

CHRIST CHURCH of Exeter



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The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 7, 2026
8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Welcome to Christ Church: If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out the welcome cards in the pews and hand it to a member of the clergy after the service. Books and resources for children are located on the table near the side left door. Although there are customary postures (such as standing and kneeling) in Episcopal worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.

The Holy Eucharist

[9:30 a.m. service]

Prelude

Trio in F Major

Johann Ludwig Krebs

Welcome

✠ *All stand, as they are able, as the clergy enter or the bell tolls.*

[9:30 a.m. service]

Processional Hymn 401

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider and People: **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.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

✠ *The people sit.*

The First Reading

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Reader A Reading from the Book of Hosea

Thus says the Lord: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two

days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you,

O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew
that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn
them by the prophets, I have killed them by

the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes
forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love
and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather
than burnt offerings.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:7-15 (*read responsively by verse*)

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

**8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.**

9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, *
nor he-goats out of your pens;

**10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, *
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.**

11 I know every bird in the sky, *
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

**12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, *
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?

**14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and make good your vows to the Most High.**

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; *
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."

The Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the

promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that

do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his

faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

✠ *The people stand as they are able.*

[9:30 a.m. service]

Sequence Hymn 493 vv. 1 & 5 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

The Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.” While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And

Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

✠ *The people sit.*

Sermon

The Rev. Mark Pendleton

✠ *A brief period of silence follows the sermon.*

The Nicene Creed *(said together)*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor:

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We remember those who have died.

Silence

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for peace throughout the world and an end to conflicts that impact so many human lives.
Peace in Ukraine, Lebanon, Sudan.

We pray for our companion parish in Cárdenas Cuba.

We pray for those in need of healing and strength: David, Diane, Sue, Steve

Silence

We remember those for whom you are praying, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Presider Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

✠ *The people greet one another in the name of the Lord. The Peace may be expressed by shaking hands, bowing, "fist or elbow bumps", namaste greeting, putting hand over heart, waving, making the peace sign, and by offering a smile.*

June Birthday Prayer:

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

[8:00 a.m. service at the Presentation of the Gifts]

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

✠ *The people stand for the hymn as they are able. The offering is brought forward.*

[9:30a.m. service]

Offertory Anthem

Lauda anima
Impromptu Choir

Mark Andrews

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet thy tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Father-like he tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame he knows; In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels in the height adore him! Yet behold him face to face; Saints triumphant bow before him! Gathered in from ev'ry race. Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

[9:30 a.m. service]

Offertory Hymn 567

Thine Arm, O Lord, in Days of Old

St. Matthew

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP pg. 361

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

[8:00 a.m.] *Presider and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

[9:30 a.m. service]

Wonder, Love, and Praise #859 - Holy, holy, holy Lord

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. *Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes various musical notations such as rests, eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes. There are two triplets marked with a '3' and an asterisk. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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✠ *The people kneel or stand as they are able.*

The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Presider then continues

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

People and Presider

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 Breaking of the Bread

⌘ *A period of silence is kept.*

[8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. service]

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Instructions Concerning Communion & Healing

You are invited to receive Holy Communion. Following the usher's instructions, we begin with those seated in the side sections, starting with the front pews. Please go to the back of the church and proceed down the center aisle. Return to your seat using the outside aisles of those sections. Those seated in the center sections, please come forward beginning with the front pews using the center aisle and return using the diagonal aisles.

Communion may be received kneeling or standing at the altar rails. The bread is received in the open palm. (Gluten-free wafers are available). You may drink from the cup, or place your hand on the base as a sign of devotion. Intinction, dipping the wafer into the wine, is also acceptable.

Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion can also be brought to you in the pews. Please communicate this request to an usher or the clergy. The Healing team is available to offer healing prayers at the side of the church. Please tell your healing minister if you have a specific prayer need and if you would like a laying on of hands, just prayers or both.

[9:30 a.m. service]

Communion Hymn 676

There is a Balm in Gilead

Balm in Gilead

Post-Communion Prayer

✠ *The people kneel or stand as they are able.*

Presider and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

[9:30 a.m. service]

Recessional Hymn 709

O God of Bethel, By Whose Hand

Dundee

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

[9:30 a.m. service]

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in B Flat Major ("Little")

J. S. Bach

*The worship is over * The service begins*

Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Presider: The Rev. Nicole Benevenia

Preacher: The Rev. Mark Pendleton

Organist: Adam Peithmann

Lector at 8:00 a.m.: Deidre O'Byrne

Eucharistic Ministers at 8:00 a.m.: Lee Woodworth

Lector at 9:30 a.m.: Katie Simon

Intercessor at 9:30 a.m.: Nancy Fleming

Eucharistic Ministers at 9:30 a.m.: Robin Yergeau

Welcome Team/Ushers: Wendy MacArthur-Keith, Donna McCay

Live Streaming Tech: Nick Castillo

Altar Guild: Shannon Tosatti, Barbara McGrath, Patti Buck

Flower Delivery: Langdon Place

Hospitality: Linzee Coleman Bagge, Liz Bauman

Today's non-pledge offering will go to the **Rector's Discretionary Fund** to support our local and global outreach. We are currently sending food to feed 100 persons in Cardenas, Cuba at our companion church.

A Prayer for our Graduates:

God of journeys, endings, and new beginnings, through the highs and lows, the twists and turns these graduates have faced along the way, we have faith that your love has guided them from the moment they began up to graduation day. We give you thanks and praise for the goodness that shines in the relationships formed, knowledge learned, and memories made through the years. Bless the body, mind, and soul of every graduate, that they may celebrate your glory in themselves and all creation, and use their education to build your kingdom of peace. *Amen.*

Chloe Davis, daughter of Megan and Gabe Davis, is graduating from Winnacunnet High School and will attend College of the Holy Cross this fall to study political science.

Raye Neil, daughter of Jeff and Libby Neil, graduated from UConn Graduate School with Masters in Clinical Biomedical Engineering.

Adam Neil, son of Jeff and Libby Neil, graduated from Clemson University Wilbur O. and Ann Powers College of Business, Marketing.

Kyla Bodnar, daughter of Christina & Brian Bodnar and granddaughter of Priscilla & Tony Santiago, graduated from high school. She will be attending Zurich University of the Arts in Switzerland.

William Christopher Sera, son of Lisa and Chris Sera, graduated from Exeter High School. He will be going to Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, MA to study electrical and computer engineering.

Genevieve Bentley, graduated from Exeter High School. She will be going to Northeastern University to study nursing in the fall.

Julia Catherine Savage, granddaughter of Lucia & Neil Savage, graduated from North Shore Community College with a degree in Development Disabilities, Direct Support.

Caroline Elisabeth Savage, granddaughter of Lucia & Neil Savage, graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a degree in Wildlife and Conservation Biology and a minor in Geospatial Analyses.

Jessica Juliet Savage, granddaughter of Lucia & Neil Savage, graduated from Southern New Hampshire University with a degree in Sociology with a minor in Psychology.

Andrew Hodsdon, son of Christine & John Hodsdon, graduated with his Masters in Architecture from the Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston.

Towner Akers, a student at Phillips Exeter Academy, will be attending the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

Merrick Jin, a student at Phillips Exeter Academy from Washington D.C., will attend Boston College.

The next guided **Labyrinth Walk** will be **today at 11:00 a.m.** All are welcome.

Christ Church hosts a participant-run **Grief Support Group** on the second Monday of every month. The group meets from 2-3:30 p.m. in Room #4 of the Harris Building. The group welcomes those interested in exploring their grieving process in a supportive environment. Sessions are free. No registration is needed and participants are not expected to make an ongoing commitment to attend. For further information, contact Christ Church parishioner Becky Moore, 603-778-8312.

The Pine Street Players at Christ Church proudly present **NEWSIES**: Book by Harvey Fierstein, Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Jack Feldman

Direction by Lexi Meunier
Music Direction by Suzanne Jones
Choreography by Katie Mize

New dates:

Thursday, June 18 - 7:00 PM

Friday, June 19 - 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 20 - 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

At the **The Goel Center for Theater and Dance at Phillips Exeter Academy**

TICKETS: www.PineStreetPlayersCC.com

A New Time for the Sunday Book Group The Sunday morning book group, which has been meeting in the Dodd Room between the 8 am and 10 am services, will change its schedule in the summer months to meet after the 9:30 am service once a month on a Sunday. In the weeks to come, we will be reading Frederick Buechner's novel [*Godric: A Classic Literary Tale of a Stubborn English Saint's Epic Spiritual Quest in 12th-Century England*](#). Our next meeting to share our

thoughts and inspirations will be on **Sunday, June 14th, after the 9:30 am service**, under the trees between the Memorial Garden and the Labyrinth. Please bring your own chairs if the weather allows us to meet outside.

Zoom Morning Prayer and Compline on Zoom A gathering of Christ Church Exeter members will continue to meet for 9 am Morning Prayer and now 8 pm Compline on Wednesdays throughout the Season of Pentecost. As your schedules allow, please join us for [Morning Prayer and Compline on Zoom](#) in the weeks to come, beginning and ending our day with prayerful reflection on God's word. In Pentecost, we will be praying the beautiful Daily Office in the [Green Mountain Online Abbey](#), developed and updated each week by the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont. If you are interested in learning more, being formed, and experiencing this ancient Christian practice, please reach out to Dale Pinkham Cavanaugh at 508-783-7798 or email her at dale.cavanaugh@yahoo.com

To make a donation, you are welcome to use this QR code from your smartphone.



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June 7-13**

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| Tuesday | PSP Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | PSP Rehearsal 4:00 p.m. |

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