

**examine my heart and my mind.**

3      For your love is before my eyes; \*

**I have walked faithfully with you.**

4      I have not sat with the worthless, \*

**nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

5      I have hated the company of evildoers; \*

**I will not sit down with the wicked.**

*(continued on next page)*

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, \*  
     **that I may go in procession round your altar,**  
 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
     **and recounting all your wonderful deeds.**  
 8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
     **and the place where your glory abides.**

## The Second Lesson

**Romans 12:9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

**\*Sequence Hymn #379**      God is love, let heaven adore him                      *Abbot's Leigh*

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

## The Holy Gospel

**Matthew 16:21-28**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let

them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Chris Streeter, Rector

## 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 David S. Jackson, 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.



## Welcome & Announcements

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### \*Offertory Anthem

At the River  
Joseph Mello, *baritone*

Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river  
Where bright angels' feet have trod  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God  
Yes, we'll gather by the river  
The beautiful, the beautiful river  
Gather with the saints by the river  
That flows by the throne of God

Soon we'll reach the shining river  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease  
Soon our happy harps will quiver  
With the melody of peace  
Yes, we'll gather by the river  
The beautiful, the beautiful river  
Gather with the saints by the river  
That flows by the throne of God

### \*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

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| <i>Celebrant</i> | The Lord be with you.                             |
| <i>People</i>    | <b>And also with you.</b>                         |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Lift up your hearts.                              |
| <i>People</i>    | <b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>                  |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.           |
| <i>People</i>    | <b>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</b> |



*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.**

*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**

Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele

*J. S. Bach*

### **\*Communion Solo**

Thy Will Be Done

*Joyce Elaine Eilers*

Sometimes the load is heavy,  
And sometimes the road is long.  
And sometimes, Lord,  
this heart of mine  
Is not so very strong.  
But Thy will be done, Lord,  
Thy will be done.  
Father, I do not ask You  
To take this cup from me.  
I only ask Your guidance  
O'er paths I cannot see.

And Thy will be done, Lord,  
Thy will be done.  
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth  
As it is, as it is in heav'n.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power  
And the glory, forever, Amen.  
Now, Lord, I feel you near me,  
I feel your guiding pow'r.  
And I know you're standing by me  
Through ev'ry passing hour.  
And Thy will be done, Lord,  
Thy will be done.

## 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 #644**

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds

*St. Peter*

## The Dismissal

*Clergy* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**\*The Voluntary** I am black, but completely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem *Marcel Dupré*  
(Antiphon III) Op. 18, No. 3

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# Welcome

Today, we welcome Timothy Topolski  
from Blairstown as our guest organist.

## Serving in God's House Today

**8:00 am**

Lector: Walter Thies

L.E.M.: Katie Reilly

Usher: Mike Ragsdale

Altar Guild: Ann Marie Oberstein,  
Diana Riker, Mark Eldridge

**10:00 am**

Crucifer: Josh Szelesta

Lectors: Brad Hodgins, Debbie Mello

L.E.M.: Randall Kurie

Ushers: Mike & Denise Streeter

## Christ Church Prayer List

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

Ann, Arlene, Betty, Bill, Brenda, Carolyn, Carolynne, Cindy, Daryl, Derek, Ed, Elaine, Elaine, Ellen, Erin, Gizelle, Grace, Harry, Jack, Jason, Jennifer, Jerry, John, Joyce, Karen, Karla, Kate, Lee Ann, Lindsay, Lisa, Lisa, Madeline, Marie, Marie, Mary, Michael, Nancy, Nate, Paul, Phyllis, Richard, Richie, Ryan, Shelagh, Thomas.

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

Angel, Dean, Jonathan, Michael, Robert.

### **We rejoice with those expecting a child, including:**

Arthur & Stephanie

### **We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week, including:**

Adam Rzepka (*August 30*),  
Jenna Garno, Michael Love (*September 3*),  
Kurt Lutz (*September 4*).

### **We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries this week, including:**

Robert & Denise Cusick (*August 31*),  
Matt & Kim Genung (*September 3*).

*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 today are given **to the Glory of God**  
and in beloved memory of **David. S. Jackson.**

### **Joining us in worship & fellowship on August 23, 2026**

8:00 am: 36

10:00 am: 120

**Monthly Parish Breakfast**  
**Sunday, September 13, 2026**  
**Beginning at 8:45 am**



**BREAKFAST TIME!**

Our first monthly parish breakfast of the season will be held  
**on Sunday, September 13 between services, beginning at 8:45 am.**

Plan to join us for this time of delicious food and fellowship.

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