

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(PROPER 8)

CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

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**WELCOME! AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FROM YOUR HOME FOR TODAY'S SERVICE!**

**WHILE WE ARE NOT ABLE TO PHYSICALLY COME TOGETHER TODAY FOR WORSHIP, WE APPRECIATE YOUR SPIRITUAL PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS SERVICE.**

**WE THEREFORE INVITE YOU TO REPLICATE MANY OF THE SAME PRACTICES THAT YOU WOULD NORMALLY DO IN A SUNDAY WORSHIP. FOR EXAMPLE, WE INVITE YOU TO SPEND SOME TIME IN QUIET PRAYER TO PLACE YOURSELF BEFORE THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

**DURING THE SERVICE, WE INVITE YOU TO PERFORM THE SAME GESTURES THAT YOU WOULD NORMALLY DO IN CHURCH (SIGN OF THE CROSS, BOWING, ETC.).**

**ALSO, IN THOSE PLACES IN THE SERVICE WHERE THE PEOPLE WOULD NORMALLY SAY A PRAYER (SUCH AS, THE COLLECT OF WELCOMING) OR RESPONSE (SUCH AS, "AND ALSO WITH YOU"), PLEASE SAY IT ALOUD.**

**YOUR PHONE IS MUTED BUT OUR VOICES WILL RISE TOGETHER IN AFFIRMING OUR FAITH. THANK YOU.**

## **TODAY'S MINISTERS**

**CALL HOST:** Joanne Gwin

**PRIEST:** The Rev. Ryan Paetzold

**DEACON:** The Rev. Ted Foley

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Polly Moore

**ORGAN/PIANO:** Andrew Van Buskirk

**CHOIR PARTICIPANTS:** David Corbitt, John Columbus, John Jowett, Cathy O'Neill,  
Helene Phillips

**LECTOR:** Pam Quatse

**INTERCESSOR:** Suzanne Schleck

## PRELUDE

*Air from Water Music*

G F Handel

## OPENING HYMN

*The God of Abraham Praise*

Hymnal 401, vs. 1,2,4,5

1. *The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;  
the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:  
we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.*
2. *He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend,  
we shall, on eaglewings upborne, to heaven ascend:  
we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.*
4. *The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy," cry, "Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:  
eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee."*
5. *The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" they ever cry;  
hail, Abraham's Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise;  
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The people standing, as able, the Priest says*

*Priest* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

*Priest* 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

*The following is read by the Lector; said by all*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*All* 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**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Priest* Let us pray. Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The following is read by the Intercessor; said by all*

## **THE COLLECT OF WELCOMING**

*All* Almighty and gracious God, we are your church, serving your mission. Lead us forth beyond our walls to seek out all people in our community, to invite and love them as Jesus would. Empower us to welcome to Christ Church all who are hurting or in need, all who are searching for you or for answers to life. Open our eyes to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. Transform us all into disciples of Christ. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*The following is read by the Lector; said by all*

## **PRAYER FOR THE SELECTION OF A RECTOR**

*All* Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for Christ Church that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The people sit as the lessons are read.*

## **THE FIRST READING**

*Genesis 22:1-14*

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

The Word of the Lord.

*People* *Thanks be to God.*

*The following is read by the Deacon; said by all*

### **PSALM 13**

- 1 How long, O Lord? will you forget me for ever?  
how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,  
and grief in my heart, day after day?  
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God;  
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"  
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy;  
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
- 6 I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly;  
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

### **THE SECOND READING**

*Romans 6:12-23*

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Church in Rome.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand as able and face the Gospeler.*

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 10:40-42*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

*Deacon* Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*Please be seated.*

**REFLECTION**

The Rev. Ryan Paetzold

**HYMN**

*O Day of God, Draw Nigh*

Hymnal 601

*O Day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power;  
Come with thy timeless judgment now to match our present hour.*

*Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid,  
The quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.*

*Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure,  
And finely build for days to come foundations that endure.*

*Bring to our world of strife thy sovereign Word of peace,  
That war may haunt the Earth no more, and desolation cease.*

*O Day of God, draw nigh as at creation's birth;  
Let there be light again, and set thy judgments in the Earth.*

*All stand, as able, as the Priest says the following*

**THE NICENE CREED**

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.

\* "catholic" here means the universal Church across time and place

*The “people” is read by the Lector*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Deacon* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Leader* As our God continues to reveal his power in our lives, let us pray to God saying, God of love, hear our prayer.

God of power, may your Spirit give strength to all your people as they work and witness in your world. God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of peace, we pray for peace and goodwill among all nations, an ending to all strife and discord. We pray for all the leaders of the world. God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of mercy, we ask your mercy for all who are hungry, thirsty, homeless, oppressed, in prison, or in any kind of trouble. God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of Creation, we thank you for the abundance and beauty of our planet earth. Grant us the wisdom, ability, and will to care for its resources and creatures wisely. God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of grace, we give you thanks for the many blessings in our lives, for those blessings we now name..... And for all blessings. God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of Healing, we pray for those affected by natural and man-made disasters; for those who are sick and suffering; we pray for a quick end to this pandemic and for those with and exposed to the virus; for medical professionals, first responders, and emergency workers; for those who have lost their jobs or suffered financial loss; for those serving our country; for those listed on our parish prayer list especially Jim & Lynn Feely, John White, and for those we name at this time ..... God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Leader* God of life, we pray for those who have died from the COVID-19 virus, for those who died serving our country, for all who have died in the hope of rising again, especially Harold Lindsey and for those we name at this time ..... God of love,

*People* *Hear our prayer.*

*Priest* Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (BCP 826)

*The Priest may add a closing collect.*

**THE CONFESSION**    *The people kneel, as able.*

*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.

*Priest*     Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

*Please listen to the following prayer read by the Deacon*

**PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC**

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with all essential workers. Be with all emergency responders, law enforcement, and medical professionals who seek to help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of all people, particularly those who are poor and most vulnerable. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

*Adapted from prayer written by Kerry Weber, America Magazine*

*The following is read by the Priest; said by all*

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*\*We use the modern translation of Lord's Prayer because it is closer to the Greek original text; particularly for the verse, Save us from the time of trial"since God does not deliberately lead us into temptation.*



## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*The Priest invites the following prayer to be said by all:*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

*The ministries of Christ Church “thank you” for your continued giving during these times of uncertainty. Your generous donations and pledges keep Christ Church moving forward.*

*Please continue to mail to Christ Episcopal Church (415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753) or set up with your individual bank, a bill pay, to be directly submitted to Christ Church.*

*Please contact the Church Office via phone or email with any questions or concerns.*

## **CHRIST CHURCH’S ST. RAPHAEL & BELL CHOIR RECOGNITION**

*We thank our Directors, Organist, and Choir Members for their time and talent.*

*Music Director: Polly Moore*

*Organist: Andrew Van Buskirk,*

*St. Raphael Choir Members: Sue Autenrieth, Barbara Avallon, Nancy Ceccon, Brianna Ceccon, John Columbus, Dave Corbitt, Mickie Ferrandino Beverly Gentuso, Janet Grigg, Ellen Hansen, Elizabeth Hempen, John Jowett, Kathy Kilfara, Janet Maciel, Lucas Maciel, Gail Miller, Cathy O’Neill, Helene Phillips, Jane Rendueles, Caroline Saunders, Eileen Schilling, Barbara Sheridan, Elaine Vandenberg, Dick Whicker*

*Bell Choir Director: Claire Koerner*

*Bell Choir Members: Sue Autenrieth, Shanon Chant, Dale Chant, Jessie DeRiggi, Bill Doerge, Janet Maciel, Helene Phillips, Andrew VanBuskirk*

### **A PRAYER FOR OUR CHOIRS**

*Holy, Holy, Holy are You Lord; the whole earth is full of Your glory! Thank you for giving us voices to sing and hands to play, as we strive to worship in Your Holy Name. We pray that these choir ministries may overflow with Your glory and tell of Your everlasting kindness towards us. Father, we pray that no matter what we face, we will continue to worship You, as we lift our songs in praise to You. When people hear us sing and play, we pray that they will hear of Your glory and love. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please also read “Parish News” beginning on page 10 of this bulletin for additional information and news.*

## **THE BLESSING**

*The Priest blesses the people*

## CLOSING HYMN

*We All Are One in Mission*

Wonder, Love & Praise 778

1. *We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission compels us from above  
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.*
2. *We all are called for service as witness in God's name;  
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace  
So people of all nations may feel God's warm embrace.*
3. *We all behold one vision, a stark reality;  
The steward of salvation was nailed upon a tree.  
Yet resurrected Justice gives rise that we may share  
Free reconciliation and hope amid despair.*
4. *Now let us be united and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.  
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.*

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon dismisses the people*

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

## POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune*

Henry Purcell

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## PARISH NEWS

(Titles in Red indicate a New or Updated Item)

**THANK YOU! FR. RYAN FOR BEING TODAY'S PRIEST.** “Rev. Paetzold is a passionate social justice advocate and public theologian who has been a featured speaker at multiple events on issues of healthcare and immigration justice. Rev. Ryan Paetzold lives in Marlton, NJ with his art-educator wife, Katie, and 2 year old son, Asher; their rather feisty, yet adorable cockatoo, Peach; as well as two very energetic Pomsky puppy sisters - Yuki and Nutmeg. Rev. Paetzold has led two nonprofit organizations, and has been a featured speaker at multiple events on social issues, including events on healthcare and immigration justice. He is pleased to be worshiping virtually with Christ Church this morning.”



**STRESS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP:** The third and final available session, originally scheduled for June 30, has been cancelled.

**ANOTHER WAY TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE:** What is your understanding of God's parting the Red Sea into walls of water for the Hebrews to cross on dry land? Was it a divine act? Are you intrigued by the naturalistic explanation that a great wind created a storm surge that left a passageway? Do you think these are the only options to choose from? Or is there another way to understand the Bible and its message about God's relationship with us? Let's get together and read Marcus Borg's book *Convictions* to explore his ideas on another way to realize the truth that is Christianity. Donna Devlin will moderate the discussion. We will be "meeting" via Zoom every other week on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, starting June 30th. If you are interested or have questions, contact Mary Lou Steed for more information: [marylousteed@yahoo.com](mailto:marylousteed@yahoo.com) or 732-408-5837 or 732-848- 9222.

**RE-OPENING CHRIST CHURCH BUILDING:** Please know that your Wardens, Vestry, Clergy and Staff are prayerfully working together to discuss and address the requirements provided to us by the RRR Task Force in order to safely Re-Open our Church doors. There are many important steps to accomplish, one being a Questionnaire Survey for the Parish to complete. Your completion of this Survey will be added guidance as we discuss when it is most safe and appropriate to Re-Open our building. Please be on the "look out" for this emailed (snail mailed to those who have not provided an email address) Survey this coming week. We appreciate your time to complete it. Please know that virtual / "stay at home" options to attend services will remain in place even after the building reopens and future in-person services resume.

**THE COVID-19 REENTERING, REOPENING, REIMAGINING (RRR) TASK FORCE** presented its preliminary report on June 4 to Clergy and Staff of the Diocese of New Jersey.

The Rev. Canon Valerie Balling, St. Peter's Medford, is chair of the Task Force. She told the meetings that the Task Force developed a report and recommendations for congregations to reenter their church buildings and reopen them for public worship and gatherings.

Congregations are urged to use this document to develop THEIR PLAN for reentering and reopening for their context, which may require some reimagining in order to offer their ministry as desired.

A questionnaire must be submitted to the Diocese and approved by the RRR Task Force and the Bishop's Office before a congregation can reopen to the public.

Reopening will be done in stages, with continued physical distancing requirements and cleaning and sanitation requirements to ensure safety. The Bishop will say what "Stage" the Diocese is in. No congregation may be in a later Stage; some congregations may be in an earlier Stage depending on local context. *(from NJ Diocesan Good News in the Garden State dated 6/5)*

A second group--the Learnings and Breakthroughs Task Force--has been formed to look at the lessons we've learned during this crisis and how we can keep the good parts happening. We've been amazed at the level of community we've been able to build online, bringing Christ's word to people who haven't been in church in years. We don't want to lose those aspects when we return to "normal."

**COVID-19 DISCRETIONARY FUND:** While everyone's life has been impacted by the coronavirus, we have become aware of several people in our parish who have already lost their jobs and income and are in dire need of emergency assistance. Also, as this disaster continues, we expect that more jobs will be affected. For this reason we are setting up a Coronavirus Discretionary Fund. This fund will provide emergency assistance to people affected by this disaster. If you are in need of emergency assistance, please contact one of the clergy (Mother Petrina, Deacon Jose, or Deacon Ted). If you are able to contribute to this fund, please send a check to Christ Church (415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753) with "Coronavirus Fund" in the memo. A restricted account has been established specifically for this purpose. May God bless us all. We will get through this together. \*\* As of June 23, the COVID-19 Fund balance stands at: Contributions: \$22,655.50; Disbursements: \$6,866.80

**PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW YOU ARE DOING** — We want to hear from you! And know that you are doing "ok" amongst this pandemic. Please leave us a Voicemail or send us an Email!

**FOOD PANTRY:** Thank you for all of your donations Christ Church! The FOOD PANTRY is very well stocked. **Please share and encourage any individual or Family in desperate need of food to visit us on Tuesdays from 9:30am-12pm.**

**WEEKLY FINANCES:** During the year 2020, we have budgeted \$5,635 to come from pledges and loose offerings each week. For the week ending June 19, we received \$4,204 in pledges. (There were no loose offerings due to there not being any services in church.)

**MONDAY EVENING VIRTUAL "COFFEE HOUR" FROM 7-8PM**

Join this Zoom Meeting Here! <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/94333201452> OR

Dial by Phone (audio participation only): **1 646 558 8656**

And then enter the Meeting ID: **943 3320 1452**

For those not familiar with ZOOM, it is a video chat room/meeting space. If you have a phone or computer with video/camera functions, you will be able to join in and SEE the faces of your Church Family as well as show us your face. If you are not interested in being visible, having your video off is an option.

If you do not have or are not comfortable using a computer or internet, you can still participate by calling in on your phone. You will still be able to listen and speak to everyone else participating (but you will not have a visual). We look forward to "seeing" your faces in these virtual Coffee Hours as we take this opportunity to say "Hello!" and "How are you?" If you need any help, please let me know!

**JOIN US IN DAILY PRAYER AT 8:00PM:** Pray, wherever you may be ...at home, at work, in the car...let us pray together for a resolution and end to the COVID-19 pandemic...let us pray for health care workers, first responders, law enforcement and all essential workers... let us pray for our federal and state government officials ... let us pray for those that are sick and those that have died from the virus...let us pray for the families of the victims of the virus and all those who are poor and more vulnerable to the virus...let us pray for New Jersey, the United States of America and the World. There is no right, wrong or specific way one should pray ... pray the "Our Father", the "Prayer in Time of Pandemic" from our Sunday bulletins, or pray using words expressing how your heart feels.

**BIRTHDAY CLUB:** We all have one day of the year that is just for us; it's our birthday. We may celebrate in grand style with family and friends singing that special song, eating cake and GETTING gifts; or we may choose to celebrate in a quiet fashion. However you choose to celebrate, it is YOUR special day. The Endowment and Stewardship Committees have come up with another way to celebrate this day. How about GIVING a gift that will KEEP ON GIVING? Each year on your birthday, we are inviting you to join the Birthday Club by writing a check in the amount of your age to Christ Church, which will be deposited into the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is invested with the diocese. By giving to this fund on your birthday, you will be contributing to the day-to-day life of the parish as well as the future of Christ Church. It is truly a gift that will keep on giving! How can you donate? Simply write out a check for the amount of your age, put Birthday Club in the memo and put it in the offering plate, mail it or drop it off to the office mailbox. So that we can all watch our gifts grow, we will update you on what we have received. We look forward to celebrating each of your birthdays! **The current total for the month of JUNE is \$212 (3 birthdays & 1 Anniversary)!**

**JEWELRY REQUESTED:** While many of us are spending more hours at home these days, now is a good time to look through that jewelry for any you would like to donate to the Women of Christ Church (WCC). The WCC are interested in all kinds of jewelry, including costume, tarnished and broken. Please set these items aside until the church doors reopen and it is again safe for you to visit the building. There will be a collection bin labeled "jewelry" on top of the mailboxes. Thank you!

**JOIN US FOR “SERVICE” FROM THE SAFETY OF YOUR HOME!** During this time of “public service suspension” through at least the month of May, your Clergy and Staff are providing multiple times a week live and recorded services via phone and email. The current weekly schedule of live services via phone are:

**Sundays, 9:45am — Wednesdays, 10:00am — Fridays, 7:00am**

We plan to have many of the services recorded and then posted on our website [www.christchurchtomsriver.org](http://www.christchurchtomsriver.org) for access at your convenience. To listen to the live service please: Dial: 712-770-5505 and Enter Access Code: 189853# If you have any difficulty, please email or call the church office (leave a voicemail).

**CONTRIBUTIONS & PLEDGES DURING COVID 19:** Our pews will be empty for the next several weeks, that also means our collection plate is empty. We are asking if you would please continue to send in your pledges even though our weekly worship services have been suspended. Although most of life as we know it has come to a halt, the bills continue to come in and need to be paid. You can help us keep our bills current by keeping your pledge up to date. You can do this by mailing a check to the office (415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753), or you can set up online bill pay through your bank (see your bank for details). Please consider doing this, so that once we are back in church, we can continue moving forward without the worry of how we are going to “catch up”. Thank you!

**IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU, WOULD WE KNOW ABOUT IT?** Do the people who care about you know to notify the church right away in case of your hospitalization, or an accident, or an extended illness, etc.? Please give them the church's contact information with clear instructions to contact us right away. We hope to be praying for you during any incidents rather than after the fact. Thank you!!

**THE CHURCH OFFICE IS RECEIVING VOICEMAILS, EMAILS & MAIL:** If you need to reach us for any reason, please 1) Call the church office at 732-349-5506 and leave a voicemail. Voicemails are being immediately received offsite and we are calling you back as soon as possible. Or 2) Email [NicoleStrada@ChristChurchTomsRiver.org](mailto:NicoleStrada@ChristChurchTomsRiver.org) and she will reply as soon as possible. We are also receiving our USPS mail.

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