

# Christ Church

The Episcopal Church in Gardiner  
Parish News

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Sunday, October 11, 2020

## Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Weekly Parish Calendar

Thursday, October 8

- 7:00 PM - Finance Committee Zoom Meeting

Sunday, October 11

- 8:00 AM - Outdoor Worship (Communion)
- 10:00 AM - Outdoor Worship (Communion) and Streamed on Facebook Live
- 5:00 to 5:30 PM - Community Supper To-Go hosted by Christ Church

Tuesday, October 13--new day!

- 11:00 AM: Study of 1 Kings and Noontime Prayer

## Christ Church Celebrates 200 Years



Join us on Sunday, October 18th for the  
Bicentennial Celebration!  
Outdoors at 2pm  
Registration Required to Attend

It's filling up! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054EABA728A13-christ>

## **Indigenous Peoples' Day: Monday, October 12**

In 2019 the state of Maine enacted legislation to replace Columbus Day with a celebration of Indigenous People. This year our diocesan Racial Justice Commission is pleased to offer a Diocesan-wide worship service for October 11th, in celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Highlights of the service include:

- Liturgy crafted from indigenous resources
- Lakota Direction Song by the Rev. Shaneequa Brokenleg
- A sermon by the Rev. Dr. Bradley Hauff, Missioner for Indigenous Ministries for The Episcopal Church
- Eucharist celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Carol Walkingstick Theobald Gallagher

Christ Church will share links to this service on our Facebook Page and website.

As we prepare for this celebration and recognition of our Indigenous Ancestors on this land - we encourage you to learn more about the land on which you live and worship. Check out this [map](#) to discover more about the land beneath your feet.

### **A Confession for Indigenous Peoples' Day**

O Great Spirit, God of every people and every tribe,  
we come to you as your many children,  
to ask for your forgiveness and guidance.  
Forgive us for the colonialism that stains our past,  
the ignorance that allowed us to think  
that we could claim another's home for our own.  
Heal us of this history.  
Remind us that none of us were discovered  
since none of us were lost,  
but that we are all gathered within the sacred circle of your community.  
Guide us through your wisdom to restore the truth of our heritage.  
Help us to confront the racism that divides us  
as we confess the pain it has caused to the human family.  
Call us to kinship.  
Mend the hoop of our hearts  
and let us live in justice and peace,  
through Jesus Christ, the One who came  
that all people might live in dignity.  
Amen.

( from the Episcopal Church: Resources on the Doctrine of Discovery )

### **Sunday Worship at Christ Church**

Outdoor services will be at 8 AM and 10 AM this Sunday. On October 18, there will be NO morning services, ONLY the 2 PM Bicentennial Celebration in the

churchyard. The plan is to begin gathering indoors on October 25. We are working on doing this safely, and registration for services will be required.

### **Greeters Needed for Indoor Worship**

A critical need for safely worshipping indoors will be finding Greeters who are able to direct parishioners to their physically distanced seating areas, check off the list of those registered for worship, remind people of our safety protocols, disinfect surfaces after the service, and more. If you would like to be on our team of Greeters, please email Kerry soon. [kerry@christchurchgardiner.org](mailto:kerry@christchurchgardiner.org)

### **New Member Sunday**

On Sunday October 11, at the 10am service outdoors, we'll welcome new members to the Christ Church community. If you have been attending Christ Church, either virtually or in-person, and would like to talk to Kerry about what it means to be a member of the community, please call or email.

207-624-1841 or [kerry@christchurchgardiner.org](mailto:kerry@christchurchgardiner.org)

### **United Thank Offer Collection**

Early this year, before everything changed, we distributed the blue UTO boxes with the plan to collect them on Easter. We are now ready to collect them over the next few weeks. You may bring them to a service, or drop them off during office hours (9-2 Monday through Thursday), or give us a call and we will pick them up.

For those who do not know about this great ministry, here is some information from their website:

*The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.*

### **Tell Your Christ Church Story**

We are looking for Christ Church members to share their experiences as part of the church for our Bicentennial celebration and for our Archives. It doesn't matter if you have been attending for 80 years or 8 months, if you have stories to share, let us know. Some of the things future generations might be interested in: How have you seen Christ Church change over the years? If you came as an adult, what drew you to the community? Are there special events, worship services, or ministries that stick out in your memory? Submissions can be written or recorded and would be greatly appreciated!

## **New Day! Tuesdays at 11am: Morning Prayer and Study of Kings**

On the Tuesdays leading up to Advent, we'll gather through Zoom at 11am for a discussion of First and Second Kings and Noontime Prayer.

Upcoming Assignments (Psst...you don't have to read ahead to participate!)

10/13: 1Kings 20-22 (Ahab)

10/20: 2Kings 1-4

Same link each week!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87295570348>

Meeting ID: 872 9557 0348

One tap mobile

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## **Healing Prayers and Pastoral Care**

The Pastoral Care Committee is available to offer healing prayers upon request through phone calls or Zoom. If you would like to arrange healing prayers in this way, please contact Ellen Ellis, [ellenbobellis@aol.com](mailto:ellenbobellis@aol.com), or Kerry, [kerrymansir@christchurchgardiner.org](mailto:kerrymansir@christchurchgardiner.org), and they will schedule a convenient time with one of the Committee members.

Pastoral Care conversations are still possible, as well, over the phone or outdoors. Just contact Kerry to schedule.

## **Note about Online Worship and Cancellations**

Online worship on Facebook Live is moving to 10am as we prepare to go back to indoor worship in late October. 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/>

Bulletins are emailed out on Saturdays and available on our website under the Worship tab. If you are worshipping with us online, here's a tip about sound, using earbuds or headphones can really increase the volume!

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 10am on Facebook Live.

## **Financial Peace Class Offered Online**

Leave money stress behind. It's possible when you know how to handle your finances. Join our Financial Peace class which, through a supportive community, provides hope for your future. The teachings are based on Biblical financial principles. If you've ever been stressed about money or just want to tweak what you



are doing this class is for you. It's open to anyone in the country at any stage of life or any place in a financial journey.

Come learn how to make a plan for your money with a community to support you.

Learn how to dream and make a plan to reach your dreams.

Learn how to communicate about money better. Learn about insurance, real estate, retirement planning, investing, paying for college and much more! The goal is to have peace about your finances and become outrageously generous! You do not need to disclose any private information during the class. Students, singles, couples, retirees, anyone is welcome to join.

You don't even need to leave home and can try it out for free for 14 days! This is a 9 week, one-hour class, that will be held virtually via Zoom beginning on Wednesday October 14 at 8 pm ET. Anyone in the country can attend so please spread the word to anyone who might be interested. The class will be facilitated by Cheryl and Ken Freye. Contact them at [cwfreye@gmail.com](mailto:cwfreye@gmail.com) or 207-592-8099 for more information or for scholarships. You can sign up for Ramsey Plus, which includes the class, at this link: [fpu.com/1126576](http://fpu.com/1126576)

## **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, Charles Hicks, Jim Gill, Jeannie and Millie, Natalie Stillings, Jane Robertson.

**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, Lyndon Morgan, Dave Choate (friend of the Ellises), Kim Dunn (Rohnnie's daughter), Mary Vasquez, and Diana Lathrop.

**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 harvest, and the fruits of human work; and for all who are preparing for the 201st Convention of the Diocese of Maine

## Scripture Readings

### The Collect

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The First Reading                      Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God;  
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;

for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,  
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,

you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that  
he might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

## **The Response**

## **Psalm 23**

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.  
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.  
3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.  
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.  
6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## **The Epistle**

## **Philippians 4:1-9**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in  
the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I  
ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled  
beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my  
co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known  
to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by  
prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.  
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts  
and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

## **The Gospel**

## **Matthew 22:1-14**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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