

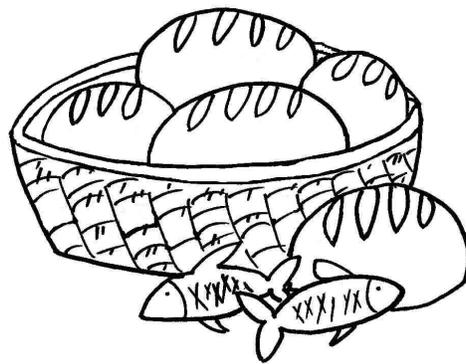
# Christ Church

The Episcopal Church in Gardiner  
Parish News

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Sunday, August 2, 2020

## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



### Weekly Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 2

- 8:00 AM - Outdoor Worship at Christ Church
- 9:00 AM - Outdoor Worship (or watch on Facebook Live)
- 5:00 to 5:30 PM - Community Supper To-Go at Christ Church hosted by First Baptist Church

Wednesday, August 5

- 11:00 AM - Discussion of *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* on Zoom (final discussion)
- 1:00 PM Discussion of *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* outdoors (final discussion)

### Worship at Christ Church--Outdoor *and* Facebook Live

On Sunday mornings, we are now offering two outdoor worship services at 8am and 9am. Please plan on arriving a few minutes early in order to find an area of the churchyard where you can participate in worship at a safe distance from others. Masks are required when you cannot maintain physical distance. We will have some extra masks



available. If you are able, please bring your own chair. It will likely be more comfortable than the metal folding chairs that we have available!

If you find it difficult to navigate the church lawn, there will be some seating available on the paved driveway. If you do not have accessibility limitations, please park in the back parking lot, allowing those who are less mobile to park along Dresden Avenue.

If we need to cancel Sunday morning worship *outdoors*, a message will be posted on our Facebook Page, website, and office voicemail. If weather does not permit outdoor worship, a service *will* still be streamed at 9am on Facebook Live.

## Facebook Live Worship

For those of you who prefer to continue worshipping online, the 9 am service outdoors on Sundays will be streamed on Facebook Live so that you can worship virtually with those of us gathered in the churchyard. A tip about sound...if you are having trouble hearing the service on Facebook Live, using earbuds or headphones can make a big difference!

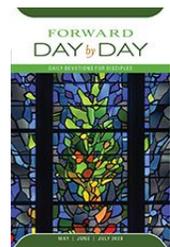
Bulletins are emailed out on Saturdays and available on our website under the Worship tab.

Remember, you DO NOT need a Facebook account to access these live services. Here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/Christ-Episcopal-Church-Gardiner-Maine-185946885872/>

## Forward Day by Day

These devotional booklets are now available for August, September, and October. Copies will be available at the Sunday services or call the office if you would like one



## Podcasts of Interest

**Faith in Maine:** This is another great podcast which is featuring a series “Seeking the Gift of Hope” with Father Martin Smith.

<http://faithinmaine.org>

**The Way of Love:** In the latest episode, Bishop Curry talks with legendary leader **Ruby Sales** about her long and enduring work for civil rights and freedom in the United States. The two discuss how she was introduced to these movements, her search for a calling, and the potential of The Episcopal Church to lead in honest racial justice and reconciliation. To Go on the Way of Love is to cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus. To do any of these things, and to have any hope of healing, we need to be able to tell each other the truth and go, as Ruby Sales says, “where it hurts.”

Bishop Curry and Sales discuss how going where it hurts led to an encounter with Jonathan Myrick Daniels, an Episcopal seminarian whose ministry in Lowndes County, Alabama would lead to his martyrdom and her decades-long legacy of justice-making. They describe seeing past a dualistic understanding of history and toward a spiritual revolution that can actually affect change in society. (from [episcopalnewsservice.org](http://episcopalnewsservice.org))

Find it here:

<http://iam.ec/wolpodcast?fbclid=IwAR2b9YphaQOASNUGgzzvWZjNVy2NFP9GOqGlq2weZcZZPpzlinavBJmf8ZY>

## **Volunteers Needed!**

We are looking for volunteers to provide the to-go meals for the Community Supper on August 9. You don't have to do it all on your own!

Please contact Becky, if you would like to volunteer for this opportunity!

[parish@christchurchgardiner.org](mailto:parish@christchurchgardiner.org)

## **Online Giving - Thank you!**

Our online donations have increased greatly - it always helps us to have a steady flow of income as we continue to carry out our mission, but especially during this time. Thanks to those who have taken the leap!

As you consider what method of online giving to use, you may wish to know that there are no extra fees when your contributions are taken from your savings or checking accounts. All credit/debit cards charge us an additional fee ranging from 2% to 3%. This is not subtracted from your giving but is billed to the church. If you are able, you may add a bit in the box titled "help offset the processing fees."

If you would like to know more about giving electronically, email or call Becky in the office and she will be glad to answer questions.



## **Pastoral Care and Office Hours with Kerry (now available outside!)**

Even while we are being asked to be physically distant, pastoral care and meetings with Kerry are still happening. The Pastoral Care Team is active--please be in touch with them if you need prayers or support. Ellen Ellis, the head of Pastoral Care, can be contacted at [ellenbobellis@aol.com](mailto:ellenbobellis@aol.com) .

Kerry is available and anxious to catch up with you! Please be in touch with her if you would like an outdoor visit. 207-624-1841 or [kerry@christchurchgardiner.org](mailto:kerry@christchurchgardiner.org)

## Christ Church - A Community of Prayer

**Parish Prayer List:** Please pray for Liz Hall, Dan Stevens, Martha Tyler, Millie Foster, Carrie Stevens, Pat Larson, Pam Proctor, Carol Hedgpeth, Ashley, Shasta Beane, Patty Harvey, Dick Rines, Norma Layne, Matt Bear-Fowler, Diana Lathrop, Charles Hicks, Jim Gill, Jeannie and Millie, Candy Avery, Sue Smith (cataract surgery), and Pat Evers (knee surgery).

**Church Family and Friends on the Long-Term Parish Prayer List:** Edie Weymouth, Jody & Ralph Clark, Marge Alexander, Joan Lane, Dorna Tracy, Jen Lagasse, Mary Fowler, Betty Walls, Vicky, Barbara Lamphire, Jeannie and David Douglass, Edna Brown, Jim and Anne Schmidt, Jack White, Christine Landes, Sarah, Jeff, Bob, George, Father Luckner, Bill Crush, Lyndon Morgan, Dave Choate (friend of the Ellises), and William Maddox (friend of the Mansirs).

**For Those Who Have Died:** *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

**For Those Who Mourn:** *Most merciful God, surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come.*

**The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the summer chapel congregations of St. James', Prouts Neck; Holy Trinity, Peak's Island; and for those serving in lay liturgical ministries

## Scripture Readings for August 2

### The Collect

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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

### Isaiah 55:1-5

Thus says the Lord:

"Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you."

## **The Response**

## **Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22**

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
9 The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.  
15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.  
16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, \*  
and you give them their food in due season.  
17 You open wide your hand \*  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.  
18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.  
19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.  
20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \*  
he hears their cry and helps them.  
21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, \*  
but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; \*  
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

## **The Epistle**

## **Romans 9:1-5**

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

## **The Gospel**

## **Matthew 14:13-21**

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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