

Christ Episcopal Church
Sparta, NC

A home to all sharing God's unconditional love.

THE *Fruit* OF THE *Spirit* IS
.....
LOVE, JOY, PEACE,
PATIENCE, KINDNESS,
GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS,
gentleness AND self-control.
GALATIANS 5:22-23

The Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 29, 2025

The Rt. Rev José McLoughlin
Bishop of Western North Carolina

The Rev Martha Honaker
Presider

Cliff Hudgins
Senior Warden

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

We are delighted God has brought you to this special place.

What do you need to know about worship? Everything you need for your worship today is in the booklet you are holding. Our service is based on the Book of Common Prayer, using music from sources including the Hymnal 1982 and Taizé.

Are you worshipping with us for the first time? We would love to get to know you! Please email our office at ccepisopal@skybest.com with your name and contact information, and let us know if we can call you, answer questions, or pray for you. And know that wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at Christ Church.

Newsletter: Sign-up today to receive our electronic newsletter, the weekly *Good News & Notes*. Email the church office at ccepisopal@skybest.com.

Do you need prayer? We have an active prayer ministry here at Christ Church. If prayer would be helpful to you, please fill out a prayer request card (found in the pew back), making sure you include your name and contact information (email and/or phone). We'll include you in our weekly prayers. Just complete the card & put it in the offering plate during the Offertory or share your request with the greeter.

We extend special thanks today to:

The Rev Martha Honaker for leading us in worship this morning,
Laura Davis for serving as musician and for being so generous with her talents,
Patti Phelps for providing the beautiful flowers at the altar in honor of Frank's birthday, and
Louise Law for providing coffee hour refreshments today.

Please enter the Sanctuary in silence to respect those who are preparing for worship. Save conversations, whispered or out loud, for outside or Coffee Hour.

Please silence your cell phone, too.

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The Gathering

Prelude

Laura Davis

Announcements

Nancy Wilson

Please stand, as able.

Processional Hymn #429

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

Remain standing, as able.

Opening Acclamation

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

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

All 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: S280 (*sung by all*)



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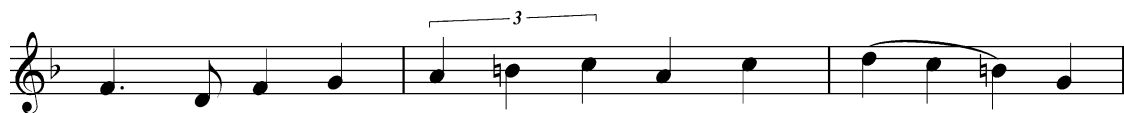
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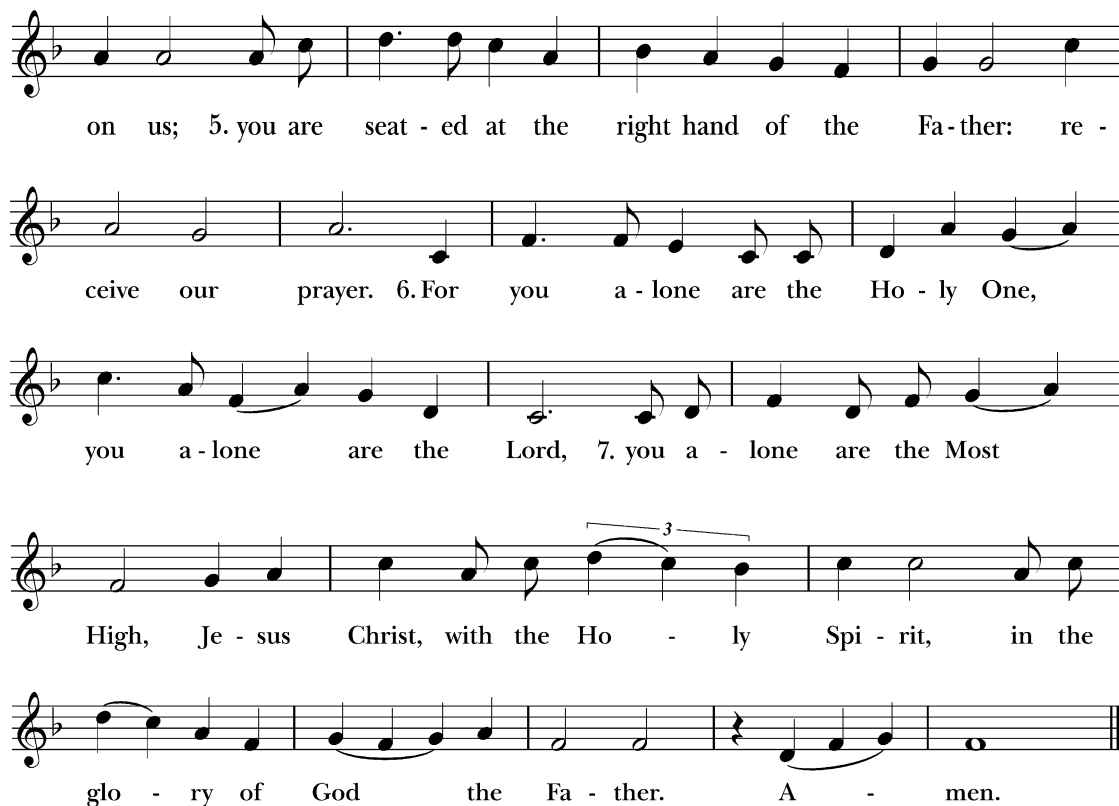
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take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



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The Collect

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.**

Please be seated.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21

The Lord said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the

oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *

**I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."**

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *

upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods *

shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, *

nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *

it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *

indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *

my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the LORD always before me; *

because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *

my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, *

nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; *

in your presence there is fullness of joy,

and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Second Reading

Galatians 5:1,13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able.

Gospel Hymn #518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Please remain standing, as able.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Luke 9:51-62

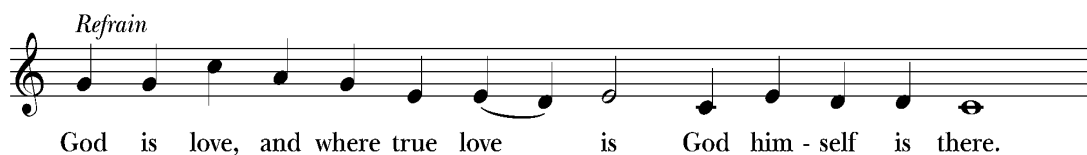
When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Refrain:



All are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev Martha Honaker

A time of silence following the sermon.

Please stand, as able.

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.

Please stand or kneel, as able.

Prayers of the People

Leader: We turn our faces to you in expectation and confidence that you will hear us when we pray, saying, Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We ask your prayers for the church universal; for true revival to bring us new ways to reach those who are wary of faith and to embrace those who find their way to us. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We ask your prayers for those who lead this nation and all nations, for those who lead in towns and communities around the world that compassion and service will overcome fear and hatred and that we might have peace and relationships among all people. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We ask your prayers for this assembly, that we might experience the living Christ and know, in our deepest selves, that we are loved and were created with purpose. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We ask you prayers for the natural world and all who labor to preserve and protect it for all future generations. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We ask your prayers for those who need healing of heart, healing of mind, and healing of body. Bless those we offer to you now... **Antje & Bill, Bob, Brenda & Kelly, Carl & Carol, Cathy Davis and her family, Charles & Christine, Donna & Mike, Elizabeth, Emily, Frank & Ann W, Gary, Isabel, Jonathan, Julia, Lucy, Lynn, Lynn & Ajit, Margaret, Mark, Marybeth & Ned, Mr. Whitley, PM, Rita & Angelia, Rod & Louise, Roger, Rudy, and Vanita.** *Please add your own petitions silently or aloud...* Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We ask your prayers for those who die alone and afraid; for those who die unexpectedly and tragically; for those who die surrounded by their families and full of faith. Bring all those beloved into your light perpetual. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Presider: We offer all these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, our comforter, guide, and mediator. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Enriching Our Worship 1, pg. 56

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

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. **Amen.**

Presider 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 stand, as able.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in a way that is comfortable as a sign of our participation in Christ's reconciling work in the world.

Please be seated.

Offertory Music

Laura Davis

Please stand, as able.

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Please remain standing, as able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 367

Presider The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
 Lift up your hearts.
 We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord and in fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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: (sung by all)

Land of Rest tune



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, Heav'n 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!

Remain standing or kneel for prayer of consecration.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

The Lord's Prayer

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

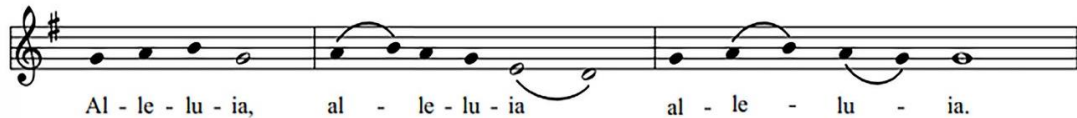
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction: *(sung by all)*

Proulx Alleluia



Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.

If you are gluten allergic, please ask for a rice wafer at the distribution.

Please be seated.

Communion Music

Laura Davis

Surely the Presence of the Lord

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace,
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

Please stand or kneel, as able.

Prayer after Communion

EOW1

Presider Let us pray,

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Rev Martha Honaker

Please stand, as able.

Recessional Hymn #291

We plow the fields

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Laura Davis

Coming Lessons

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalms 66:1-8

Galatians 6:1-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The following people are assisting with the services

Role	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Altar Guild	Marybeth Lentz	Doris King
Crucifer	Elizabeth Barr Bryant	Patti Phelps
Lector I	Patti Phelps	Barbara Halsey
Lector II	Patti Phelps	Barbara Halsey
Prayers of the People	Patti Phelps	Barbara Halsey
Sanctus Bell	Elizabeth Barr Bryant	Patti Phelps
Greeter(s)/Usher(s)	Barbara Halsey	Jann Boggs/Les Colvard

Prayer List

Intercessions:

Antje & Bill, Bob Bamburg, Brenda & Kelly Weems, Carl & Carol Greer, Cathy Davis (Rev Dr) & her family, Charles & Christine McKelvy, Donna & Mike Hohnstine, Elizabeth (Rev Martha's friend), Emily Buck, Frank & Ann W, Gary Medley, Isabel Tomé, Jonathan, Julia (Allan's cousin), Lucy, Lynn Ellis, Lynn & Ajit, Margaret, Mark, Marybeth & Ned Lentz, Mr. Whitley, PM, Rita Woodruff & Angelia Miller, Rod Pace & Louise Law, Roger, Rudy McKnight, and Vanita (Ruthie's sister). And we pray for Christ Church, its leaders & ministry teams.

Departed:

Birthdays: Nancy Wilson (July 4)

Wedding Anniversaries & Thanksgivings:

Schedule

Sunday, June 29 – The Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Martha Honaker

Coffee hour follows the service

Tuesday, July 1

1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group

2:00 pm – Book Discussion group

Sunday, July 6 – The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev George Greer

Coffee hour follows the service

Monday, July 7 – The Office will be closed in observance of the July 4th holiday

Tuesday, July 8

1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group

2:00 pm – Book Discussion group

Wednesday, July 9

10:00 am – Yoga with Julie in the Parish Hall

Sunday, July 13 – The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Dr Katherine Shaner

Coffee hour follows the service

Monday, July 14

10:00 am – Vestry meeting

Tuesday, July 15

1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group

2:00 pm – Book Discussion group

Wednesday, July 16

10:00 am – Yoga with Julie in the Parish Hall

Announcements

Revised Ministry Teams are being introduced in the *Good News & Notes*.

The Vestry is thrilled to announce we have a new Priest-in-Charge, The Rev Karla Woggon who will start in August! You should have received a letter with details about this exciting news. If you haven't, please contact the office. It has been included in the *Good News & Notes* this week and last week, too. The Vestry will continue the search for a permanent part-time priest but are excited about having a steady pulpit presence among other things. If you have questions, please ask!

NEXT SUNDAY: First Sunday Donation Day benefits the **Solid Rock Food Closet** If you're donating cash or check, please make sure you write "food closet" or SRFC so we know that's where you want your gift to go. There are envelopes in each pew back that can be used if you want to give cash. We'll collect donations the first Sunday of the month and then send one check to the Solid Rock Food Closet, our local food closet.

We also welcome non-perishable food and personal care items. If you brought items, please put them in the red wagon located in our narthex.

NEW Yoga class with Julie will begin on Wednesday, July 9th at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. Classes will be held on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in July & August. If you haven't completed a form, please do asap so Julie will know what arrangements need to be made. Completed forms need to be put in the yellow file on the Office door. This class is open to both males & females and at whatever level you need.

The Spiritual Formation/Centering Prayer group continues to meet for prayer on Tuesdays at 1:00. Book Discussion begins at 2:00. We are using a workbook written by Carl Greer, PhD, Jungian psychologist. If you're interested in joining us, please talk to Patti Phelps so she can have materials available. If you are only interested in Centering Prayer, come at 1:00.

The prayer shawls & lap quilts, now located in the Community Resource Room downstairs, are available for you to give someone who needs our Christ Church love and support. *For more information, read the GNN.*

Monthly Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour sign-ups:

Date	Altar Flowers	Coffee Hour
June 29	Patti Phelps	Louise Law
July 6		Stella Daniel
July 13	Pat Bassett	Elizabeth Barr Bryant
July 20		Nancy Wilson