

Welcome to Christ *Episcopal* Church
Downtown Cape Girardeau

Sunday Worship

with Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

Stay Connected

Join us after worship for coffee and conversation.

Whether you're new or have been with us for years, we'd love to see you there.

☐ **I am new here.**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

I would like to: *(Check all that apply)*

- ☐ Learn more about Christ Church
- ☐ Receive the weekly newsletter
- ☐ Speak with Deacon Carol
- ☐ Learn about baptism or membership
- ☐ Learn about ways to serve
- ☐ Receive information about weekday prayer
- ☐ Update my contact information in the parish directory

Prayer Request

How may we pray for you?

☐ Please keep this confidential *(clergy only)*.

☐ Share with the parish prayer list.

If you would like us to follow up, what is the best way to reach you?

Please tear out this page and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

We're glad you're here.

Tear along the dotted line

Welcome! Beinvenido! Karibu!

Scattered in the world we gather together as God's people in worship. We bring the fragments of our lives to be healed and made whole in Christ as we gather in community.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as God's people. One of the glories of the Episcopal/Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.

As we gather, we bring our diverse gifts: gifts of music, dance, prophecy, teaching, preaching, and friendship. We present these gifts in the form of our most precious offering to God, our very selves, that all that we do may be for God's glory in the unity of Christ's church.

About Today's Worship

We continue our journey through the Season after Pentecost, often called Ordinary Time, the longest season of the Church year. While the great festivals of Christmas and Easter celebrate the central events of our faith, the weeks after Pentecost invite us to grow as disciples and learn what it means to follow Christ in everyday life.

As we gather around Word and Sacrament, we give thanks for God's presence among us and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the week ahead.

Welcome to worship. We are glad you are here.

Welcome & Announcements

The Prelude

Organist: Michelle Suhr

The Gathering Song

We begin by praising God through song and prayer.

#544 *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun*

An Exhortation

Presider: Friends in Christ, welcome to this holy gathering. Today we share in Communion from the reserved sacrament. While this is not a new celebration of the Eucharist, it is an extension of the Eucharistic table. The bread and wine we receive were consecrated in the offering of the Eucharist at Christ Episcopal Church by the Rev. Jay Kanzler, and they unite us fully with Christ and with the whole Church across time and place.

People: **Here we are nourished by Christ's Body and Blood, strengthened in faith, and joined with all who gather at table. As we receive this gift of grace, we are sent out to love and serve in his name.**

Presider: In fellowship with the whole Church of God, with all who have been brought together by the Holy Spirit to worship on this day, and who have celebrated the Eucharist, let us rejoice that we are called to be part of the body of Christ.

People: **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one Bread.**

Silence is kept

Greeting

Presider: Blessed be the One, Holy and Living God.

People: **Glory to God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Presider: 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 Song of Praise

#S-280 *Gloria in excelsis*

Found in the front section of the hymnal under Service Music.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Silence is kept for a time.

Presider: Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

We Hear the Sacred Stories

We hear the stories of the experience of God from our spiritual ancestors.

The congregation is then seated.

The First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A reading from the Hebrew Scriptures.

¹Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my

house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Lector: Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 67

The psalms are a part of the poetry of the Hebrew people.

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us, *

show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

² Let your ways be known upon earth, *

your saving health among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *

**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ The earth has brought forth her increase; *

may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

⁷ May God give us his blessing, *

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A reading from the New Testament Writings.

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are

irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Lector: Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Preparing to Hear the Gospel

We stand, as we are able, for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance we place on Jesus' words and actions.

The Sequence Hymn

#637 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

The Reading of the Gospel: Matthew 15:10-28

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

¹⁰Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.” ²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his

disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.”
24He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” 26He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” 27She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” 28Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The congregation is then seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Carol Brazeale

The Apostles’ Creed

We stand, as we are able, for the affirmation of faith

Presider: We affirm our faith in the One, Holy and Living God.

People: **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.**

The Prayers of the People

The concerns of the community and wider world, including those who are sick, in need, or in want, are named.

Presider: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all those in need, saying, “Lord, guide us by your Spirit.”

Lector: For the Church throughout the world; for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Deon our Bishop, Carol our Deacon-in-Charge, and all who minister in Christ’s name, that we may proclaim the Gospel not only with our lips, but in lives marked by mercy, justice, compassion, and reconciliation.

***People:* Lord, guide us by your Spirit.**

Lector: For this parish family of Christ Episcopal Church, that we may be faithful stewards of the ministry entrusted to us, serving our neighbors with generosity, welcoming all with dignity, and remaining rooted in prayer, worship, and love.

***People:* Lord, guide us by your Spirit.**

Lector: For those who hunger, for those who lack safe shelter, for those who feel unseen or forgotten, and for all who carry heavy burdens, that they may know compassion and care, and that we may meet Christ in our neighbors with open hearts and willing hands.

***People:* Lord, guide us by your Spirit.**

Lector: For our ministries of compassion, hospitality, and community life, especially our food pantry, community meals, and all the ways we welcome our neighbors, that the Holy Spirit may continue to strengthen us as a community of belonging, hope, and peace.

***People:* Lord, guide us by your Spirit.**

Lector: For those entrusted with leadership in communities and nations, that in times of conflict, fear, and uncertainty, they may be guided by wisdom, compassion, and the desire for peace and the flourishing of all people.

People: **Lord, guide us by your Spirit.**

Lector: For those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit; for those struggling with grief, addiction, fear, or loneliness; and for all who seek our prayers, especially _____, may they know comfort, healing, and renewed strength.

People: **Lord, guide us by your Spirit.**

Lector: For those who have entered eternal life, especially _____, may light perpetual shine upon them; and for those who mourn, that they may be comforted by the promise of eternal life and the communion of saints.

People: **Lord, guide us by your Spirit.**

Presider: God of all nations and peoples, you call us beyond ourselves and send us into the world in the power of your Spirit: Receive these prayers and strengthen us for the work you have given us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: **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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Exchange of the Peace

We are a community of reconciliation and peace; therefore, we greet each other with a sign of our desire for peace.

Presider: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

Thanksgivings and Celebrations

The Presider invites those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or other occasions of thanksgiving to stand and be recognized.

Presider: Let us celebrate the blessings God has given among us. Are there any birthdays, anniversaries, or other thanksgivings we would like to share today?

The Offertory

As the Lord's Table is prepared, we offer our gifts and our lives to God in thanksgiving and service.

Presider: We prepare the Table and offer ourselves to God in thanksgiving.

The congregation is then seated.

The Offertory Hymn

#538 *God of mercy, God of grace*

The ushers will receive the people's offerings.

The Doxology

The congregation stands, in body or in spirit.



Holy Communion by Extension

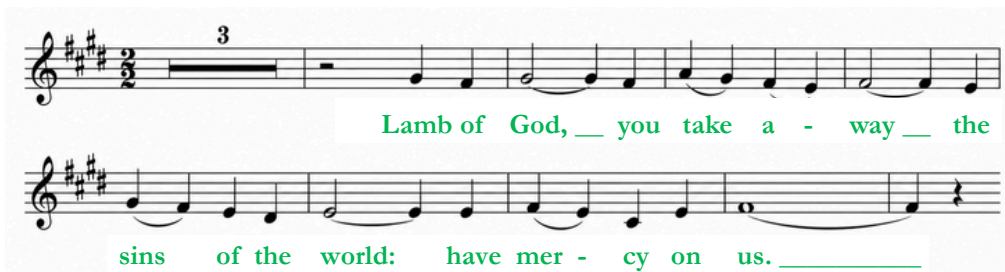
Presider: Beloveds, this is Christ's table. Not because we have earned it, but because love has made a way. Today, we receive the holy gifts already consecrated, a living reminder that Christ is not confined to a moment but is present with us always. Risen. Alive. Among us.

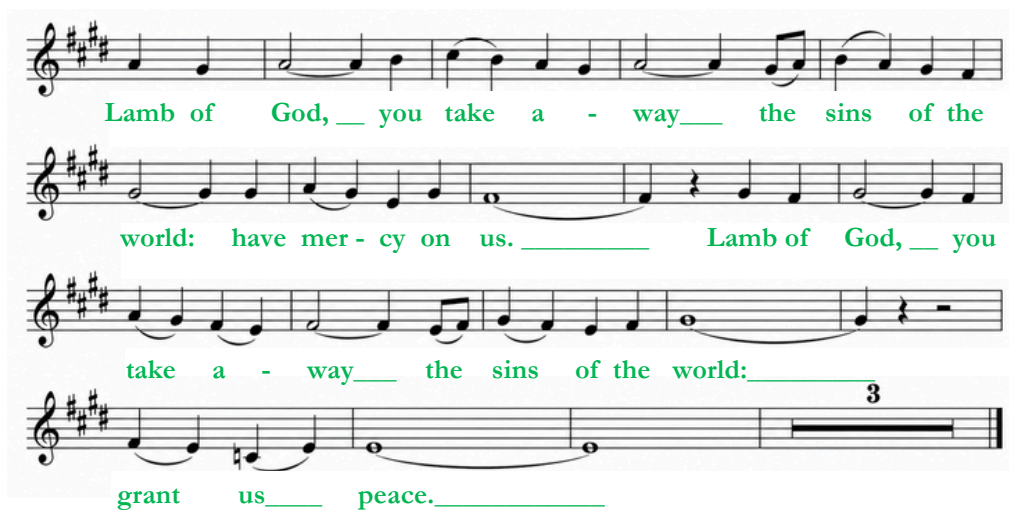
The Lord's Prayer

Presider: So, with all who labor for your kingdom, with angels and archangels, and with the saints in every age, we pray to you as our Savior has taught us:

People: **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.**

Lamb of God





The Invitation to Communion

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The congregation is then seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the presider.

If you wish to receive the bread only, know that you receive the Sacrament fully.

*If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward,
cross your arms over your chest, and receive a Blessing.*

The Communion Hymn

LEVAS II #151 *One Bread, One Body*

Music on next page of the bulletin

One bread, _____ one bod - y, _____

_____ one Lord of all, _____ one cup of

bless - ing which we bless. _____ And we, _____ though

man - y, _____ through - out the earth, we are one

Last time bod - y in this one _____ Lord. _____

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man _____
2. works, one in the Lord _____
3. grown, gath - ered to one _____

D.S.
1. _____ no more. _____ One
2. _____ of all. _____ One
3. _____ for all. _____ One

⊕ CODA
Lord. _____

Post-Communion Prayer

We stand, as we are able, for the Post-Communion Prayer.

Presider: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

***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

Presider: May Christ make our hearts wide enough to welcome the stranger, gentle enough to speak the truth with love, courageous enough to disturb false peace, humble enough to keep learning, and joyful enough that people glimpse the goodness of God simply by being in our presence. Amen.

Closing Hymn

#396 *Now thank we all our God*

The Sending

Presider: Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

Organist: Michelle Suhr

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

We hope to see you again soon

as we offer Christ's unfenced love to the world.

Today's Servers:

Presider.....The Rev. Carol Brazeale
Eucharistic Minister.....Tabs Snowden
Lector.....Leslie Jones
Host.....Gloria Miller
Altar Guild.....Elizabeth Miller
St. Isidore's Guild.....Owen Miller
Vestry Counter.....Tabs Snowden
Organist.....Michelle Suhr

Next Week's Servers:

If a spot is marked "Open," it still needs to be filled.

If you are available to serve, please reach out.

Presider.....The Rev. Carol Brazeale
Eucharistic Minister.....*Open*
Lector.....Brooke Clubbs
Host.....Donna Richardet
Altar Guild.....Mary Mims
St. Isidore's Guild.....Owen Miller
Vestry Counter.....Jeff Farough
Organist.....Michelle Suhr



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