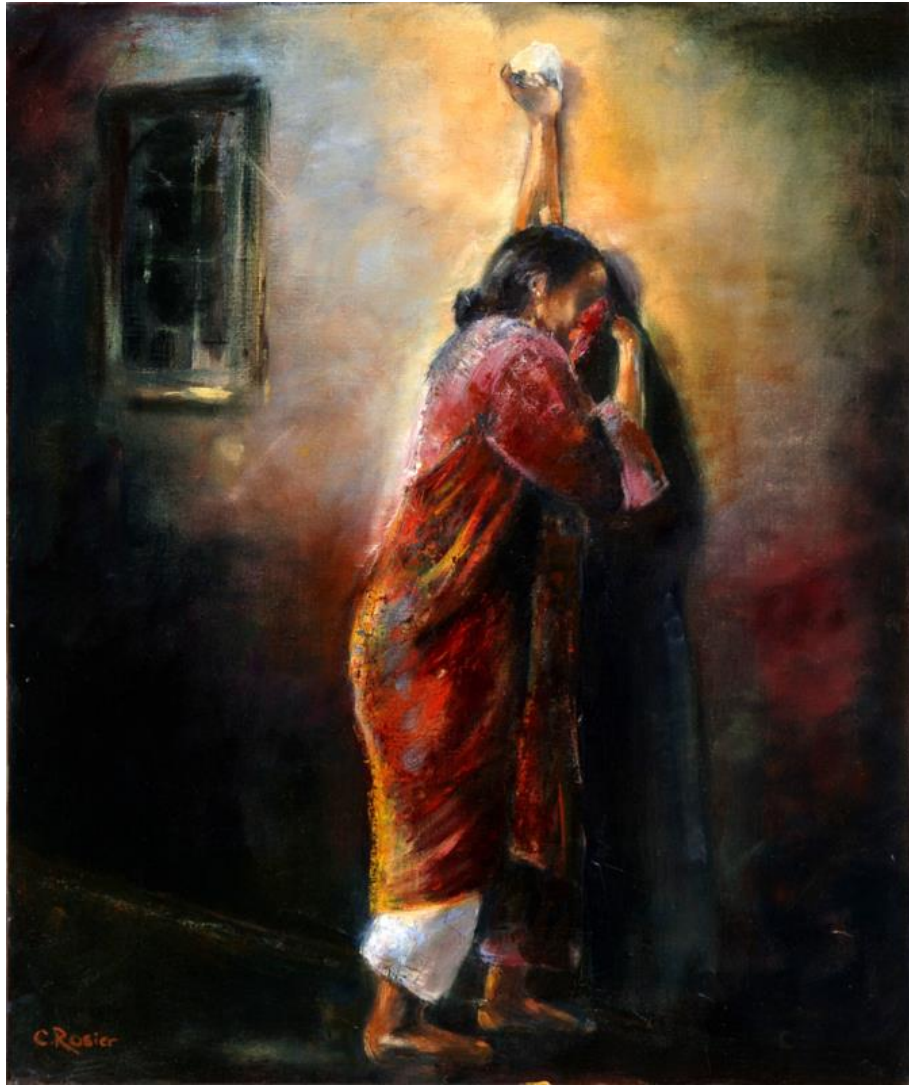


Christ Episcopal Church

Sparta, NC

A home to all sharing God's unconditional love.



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025

The Rt. Rev José McLoughlin
Bishop of Western North Carolina

The Rev Karla Woggon
Priest-in-Charge

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 christchurchspartanc@gmail.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 christchurchspartanc@gmail.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:

Victoria Fischer Faw for serving as musician and for being so generous with her talents,
Judy Ritchie for the beautiful flowers at the altar in loving memory of her son, Bill, and
Jane Franck for providing refreshments for coffee hour.

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

Victoria Fischer Faw

Announcements

Cliff Hudgins

Please stand, as able.

Processional Hymn #353, vss 1-2

Your love, O God

Remain standing, as able.

Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be God's 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*)



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



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

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray,

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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: Lamentations 1:1-6

How lonely sits the city

that once was full of people!

How like a widow she has become,

she that was great among the nations!

She that was a princess among the provinces

has become a vassal.

She weeps bitterly in the night,

with tears on her cheeks;

among all her lovers
 she has no one to comfort her;
 all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,
 they have become her enemies.
 Judah has gone into exile with suffering
 and hard servitude;
 she lives now among the nations,
 and finds no resting place;
 her pursuers have all overtaken her
 in the midst of her distress.
 The roads to Zion mourn,
 for no one comes to the festivals;
 all her gates are desolate,
 her priests groan;
 her young girls grieve,
 and her lot is bitter.
 Her foes have become the masters,
 her enemies prosper,
 because the LORD has made her suffer
 for the multitude of her transgressions;
 her children have gone away,
 captives before the foe.
 From daughter Zion has departed
 all her majesty.
 Her princes have become like stags
 that find no pasture;
 they fled without strength
 before the pursuer.
 Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 137

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, *
 when we remembered you, O Zion.
 As for our harps, we hung them up *
 on the trees in the midst of that land.
 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,
 and our oppressors called for mirth: *
 "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
 How shall we sing the LORD'S song *
 upon an alien soil.

If I forget you, O Jerusalem, *
let my right hand forget its skill.
 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth
 if I do not remember you, *
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.
 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD,
 against the people of Edom, *
**who said, “Down with it! Down with it!
 even to the ground!”**
 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, *
**happy the one who pays you back
 for what you have done to us!**
 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, *
and dashes them against the rock!

The Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as able.

Gospel Hymn #416, vss 1-3

For the beauty of the earth
{sung to the tune of hymn #288}

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 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Hymn #416, vss 4-6

For the beauty of the earth

All are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev Karla Woggon

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 (*Congregation sings response: Lord in your mercy hear our prayer*)

You are above us O God, You are beneath.
You are in air, You are in Earth.
You are beside us, You are within.
O God, you are in the betrayed and suffering people of our world,
Just as you were in the broken body of Jesus.
We offer now all our concerns as we gather at your table.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For God's holy church, that it may be a community
of faithful transformation where the Holy Spirit
calls forth boldness and passion.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all who share leadership in God's church,
and for those who long to live Jesus' way
of compassion and liberating discipline of the Spirit.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all who seek to follow God
in accordance with their true gifts,
that this may unite us together
to honor the belovedness of each person.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those who are in the dry places of their lives
that God's living water may nourish and baptize them.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world
that a spirit of courageous compassion and
interconnectedness may move humanity beyond war.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For a blessing upon God's earth
that respect for and understanding of its
complex and fragile nature will fill human beings
with the desire to preserve and protect it.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the dignity of all human labor
that the world may be freed
from the evils of the domination system and
the gap between the rich and the poor
may be lessened as we are called to
stand in solidarity with the marginalized.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for everyone whose body aches,
whose heart is weary and frightened,
whose mind is confused or clouded or cast down.
Send us your Spirit to fill them with healing
and give us all your Grace to make us instruments of your Peace.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for ourselves, for the Grace we need in our lives.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the needs of others.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We offer our prayers of thanksgiving.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

BCP, pg 360

Presider 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.

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.

Presider Walk in love as Christ loves us and gave himself as an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Music

Victoria Fischer Faw

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

Eucharist Prayer B, BCP

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

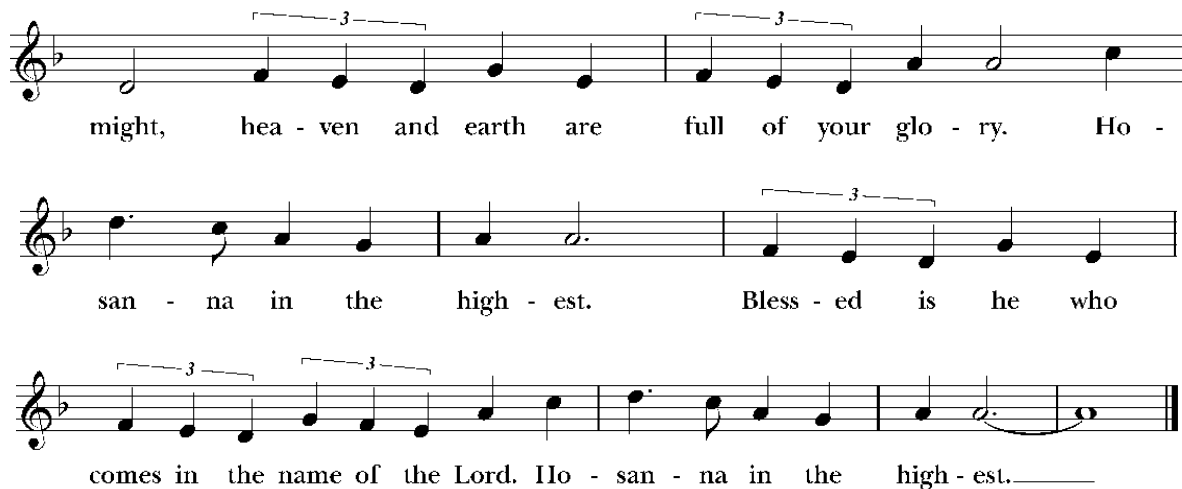
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Because in the giving of two people to each other in faithful love you reveal the joy and abundant life you share with your Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. 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: 129 *(sung by all)*





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Please stand or kneel, as able.

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: S154 (sung by all)

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The Invitation to Holy Communion

Please be seated.

Communion Music

Victoria Fischer Faw

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.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray,

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

Presider Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand, as able.

Recessional Hymn #636

How firm a foundation

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Victoria Fischer Faw

Coming Lessons

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalm 66:1-11

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

The following people are assisting with the services

Role	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Altar Guild	Jeanne Green	Jeanne Green
Crucifer	Bruce Smith	Nancy Wilson
Lector I	Jann Boggs	Patti Phelps
Lector II	Jann Boggs	Patti Phelps
Prayers of the People	Jann Boggs	Patti Phelps
Sanctus Bell	Bruce Smith	Nancy Wilson
Greeter(s)/Usher(s)	Patti Phelps & Ruthie Maxwell	Jann Boggs & Les Colvard

Prayer List

Intercessions:

Antje & Bill, Bob & Ruth Bamberg, Brenda & Kelly Weems, Carl & Carol Greer, Charles & Christine McKelvy, Chuck & Sally Besaw, David & Mary Lee Joines and family, Deborah, Diane & John, Donna & Mike Hohnstine, Dottie Maddock, Emily Buck, Frank & Ann W, Isabel Tomé, Jean Callison, Jessalyn & family, Jill Hardee, Jonathan, Lucy, Lynn Ellis, Lynn & Ajit, Maeleigh & Keel, Margaret, Maria Chance, Martha A, Marybeth & Ned Lentz, Mike Tanner (The Rev), Rita Woodruff & Angelia Miller, Rod Pace & Louise Law, Rudy McKnight, Sandra, Terry & Bess, and Vanita (Ruthie's sister). And we pray for Christ Church, its leaders & ministry teams.

Departed: Richard Joines (Sept 27)

Birthdays:

Wedding Anniversaries & Thanksgivings:

Our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Bishop, José, and our Priest-in-Charge, The Rev Karla Woggon

In the Anglican Community: Anglican Church of Tanzania

In the Diocese of WNC: on this World Communion Sunday, we pray for all our Ecumenical relationships

In Alleghany County: Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

Schedule

Sunday, October 5 – The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Karla Woggon

Coffee hour follows the service

2:00 pm – Blessing of the Animals service

Tuesday, October 7

1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group

2:00 pm – Book Discussion group, *Falling Upward*

Wednesday, October 8 – No class today; next class is on Wed, Oct 15

~~9:30 am – Yoga with Julie in the Parish Hall~~

Sunday, October 12 – The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Karla Woggon

Coffee hour follows the service/**Rebecca Gaskin presentation**

Monday, October 13

10:00 am – Vestry meeting

Announcements

TODAY: Blessing of the Animals service today, Sunday, October 5th at 2:00 pm This service is held outside and is open to the community. So, bring your own 4-legged friend or reptile, make sure they're in a crate or on a leash, and invite your neighbors to join us for this special service. *If you have any questions, please ask Karla after the service.*

TODAY: 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.

DATE CHANGE: Rebecca Gaskin will be sharing her experience living in and working in a community in Abu Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates **NEXT Sunday, Oct 12th** during coffee hour. *For more information, read the Good News & Notes.*

Office hours have changed back! The Office will be open 8:00 am – 1:00 pm, Monday-Thursday. You *will* see Mary Lee in the office on Sundays sometimes because that’s a good day to get a few things done.

NEW Christ Church email address is: christchurchspartanc@gmail.com.

NEW Priest email address for Karla is: priest.christchurchspartanc@gmail.com.

Karla would love to get to know everyone! If you’d like to meet for coffee or lunch, meet in her office, or meet at your home, call her at 828.638.0533. She’ll reach out on Sunday or Monday to schedule.

Yoga class with Julie meets on Wednesday mornings thru November Classes are now held on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am. Please note the time change! *For more information, read the Good News & Notes.* No class this week. Next class on Oct 15th.

The Christian Formation/Centering Prayer group continues to meet for prayer on Tuesdays at 1:00. Book Discussion begins at 2:00. The book discussion group is currently reading, Richard Rohr’s *Falling Upward*. If you’re interested in taking part, let Patti Phelps know so she can order you a book. All are invited to attend one or both groups!

The prayer shawls & lap quilts, relocated again to the narthex under the table, 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
Oct 5	Judy Ritchie	Jane Franck
Oct 12	Jeanne Green	Sara Brown Davis
Oct 19	Louise Law & Rod Pace	Rebecca & Arnold Gain
Oct 26	Ann & Frank Hazard	Louise Law

If you would like a copy of today’s sermon, please ask Karla or Mary Lee and they’ll make a copy for you.