Welcome to your Spiritual Home! We invite you to prepare for worship wherever you are, just as you would at Church: with a few moments of prayer, quiet, and meditation before we begin.

Special greetings to our Visitors! We want your experience to be as enjoyable as possible. If you have questions, please visit our website, or contact us at visitor@christchurchcharlotte.org.

This bulletin is designed for use with the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Text in bold italics is read aloud or sung by the congregation. Text in regular italics provides directions or details.

Prelude, Benedictus Op. 59, no. 9 Jerrick Cavagnaro

Welcome and Announcements The Reverend Connor Gwin

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation, BCP 355 The Reverend Connor Gwin

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

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

The Collect of the Day, BCP 232

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Exodus 3:1-15 Dina Khentigan

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name? what shall I say to them?’ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.
Opening Hymn 648, When Israel was in Egypt’s land

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt’s land, let my peo-ple go;
2 The Lord told Mo-ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;
3 They jour-neyed on at his com-mand, let my peo-ple go;
4 Oh, let us all from bond-age flee, let my peo-ple go;

op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo-ple go.
to lead the chil-dren of Is-rael through, let my peo-ple go.
and came at length to Ca-naan’s land, let my peo-ple go.
and let us all in Christ be free, let my peo-ple go.

Refrain
Go down, Mo-ses, way down in E - gypt’s land;

tell old Pha-raoh to let my peo-ple go.

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The Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

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

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Sermon

The Reverend Chip Edens

The Apostles' Creed (standing), BCP 120

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Ordinary Time Prayers of the People

The Piekutowski Family

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Almighty God, grant that all who confess your Name may live together in love and serve as channels of your grace and glory.

People: God of grace and mercy, Hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide the people of this land and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

People: God of grace and mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: In a world with terror and violence, help us to acknowledge our fears, pray for our enemies, and avoid responses of revenge and violence. Make us instruments of peace, generosity, and kindness towards those we love and those who differ from us.

People: God of grace and mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Protect and defend all those in any kind of danger. Give courage and hope to the poor, the oppressed, those in prison, and all who care for them.

People: God of grace and mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Help us to see and rejoice in the mystery and wonder of all creation. Fill our hearts with thanksgiving for the blessings that surround us.

People: God of grace and mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: May your kingdom come on earth as in heaven and all your children live in peace.

People: God of grace and mercy, hear our prayer.

Parish intercessions are offered.

The Celebrant says a concluding collect.

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ’s body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Confession of Sin and Absolution, BCP 360

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 priest stands and says:

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.

The Peace, BCP 360

The Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory

Offertory Anthem, Meet me Here

Meet me here
Won’t you meet me here
Where the old fence ends and the horizon begins
There’s a balm in the silence
Like an understanding air
Where the old fence ends and the horizon begins
We’ve been walking through the darkness
On this long, hard climb
Carried ancestral sorrow
For too long a time
Will you lay down your burden
Lay it down, come with me
It will never be forgotten
Held in love, so tenderly

Meet me here
Won’t you meet me here
Where the old fence ends and the horizon begins
There’s a joy in the singing
Like an understanding air
Where the fence ends and the horizon begins
Then we’ll come to the mountain
We’ll go bounding to see
That great circle of dancing
And we’ll dance endlessly
And we’ll dance with all the children
Who’ve been lost along the way
We will welcome each other
Coming home, this glorious day

We are home in the mountain
And we’ll gently understand
That we’ve been friends forever
That we’ve never been alone
We’ll sing on through any darkness
And our Song will be our sight
We can learn to offer praise again
Coming home to the light . . .

The Lord’s Prayer, BCP 364

As our Savior has taught us, we now pray:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal, BCP 366

The priest says a dismissal.

People: Thanks be to God.
1. Gracious Spirit, give your servants joy to set sin's captives free, hope to heal the broken-hearted, peace to share love's liberty. Through us bring your balm of gladness to the wounded and oppressed; help us claim and show God's favor as a people called and blessed.

2. Word made flesh, who gave up glory to become our great high priest, taking on our human nature to redeem the last and least: let your courage and come turn ing chaos into grace: when we feel confused and passion shape and guide our ministries; as our Savior fruit less, dawn upon our restless night; secure faith's immorality that our wills and yours unite; through us may the agnation, hope's renewing, love's delight.

3. Loving God, who birthed creation from the nothing-ness of space, kindling life where all was empty, unbegun, boundless grace and perfect justice, righteous and forgiving One: so enfold us in your world behold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

4. Triune God, eternal Being, never ending,
Postlude

Intercessions

The Church – Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sam and Anne, our Bishops; Methia, Bishop of Botswana; Orlando, Bishop of Costa Rica; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the United Church of South India.

People of Other Religions – Prayers for the people of all world religions, that we might share a spirit of respect, understanding and cooperation for the welfare and peace of the world.

Leaders of All Nations – Donald, our President; Roy, our Governor; Vi, our Mayor; the Congress, the Courts, and all in authority.

Those in Harm’s Way – U.S. Military, especially Ray Workman; Bobby Shelley, fighting wild fires in Colorado; First Responders; for those affected by natural disasters, acts of violence and the coronavirus.

Our Community Partners in Mission and Outreach – especially Equal Justice Initiative.

The sick in body, mind, or spirit – Mary Criswell, Van Hanna, Rich Rogers, Jan Stedman, Jean Coffron, Parker Mansson, Benjamin Poole, Joe Lawton, Hilary Hamilton, Gray Austin, Syble Carson, Lane Williams, Lee Williams, Eric Sheridan, Joe Motto, Arthur Middleton, Philip Hammond, Reuben Hufham, Johnsie Canny, Wally Brown, Bill Patterson, Lillie Cowan, and Peter Schreiner.

For those who long to have children and for the expectant mothers in our parish – Kendra McAdams, Caroline McKim, Lindsay Leary, Emily French, Patricia Tomsc, Allison Niekras, Lindsey Williams, Alicia Smart, Haley McGahey, Mary Jordan, Lucy Butler, Mead Osborn Sissman, Meghan Tcherkezian, Lindsey Williams, Laura McGirt, Meggie Horne, Annie Ninemire, Marianna Steele, Emily Adair, Julia Gray Farber, Bella Anderson, Molly Nielsen and Anette Hufham.


Marriage – Mary Salem Gregory and Alan Michael Paramore, Margaret McCrory Armistead and Robert Edward Shelley.

LOVE GOD

Queen City Theology - Join us tonight at 6:00 PM for an online discussion with local clergy about living life in the Spirit and in our community. Rooted in tradition, led by the Spirit, and called to action. In addition to discussion, there will be music and prayer. This will be pre-recorded and broadcasted on Facebook @ChristChurchCharlotte and our website.

Sunday In-Person Worship Outdoors! In addition to our online live-streamed worship on Sundays, we are now offering five 30-minute services of Eucharist (bread only): two at 8:45 AM, two at 11:15 AM, and one at 5:00 PM. Registration is required, with a 20-person limit. Participants will need to agree to a self-check heath screening at home. When on campus, appropriate social distancing and mask-wearing will be required, including during the service. Participants will bring their own chair or blanket, mask, and hand sanitizer. Registration will open each week for those who have not attended previously on Tuesdays at 11:15 AM and to all others on Thursdays at 9:00 AM, and will close on Thursdays at 12 Noon. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/worship/outdoorworship for details and sign-up links.

CCWBS October – Study of the Book of Ruth - Women of all ages are invited to study, learn, and grow together as we study the Book of Ruth. The class will begin with a lecture followed by small groups discussions led by The Reverend Lisa Saunders, The Reverend Joan Kilian, and Grace Fogg. This class will be held from 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM on Thursdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (five weeks) via Zoom. Registration can be found at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/bible/

All Adults Sacred Ground Group - This class will begin October 22 via Zoom, and will meet for 10 sessions, every other Thursday, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. You are invited to walk through chapters of America’s history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. Space is limited and registration is required at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/sacred-ground/.

Young Adult Women’s Sacred Ground Group - This class will begin September 30 via Zoom, and will meet for 10 sessions, every other Wednesday, 7:15 - 8:45 PM. Small groups will walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. Space is limited. Please register at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/youngadults.

The Space Between Us - You are invited to a three-day experience that will transform the way you communicate at home, at work, and in the world. Classes meet 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM, via Zoom, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Register now for one of these transformative workshops, held on October 13, 14, 15, OR November 10, 11, 12. Register at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/tsbu/.

WAYS TO GIVE

Your Generosity Makes a Difference
Our spiritual home will continue to be the church throughout this time of crisis. Your ongoing financial support is critical. Please consider giving to Christ Church during worship services or any time.

You may send a text to 704-741-7324 stating the amount you wish to give, or give online at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/offertory. We are grateful for your financial gifts.

Food to Go – Stock up on easy meals pre-ordered from our fabulous Chef Mary. Place your order by Monday at 4:30 PM; pick up and pay (credit card preferred) in the Church Circle on Thursday, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Menu and order form are posted at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/kitchen.

Fall Parish Day – On Sunday, September 13, we will worship together online at 8:45 AM to celebrate our parish, and we are excited to invite you to join our first-ever FALL PARISH DAY DRIVE-THRU PARADE! Register to drive through the Christ Church campus between 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon. There will be multiple stations with clergy and staff to greet you! As you drive through, you can wave at and air-hug the Children, Family, & Youth, as well as the Wellness staff, donate a snack item to The ROC with the Outreach staff, hear from the Music team, receive a memento from Parish Life, and participate in a special surprise with the Clergy! It’s going to be lots of fun and a great opportunity to say hello in person! Check out the details at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/parishday/.

Yoga for the Spirit on Sundays at 4:00 PM continues via Zoom so you can practice at home. All are welcome to this calming practice to unite body, mind and spirit, regardless of limitations. Email Joyce Cmiel at joycecmiel@aol.com for an invitation to the Zoom call.

Youth Connections (Grades 6 - 12) - We are offering devotions and fellowship for youth throughout the week. Follow the youth Instagram @ChristChurchCityYouth or contact Betsy Parkhurst at parkhurstb@christchurchcharlotte.org to get connected.

The GoodNews Shop offers remote shopping via social media, email (gns@christchurchcharlotte.org), or phone (704-372-5906), with curbside pickup and approvals. Check out our merchandise on Instagram @thegoodnewsshop, or call us to arrange a FaceTime from the Shop so you can browse! Special orders, monogramming, and gift wrap are available. We are open Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Youth Council Applications Now Available! Youth Council is a leadership opportunity for high school students to serve the Church community while deepening their relationship with God and each other. If your high school student (grades 9 - 12) is interested in becoming part of the 2020 - 2021 Youth Council, please complete the application at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/highschool. Deadline to submit the application is September 30. Contact Alice devriesa@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

CARE FOR EACH OTHER

A Liturgy for Grief and Hope for Families - We know that there have been changes and challenges over the course of this year that have caused us all to shift and pivot, resulting in feelings of loss and grief. Join The Reverend Connor Gwin with your family in a special liturgy to help process the loss that you’ve felt and to turn the page to hope for the future. The liturgy can be found at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/youth-families. Contact Betsy Parkhurst at parkhurstb@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.
Dinners on the Lawn - Have you missed the Christ Church community? WE HAVE MISSED YOU! We have begun planning for small groups (10 - 12 people) to gather for an outdoor meal. This will be a wonderful way to get to know some others and feel more connected to your parish family. If you are interested in being a part of this fun new adventure, contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6974.

Because We Care - We know that many people could use some help right now. If you need assistance, or if you can offer assistance, please email us at care@christchurchcharlotte.org and let us know what you need or how you can help.

Are You Receiving Christ Church Emails? We want to stay in touch with you during these uncertain times. If you are not receiving emails or you would like to update your contact information, please go to the Spiritual Home Update page or www.christchurchcharlotte.org/contactinfo to submit your contact information.

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SERVE THE WORLD

Healthy Snacks for The ROC - Help fuel the students at The ROC this year by donating any of the following snacks: granola bars, trail mix (individually wrapped), veggie chips (individually wrapped), Smart Pop popcorn (Individually wrapped), Mott's apple sauce cups (no sugar added), Dole fruit cups (100% fruit juice), fruit snacks (YUM Earth brand), Nature Valley protein bars. Donation bins will be on the porch at Christ Church starting August 24, Monday-Friday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, or you can bring your donation to Fall Parish Day on September 13. Contact Laura Konitzer at konitzerl@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions or for more information.

Creation Care Bingo - Need an excuse to get outside? Or a way to appreciate God's creation even when you can't get out? Two new Creation Care Bingo cards are available. Print them out and keep track of your progress. We also invite you to share the fun with friends and family across the city or across the country and see who can call "BINGO!" first. Print your cards out at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/outreach.

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Participate in the 2020 Census Did you know that federal dollars for hospitals, schools, road, and other local resources are allocated based on census data? So far, it is estimated that only about 67% of the population of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg region has responded to the 2020 census, and the timeframe for completing the survey has been reduced by a month. It only takes a few minutes and it is a very important way to advocate for our neighbors in need. Please help spread the word. Learn more at https://2020census.gov/en.html.

Election 2020 - If you want to enact change in your country and in your community, the best way to do so is by casting your vote as soon as you can. We encourage all eligible voters to register and make their plan to vote in the November election now. For voters who plan to vote by mail you should request your ballot now so that you can have plenty of time to receive and return it by going to vote.org. If you plan to vote in person, we strongly recommend that you vote early. North Carolina early voting period runs from Thursday, October 15 to Saturday, October 31.