

# CHRIST CHURCH

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

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**

Meditation on 'Foundation'

Brian Glyncannon

**\*Hymn in Procession #490** I want to walk as a child of the light

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*Throughout the summer months, we are holding a Summer Workshop Series in Holley Hall.*

*All children 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: 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. Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Congregation may please be seated.*

### The First Lesson

**Jeremiah 23:23-39**

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 82

*said responsively*

- 1    God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
     **he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:**
- 2    "How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
     **and show favor to the wicked?**

- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
    **defend the humble and needy;**
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
    **deliver them from the power of the wicked.**
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; \*  
    **all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  
    **and all of you children of the Most High;**
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
    **and fall like any prince."**
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
    **for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## **The Second Lesson**

**Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets~ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented~ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Reader*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Sequence Hymn #546**

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

*Siroë*

*Priest*

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 12:49-56**

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*Priest*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Chris Streeter

### 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 rejoice with those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. Fill them with light and love, and make them a blessing to those around them.  
**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, especially Susan and James, but see no longer. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord. Make your light to shine upon them and grant them peace.  
**God of love, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

### **The Confession of Sin & Absolution**

*Celebrant*        Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*A period of silence is kept, ended by the Celebrant.*

**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

The Rev. Chris Streeter

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## \*Offertory Anthem

Be Thou My Vision  
Mark Hoyer, *baritone*

*arr. Sally DeFord*

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, both by day and by night,  
In waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise  
Be thou mine inheritance, now and always  
Thou and thou only the first in my heart  
Oh high King of heaven, my treasure thou art*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord  
Be thou my soul's shelter, Be thou my high tow'r  
Oh raise thou me heavenward, Great Pow'r of my power*

*High King of heaven, my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joy, Oh heaven's Son!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be thou my vision, oh ruler of all*

## The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

*Hymnal #380, vs 3*



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 and Benedictus

*8 am: spoken; 10 am: sung*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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:

*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 for ever.

*People*            **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:** My Faith Looks Up to Thee Cindy Berry

**\*Communion Solo** The Call Ralph Vaughan Williams  
*The text can be found in Hymn #487*

**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 #366(vs 1-4)** Holy God, we praise thy name Grosser Gott

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

**\*The Voluntary** Canzona in F Domenico Zipoli

### **Serving in God's House Today**

**8:00 am**

Lector: Shari Hillard

L.E.M.: Mitch Hillard

Ushers: Mike Ragsdale

Altar Guild: Gail Orcheski

**10:00 am**

Crucifer: Adrianne Caggiano &

Josh Szelesta

Lectors: Geri Livengood, Lori Parks,

Tracy Zilmer

L.E.M.: Alex Zander

Ushers: George & Barbara Wink

### **Joining us in worship & fellowship on Aug 10, 2025**

8:00 am: 34

10:00 am: 86

### **Christ Church Prayer List**

**For those who are ill:** Fred, Jennifer, Gizelle, Carolyne, Madeline, Gloria, Lorraine, Mark, Phyllis, Michael, Antoinette, Albie, Jackie, Carole, Linda, Michael Patrick, Charlie, Derek, Guy, Ryan, Tricia, Lauren, Tony, Sam, Marie, Antonia, Michelle, Ronnie, Colleen, Frances, Jenna, Deena, Dale, Karen, Becky, Laura, Ed, Brenda, Alex, Daryl, Becky, Amy, Elaine, Judi, Jason, Angie, Sharon, Reid Family, Lou, Gabbie, Susan, Marlene, George, Ed, Trina, Barbara, Albert, Jane George, Daryl, Jane, Judi, Debbi, Jeffrey, Amy, Alyssa, Katie and Marie

**For those serving in the armed forces:** Dean, Michael, Jonathan and Angel.

**We rejoice with...** Beau Parker, Richard Anderson, Carol Lally, Georgeann VanSise, Colton Lawrence, Brad Hodgins and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week. Also with Norm & Agnes Beatty and Susan Polcer & Patrick Tummillio on their anniversaries.

*Please contact Karrie Miller in the church office to have names added or removed from our prayer list.*

*The Sanctuary Lamp is given in loving memory of James E. Halloran by Alex Zander*



During the summer we are offering **Sunday School Workshops** for our youngest friends, preschool through early elementary age. Older kids are invited to worship with their families or attend the workshops as teacher's helpers.

For more information, please connect with **The Rev. Jenny Streeter** at [sundayschool@christchurchnewton.org](mailto:sundayschool@christchurchnewton.org).

Thank you in advance for supporting our growing Christian Education Program!

### **A Summer Blessing**

May we make our homes places of relaxation,  
joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate,  
not thinking only about ourselves,  
but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things,  
guide our steps and strengthen our hearts  
during these months of summer and vacation days.

Grant us refreshment of mind and body.

May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference  
in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us  
as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.

Amen.



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